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Nationwide Children's Championship Reveals New Name and Tournament Logo

Redesigned Website Showcases Web.com Tour Finals Event

Volunteer Registration for the 2013 Tournament Set to Open on March 25

Columbus, Ohio – Tournament officials announced today a new name and logo for the Nationwide Children's Championship. Both new assets were developed to connect the tournament more directly with its primary beneficiary, Nationwide Children's Hospital. This creates more opportunities to raise national awareness for this non-profit pediatric hospital and research center located in Columbus, OH.

Additionally, the tournament has launched a new website showcasing the changes to the Web.com Tour Finals Event, to be held September 9 – 15, 2013 at The Ohio State University Golf Club – Scarlet Course. The Nationwide Children's Championship will be the third of four prestigious tournaments in the newly created Web.com Tour Finals which will determine the 50 players who earn PGA TOUR playing privileges for the 2013-2014 season and their eligibility positions under the TOUR's enhanced qualifying system.

"As a Web.com Tour Finals event, the Nationwide Children's Championship will receive more national media coverage and enhanced exposure," said Matthew Jauchius, chairman of the tournament's board of directors and chief marketing officer for Nationwide Insurance. "We believe this attention, as well as the new name and tournament logo, will help shine a light on the good work of the hospital and we're excited that as the event grows, so too will its value as a brand builder for Nationwide Children's."

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“Since its inception, the Nationwide Children’s Championship has made significant contributions to support our mission,” said Steve Allen, MD, chief executive officer of Nationwide Children’s Hospital. “On behalf of our patients and their families, as well as our staff, we extend heartfelt gratitude to Nationwide Insurance, all the sponsors and to the fans who make this tournament such a success.”

In other tournament news, volunteer registration for the seventh annual Nationwide Children’s Championship will open to the public on Monday, March 25 at www.ncc-golf.com.

“Volunteer support is essential to the success of the Tournament,” said Tournament Director, Kip McBride. “We are extremely proud of the nearly 700 individuals each year who donate their time to the Tournament. They play a vital role in everything we do at the Nationwide Children’s Championship.”

Volunteers have a variety of different areas available to choose from during registration. These areas represent the many tasks required to conduct a Web.com Tour event. A description of each area is available at www.ncc-golf.com.

All volunteers receive a uniform that consists of a golf shirt, cap and volunteer badge. Volunteers also receive breakfast and lunch for each day they work as well as tournament tickets for family and friends. In addition, all volunteers are invited to attend a catered post-tournament party immediately following play on Sunday, September 15. To cover the cost of the uniform volunteers are charged a fee of \$45.00. These contributions are an additional way volunteers help maximize the charitable donations the tournament provides to Nationwide Children’s Hospital.

The Nationwide Children’s Championship will feature a field of the top 75 players from the Regular Season Web.com Tour money list together with PGA TOUR members who are 126-200 on the FedExCup points list following the Wyndham Championship, and any non-members who earn enough FedEx Cup points to also finish 126-200. The field will compete over 72 holes of stroke play for a \$1 million purse. At the conclusion of the four Finals events, PGA TOUR cards will be awarded to the 25 leading money winners from the Web.com Tour’s Regular Season as well as the 25 top earners during the Finals, with PGA TOUR priority ranking status for 2013-2014 being determined for all 50 at the conclusion of the Finals based on money earned in the four events. Golf Channel will broadcast Tournament coverage from Thursday’s opening round to the trophy presentation on Sunday.

For questions concerning ticket prices and availability, how to become a volunteer, and general Tournament information, please call (614) 764-GOLF or visit www.ncc-golf.com.

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ABOUT THE NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

The Nationwide Children's Championship is owned and operated by Champions of the Community, Inc., an Ohio non-profit corporation. The event is one of four Web.com Tour Finals tournaments that will determine the 50 players who earn PGA TOUR playing privileges for the 2013-2014 season and their eligibility position under the TOUR's enhanced qualifying system. Featuring a purse of \$1,000,000 the tournament is conducted to showcase the best golf on the Web.com Tour on one of the most challenging venues in the world, The Ohio State University – Scarlet Course, 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.ncc-golf.com.

ABOUT NATIONWIDE

Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company, based in Columbus, Ohio, is one of the largest and strongest diversified insurance and financial services organizations in the U.S. and is rated A+ by both A.M. Best and Standard & Poor's. The company provides customers a full range of insurance and financial services, including auto insurance, motorcycle, boat, homeowners, pet, life insurance, farm, commercial insurance, annuities, mortgages, mutual funds, pensions, long-term savings plans and specialty health services. For more information, visit www.nationwide.com.

ABOUT NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Ranked 7th of only 12 children's hospitals on *U.S. News & World Report's* 2012-13 "America's Best Children's Hospitals Honor Roll," Nationwide Children's Hospital is one of the nation's largest not-for-profit freestanding pediatric healthcare networks providing wellness, preventive, diagnostic, treatment and rehabilitative care for infants, children, and adolescents, as well as adult patients with congenital disease. Nationwide Children's, also ranked among the Top 10 on *Parents* magazine's 2013 "Best Children's Hospitals" list, completed the largest pediatric expansion construction project in United States history in June 2012, adding 2.1 million square feet of clinical, research and support facilities to total 5.3 million square feet on its main campus. A medical staff of 1,100 and 8,300 employees provide state-of-the-art pediatric care for one million patient visits annually. As home to the Department of Pediatrics of The Ohio State University College of Medicine, Nationwide Children's Hospital physicians train the next generation of pediatricians and pediatric specialists. The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital is one of the top 10 National Institutes of Health-funded freestanding pediatric research facilities. Nationwide Children's remains true to the original mission since its founding in 1892 of providing care regardless of a family's ability to pay. More information is available at NationwideChildrens.org.

ABOUT THE Web.com TOUR

Founded (1990), owned and operated by the PGA TOUR, the Web.Com Tour identifies those players who are ready to compete and win on golf's biggest stage. As the official proving ground of the PGA TOUR, three out of four PGA TOUR members are Web.com Tour alumni. Tour alumni have won 350 PGA TOUR titles, including 17 majors and five PLAYERS Championships. Twenty-five PGA TOUR cards will be at stake over the course of 27 events in 2012. Web.com became the Tour's umbrella sponsor on June 27, 2012, replacing Nationwide Insurance. A 10-year agreement (through 2021) is in place. The PGA TOUR, through the efforts of its three tours and their tournaments, sponsors, players and volunteers, supports over 3,000 local charities and has surpassed \$1.8 billion in charitable giving. To learn more about the PGA TOUR and Web.com Tour and to follow the season-long quest for a PGA TOUR card, visit PGATOUR.COM, Twitter and Facebook.

ABOUT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT

The Ohio State University Department of Athletics is completely self supporting and receives no university monies, tax dollars or student fees. The Department of Athletics sponsors 36 fully funded varsity teams – 17 for women, 16 for men and three that are co-educational – and is committed to providing the very finest in academic and athletics support in an effort to provide its more than 1,000 student-athletes with a quality, life-changing experience at Ohio State.