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## Final field announced for 2011 Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational

Local collegian Bo Hoag and Club Professional  
Bob Sowards receive unrestricted sponsor exemptions

**Columbus, Ohio – July 18, 2011** – At 7:30 P.M. Tournament Officials announced the final playing field for the 2011 Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational. 144 players with 10 alternates are listed below, including 24 out of the top-25 on the Nationwide Tour money list.

In additional news, the Tournament announced today that Ohio State Buckeye **Bo Hoag** and local club professional, **Bob Sowards** received the Tournament's two unrestricted sponsor exemptions.

**Hoag**, an Upper Arlington product, is coming off a successful senior campaign at The Ohio State University in which he was named to the PING All-Midwest Region team by the Golf Coaches Association of America. The two-time First Team All-Big Ten selection finished the season tied for first on the Buckeye squad with a 72.63 stroke average and had a team-best 12 rounds under par. His seven rounds in the 60s were second on the team.

Three-time National PGA of America Club Professional Player of the Year and three-time Ohio State Open Champion, **Sowards** was a member of the PGA Tour in 2008 and Nationwide Tour in 1998, 2004 and 2009. The Portsmouth, Ohio native is currently a PGA teaching professional locally at New Albany Country Club.

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2011 Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational Final Field of participants\*

Alker, Steven	Etulain, Julian	Long, Brent	Thompson, Kyle
Anderson, Mark	Every, Matt	MacKenzie, Will	Thompson, Nicholas
Armour, Ryan	Flanagan, Nick	Manning, Major	Todd, Brendon
Bailey, Todd	Flores, Martin	Mills, Jon	Tolan, Derek
Baker, Chris	Fox, Ben	Morland IV, David	Uihlein, Peter
Barber, Blayne	Gangjee, Rahil	Mulroy, Garth	Van Aswegen,
Barcelo, Rich	Gardiner, Scott	Murphy, Trevor	Tyrone
Barlow, Craig	Garnett, Brice	Nagy, Corey	Vanegas, David
Bateman, Brian	Gealy, Elliot	Nallen, Chris	Velasquez, Diego
Benedetti, Camilo	Geary, Josh	Nitties, James	Vongvanij, Bank
Bertoni, Travis	Giles, Matthew	O'Neal, Michael	Vranesh, Brian
Biershenk, Tommy	Goggin, Mathew	Oppenheim, Rob	Warren, Charles
Bland, Adam	Goldberg, Aaron	Owen, Greg	Watkins, Aaron
Blixt, Jonas	Gonzalez, Octavio	Pappas, Brenden	Wax, Danny
Bolli, Justin	Gove, Jeff	Park, Jin	Weibring, Matt
Branshaw, David	Griffin, J.T.	Peterson, John	Wetterich, Brett
Brehaut, Jeff	Guthrie, Luke	Peters, Justin	Wheatcroft, Steve
Broadaway, Josh	Hahn, James	Potter, Jr., Ted	White, James
Brown, Scott	Hampshire, Travis	Presnell, Alistair	Whittaker, Ron
Buckle, Andrew	Harman, Brian	Pride, Dicky	Wilcox, Will
Carballo, Miguel	Heintz, Bob	Rask, Clayton	Wilkinson, Tim
Angel	Hendrix, Matt	Reed, Patrick	Williams, Chris
Castro, Roberto	Hietala, Ryan	Reifers, Kyle	Williamson, Jay
Chopra, Daniel	Hoag, Bo	Richardson, Matthew	Wittenberg, Casey
Christian, Gary	Homan, Wes	Riegger, John	Younan-Wise, Jake
Claxton, Paul	Hurley III, Billy	Sacheck, James	Yun, Andrew
Claxton, Will	Iles, Bradley	Sapp, Garrett	
Coles, Gavin	Kelly, Troy	Saunders, Sam	<b><u>Alternates</u></b>
Crain, Casey	Killeen, J.J.	Schultz, Jason	Hensby, Mark
Curl, Jeff	Kimbell, John	Sheehan, Patrick	Adamonis, Brad
Davidson, Matt	Knox, Russell	Sims, Michael	Gangluff, Stephen
Dawson, Marco	Kresge, Cliff	Sisk, Geoffrey	Villegas, Manuel
Delahoussaye, Brent	LaBelle II, Doug	Smock, Brian	Damron, Robert
Dickerson, Bubba	Lee, Danny	Sowards, Bob	Angel, Darren
Dodson, Will	Lee, Richard T.	Staten, B.J.	Gronberg, Mathias
Duke, Ken	Lee, Richard H.	Sterling, Scott	Fraustro, Oscar
Dunlap, Scott	Lee, Won Joon	Stiles, Darron	Guerrero, Estanislao
Elder, Brad	Lingmerth, David	Stuard, Brian	Johnson, Kevin
English, Harris	List, Luke	Svoboda, Andrew	
Enloe, Jason	Loar, Edward	Tambellini, Roger	

\*As of 7:30 P.M. 7/18/11. Field Subject to change

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The Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational is owned and operated by Champions of the Community, Inc., an Ohio non-profit corporation. The event is the only tournament on the Nationwide Tour to operate as an "invitational", providing a unique platform in which the best players on the Nationwide Tour will be joined by a select number of the country's top collegian/amateur golfers in a limited field of 144 players. Featuring a purse of \$800,000 the Tournament is conducted to showcase the best golf on the Nationwide Tour on one of the most challenging venues in the world for the enjoyment of spectators and to benefit charitable organizations in central Ohio. For more information, call 614-764-GOLF or visit our website at [www.nchigolf.com](http://www.nchigolf.com).

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## **ABOUT THE NATIONWIDE TOUR**

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