

73RD CAROLINAS FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Conducted by the Carolinas Golf Association Camden Country Club, Camden, SC May 2-6, 2024



ELIGIBILITY AND FIELD SIZE

Entry is open to any male amateur golfer who has reached his 13th birthday by May 2, 2024, maintains a residence in North Carolina or South Carolina, is a member in good standing of a club that is a member of the Carolinas Golf Association (CGA) and has an active Handicap Index[®] at a CGA member club that does not exceed **9.9**. Entries are subject to rejection at any time, including during the event, by the CGA or the host club. The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct as defined in the CGA Code of Conduct Policy for current or future championships. All players must conform to the "USGA Rules of Amateur Status" as specified in the "Rules of Golf". For complete residency and eligibility requirements, refer to the <u>CGA Tournament Manual</u>.

Championship Field Size: 88 teams

ENTRY FEES

Championship Entry Fee: \$425 (includes cart/range fees and lunch)

ENTRY WINDOW AND ONLINE REGISTRATION

Exempt Early Sign Up*: Open February 26 at 8:00 pm | Close March 10 at 11:59 pm

Non-Exempt/Open Entry Window: Open March 11 at 8:00 pm | Close April 22 at 11:59 pm

All players, including those exempt, must register online at www.carolinasgolf.org. Mail-in applications are no longer accepted for this event. Fax, mail, e-mail, telephone, incomplete, illegible, or entries received before the opening date and after the closing date, are not accepted. Entries are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

*Exempt players must register between 8:00 pm on February 26 and 11:59 pm on March 10 to ensure acceptance. Exempt players that sign up after 8:00 pm on March 11 and non-exempt players gain entry into the tournament on a first come first serve basis.

The CGA is not responsible for errors or delays by any internet service provider. Entries are only accepted between the open and close dates as stated above. Confirmation of acceptance and tournament information is sent to players when their status has been determined. Status may be checked at www.carolinasgolf.org. Teams who "**Did Not Show" (DNS)** or "**No Card" (NC)** are suspended from next year's Carolinas Four-Ball Championship.

REFUND POLICY (NEW)

Entry fee refund policy schedule:

Any withdrawal within three (3) days before the first day of the championship proper will not receive a refund. All other withdrawals are subject to a \$30 admin fee.

The deadline for the Carolinas Four-Ball Championship to withdraw with a refund (less admin fee) is 11:59pm on Monday, April 29.

Withdraw within 3 days before or on the Championship First Round: No refund for any reason.

Wait List/Alternates: No entry fee is charged if the player/team does not gain entry into the championship.

COURSE FEES; GOLF CARTS; CADDIES; SPECTATORS

Stroke Play Qualifying and Match Play Rounds: All championship cart/range fees are paid by the CGA for all players. Players have the option to walk or use a golf cart during championship rounds.

Practice Rounds: Cart rental is mandatory for practice rounds.

Caddies: Caddies are prohibited.

Caddie/Spectator Cart Policy: Spectators cannot ride in a player's golf cart at any time. Refer to Player Information for specific qualifier or championship site for spectator information.



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USGA Rules of Golf govern play. Questions will be decided by the on-site Rules Committee whose decision will be final. Notice to Players and local rules are posted at host club and distributed at the starting tee(s). The CGA reserves the right to alter the conditions or schedules as stated, including alteration of the round(s) at any time during the championship including sectional qualifying. The competition is closed when the championship trophy has been presented. Special requests for starting times or pairings are not granted.

FORMAT

The championship format is 36 holes of four-ball stroke play to determine 32 qualifiers for four-ball match play.

PRIZES AND MERCHANDISE

The championship team receives merchandise, trophies, and names inscribed on the Hale Van Hoy Trophy.

Stroke play qualifying medalists' names will be inscribed on the Joe B. McCarley Cup. Additional prizes are awarded to all match play contestants.

Collegiate players should check with their institution's compliance department regarding NCAA regulations relating to accepting prizes or merchandise.

EXEMPTIONS

- 1. Champions of the Carolinas Four-Ball Championship since 2014.
- 2. Teams that qualified for match play at the 2023 Carolinas Four-Ball Championship.
- 3. Players who competed in the 2023 US Four-Ball Championship.
- 4. One exemption for the championship host club.
- 5. Special exemption bestowed by the CGA.

Exempt team members must compete on the same team or with another exempt player in order to register during the exempt entry window. (You may not sign up early with a non-exempt team member).

Entries are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 1 - Tee times available for practice.

Thursday, May 2 - First round. 18 holes of four-ball stroke play qualifying.

Friday, May 3 - Second round. 18 holes of four-ball stroke play qualifying. The field is cut to the low 32 teams for match play.

Saturday, May 4 - First and second rounds of four-ball match play (18 holes each round).

Sunday, May 5 - Quarterfinal and semifinal rounds of four-ball match play (18 holes each round).

Monday, May 6 - Championship Match. (18 holes of four-ball match play).

CONTACT INFORMATION

CGA: 910-673-1000 or e-mail: tournaments@carolinasgolf.org

Championship Site:

Camden Country Club: 803-432-3322

WITHDRAW

Players who wish to withdraw may do so via the following link: <u>https://www.carolinasgolf.org/cga_refund_policy</u>