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# Defending Champion Tony Romo Joins Celebrity Field for 2024 Invited Celebrity Classic presented by Choctaw Casinos & Resorts

Romo to join field of 78 PGA TOUR Champions and 40 celebrities for third annual event at Las Colinas Country Club



Tony Romo walks around the green during the 2023 Invited Celebrity Classic

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**IRVING, Texas (January 17, 2024)** – <u>Invited Celebrity Classic presented by Choctaw Casinos & Resorts</u> defending champion Tony Romo announced he will join the celebrity field for the 2024 PGA TOUR Champions event. The former Dallas Cowboys All-Pro quarterback secured victory with a remarkable comeback during the final round. The event will be hosted at Invited's Las Colinas Country Club on April 15-21 in this unique PGA TOUR Champions tournament that includes a field of 78 PGA TOUR Champions players, 40 celebrities, and 10 Invited Member Qualifiers who will compete in separate competitions for \$2.7 million in prize money (\$2.2 million for the professionals, \$500,000 for the celebrities).

Grounds tickets will be provided free of charge for all three days of competition, with Invited sponsoring admission on Friday, April 19, Energy Transfer on Saturday, April 20, and Choctaw Casinos & Resorts on Sunday, April 21. Additionally, fans looking for an upgraded experience can purchase tickets to Choctaw Club hospitality located on the 18th

Green or the Stockyard Viewing Deck located on the 9th Green.

Romo, who drew one of the largest galleries throughout the weekend in 2023, headlines the celebrity field. Romo outlasted one-time pro tennis standout and former U.S. Davis Cup captain Mardy Fish in the final round last year in an exciting finish before thousands at Las Colinas Country Club and a live audience on GOLF Channel. He finished as runner-up in 2022 in the tournament's first year, losing in a playoff to Fish.

Romo played all 13 of his seasons with the Dallas Cowboys and holds the team's record for all-time passing touchdowns, among other distinctions. The lead NFL analyst for CBS Sports, Romo will call his third Super Bowl on February 11, 2024. He is an accomplished amateur golfer, participating in multiple PGA TOUR events as a sponsor exemption; he is also the three-time winner of the American Century Championship (2018-19, 2022) in Lake Tahoe.

"I am looking forward to the opportunity to defend my title in the 2024 Invited Celebrity Classic presented by Choctaw Casinos & Resorts next April," Romo said. "It was an incredible event last year at the Las Colinas Country Club with fantastic competition and electric crowds. Similar to last year, the most exciting thing is the significant charitable impact in our community."

**COMMUNITY IMPACT**: For the third consecutive year, the tournament will benefit two North Texas non-profit organizations: Momentous Institute, and the First Tee Greater Dallas and First Tee Fort Worth. This unique PGA TOUR Champions event featured a field of 78 PGA TOUR Champions players and 40 celebrities and has generated nearly \$500,000 in charitable donations for local organizations over the last two years. The tournament's economic impact is estimated at nearly \$3 million for the greater Dallas area.

The Invited Celebrity Classic is operated by Mike Flaskey Entertainment. Flaskey, former CEO of Diamond Resorts International, has extensive experience conceiving and overseeing top-tier golf events with both the LPGA Tour and PGA TOUR Champions, plus All-Stars and Hall of Famers from NFL, MLB, NBA, and NHL teams.

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