

## ~ NEW FORMAT in 2024!~

The new format follows PGA Tour's WGC Match Play Championship Format!

The top 64 Players that are exempt and qualify for the Match Play Championship are guaranteed three rounds of Match Play. The format gives this championship an exciting take on golf's original match play format. Players may attempt to qualify at any qualifier. New for 2024, all players advancing to the championship proper will play three matches in group play, two on the first day, one on the second day. The 16 group winners advance to the Round of 16 on the third and fourth days, playing single elimination match play until the Champion is crowned!

### QUALIFYING

- Qualifying sites will be available for non-exempt players to earn a spot in the 64 player championship. The fee to attempt to qualify is \$55.
- Qualifying spots will be determined at the close of entries based on the number of exempt golfers and number of qualifiers to form the 64 player field.
- Individuals who qualify for the championship will be automatically charged entry fee by the CGA.

### GROUP PLAY (3 Round Robin Matches) FORMAT & SCORING

All players in the group will play a match versus each other player in their group in rounds one through three of the Championship on the first two days.

- The winner of each match will receive one (1) point
- Tied matches result in each player receiving a (0.5) half point

The player with the most points in their group after three rounds will advance to the round of 16 (Bracket Play) from the group

- In the event of a tie in the group after three rounds, the tied players will have a sudden death stroke play play-off to see who will advance

### Withdrawal during Group Play

Due to the nature of this match play event, and to ensure that all players have a match to compete in and in fairness to the field in group play, a player who withdraws during the group play rounds will be **suspended for 3 months or their next CGA Championship they are signed up for**, whichever comes first. It is unfair to your fellow players who spend their own time and money to travel to the Championship, and are subsequently left to sit in their hotel room because another player has chosen to withdraw out of frustration or previous round loss. When entering the Championship, please take this into consideration. If you believe you cannot fulfill the tournament schedule, please leave the spot open for another player.

### Alternates

If a withdrawal from the field occurs once the seeds are set, the alternate added will assume the seed of the player they are replacing.

### GROUP PLAY SEED ORDER & POSITION

- When the field is set after the on-site qualifier, the field will be seeded 1-64 based on following the Carolinas Junior Rankings.
- The championship will consist of 16 groups of 4 players per group. Groups will be seeded up and down based on the following chart:

<b>GROUP PLAY SEEDING</b>				
Group #	Position 1	Position 2	Position 3	Position 4
Group 1	1	32	33	64
Group 2	2	31	34	63
Group 3	3	30	35	62
Group 4	4	29	36	61
Group 5	5	28	37	60
Group 6	6	27	38	59
Group 7	7	26	39	58
Group 8	8	25	40	57
Group 9	9	24	41	56
Group 10	10	23	42	55
Group 11	11	22	43	54
Group 12	12	21	44	53
Group 13	13	20	45	52
Group 14	14	19	46	51
Group 15	15	18	47	50
Group 16	16	17	48	49

### BRACKET PLAY – CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET

The 16 group winners will be seeded into a traditional 16 player bracket based on the group # they won, not based on their original seeds, example below.

4 rounds of Match play over the final two days to crown the champion.

