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Former Big 10 champion Kevin Hall and local club professional Bob Sowards headline list of unrestricted exemptions for the Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational

Pappas brothers commit marking the first time in the modern golf era that three siblings will compete against each other in a professional golf tournament

Columbus, Ohio – July 3, 2007 – With the exemption list nearing completion for the inaugural Nationwide Children's Hospital invitational, Ohio State alumni Kevin Hall and Scott Anderson along with local club professionals, Bob Sowards and Craigen Pappas have accepted the four available unrestricted exemption spots to join a field that includes commitments from the 50 leading money winners on the Nationwide Tour Money List.

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, **Hall** has been deaf since the age of 2. He lost his hearing after H-flu meningitis hospitalized him for 30 days, 10 of them with a 103 degree fever. He was the first African-American to earn a golf scholarship at Ohio State and capped a solid college career with a record setting 11-stroke individual title at the 2004 Big 10 Championship. Hall was named All-Big 10 and finished the season with two victories. He's been playing professional golf on various mini tours since September of 2004 and has competed in five PGA TOUR and three Nationwide Tour events.

A four-time letterman and First-Team All Big 10 selection as a senior at The Ohio State University, **Anderson** turned professional in 2005. He played predominately on the Grey Goose Gateway Tour in 2006 and that same year made it to the second stage of PGA TOUR Q-School.

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This will be Anderson's second Nationwide Tour start. He Monday qualified for the 2007 Livermore Valley Wine Country Championship where he made the cut and finished in a tie for 48th place.

Sowards is a three-time National PGA of America Player of the Year (2003, 2004 and 2005). He is the only player to ever win all four PGA of America national club professional championships (National Professional Championship, Winter Stroke Play Championship, Winter Match Play Championship, and Western Winter Stroke Play Championship) and a seven-time Southern Ohio Section Player of the Year. Sowards was a member of the Nationwide Tour in 1998 and 2004 and is the current PGA teaching professional at the New Albany Country Club in New Albany, Ohio.

Craig Pappas played professional golf from 1988 - 1995 on various tours and is the current director of golf at The Country Club at Muirfield Village. He is an alumnus of The Ohio State University and was a captain of the golf team in 1986 and 1987. He is the older brother of Deane and Brenden Pappas, both currently playing on the Nationwide Tour and committed to play in the Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational. This will mark the first time in the modern golf era that three siblings have competed against each other in a professional golf tournament. The last to accomplish this feat were three of the famous Turnesa brothers (Jim, Joe and Mike) in the 1943 Chicago Victory Open. Current Nationwide Tour player Marc Turnesa is the grandson of Mike and is scheduled to play next week in the inaugural Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational.

2007 Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational Schedule of Events

Sunday, July 8	Safelite AutoGlass Celebrity Pro-Am Draw Party, Presented by Dispatch Media Group <i>Nationwide Arena (invitation only)</i>	5:00pm
Monday, July 9	Safelite AutoGlass Celebrity Pro-Am <i>Scarlet Course</i> Practice Rounds	(1:00pm Shotgun) All Day
Tuesday, July 10	Huntington Bank Pro-Am Draw Party <i>Ohio Stadium (invitation only)</i> Practice Rounds	6:00pm All Day
Wednesday, July 11	Huntington Bank Pro-Am <i>Scarlet Course</i> Practice Rounds	<i>Morning Tee Times from 7:15am</i> <i>Afternoon Tee Times from 12:15am</i> All Day
Thursday - Sunday (July 12 - July 15)	72-Hole Official Tournament Competition <i>Awards Ceremony Following Play of Final Round</i>	

**All times subject to change*

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ABOUT THE NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL INVITATIONAL

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. 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.

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