

# 98TH CAROLINAS WOMEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Conducted by the Carolinas Golf Association

# Pine Island Country Club | Charlotte, NC July 22-24, 2024



#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Entry is open to any female amateur golfer who has reached her 13<sup>th</sup> birthday by July 22, 2024, maintains a residence in North Carolina or South Carolina, is a member in good standing of a club which is a member of the Carolinas Golf Association (CGA) and has an active USGA Handicap Index® at a CGA member club. 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 by the CGA Code of Conduct Policy or cell phone use during a round. 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 CGA Tournament Manual.

Championship Field Size: 96 players

## ENTRY WINDOW AND ONLINE REGISTRATION

All players, including those exempt, must register online at <a href="www.carolinasgolf.org">www.carolinasgolf.org</a>. Mail-in applications are not 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.

Entry Fee: \$250

Exempt entries open on May 20, 2024.

Exempt players should register by June 2 to ensure acceptance.

Entries open for ALL PLAYERS on June 3, 2024.

Entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis after they open for all players on June 3, 2024.

Entries close on July 15, 2024.

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 is sent to players when their status is determined. The appropriate entry fee must be paid at time of registration. Players who "Did Not Show" (DNS) or "No Card" (NC) are suspended from next year's Carolinas Women's Amateur Championship.

#### **EXEMPTIONS**

Players in the following categories are exempt if otherwise eligible.

- 1. Champions of the Carolinas Women's Amateur Championship since 2014.
- 2. Players who finished in the Top 20 at the 2023 Carolinas Women's Amateur Championship.
- 3. 2023 Carolinas Senior Women's Amateur Champion.
- 4. Champions of the Carolinas Women's Match Play Championship since 2019.
- 5. Champions of the North Carolina Women's Amateur Championship since 2019.
- 6. Champions of the WSCGA South Carolina Women's Amateur Championship since 2019.
- 7. Amateur (non-senior) playing members of the 2023 Carolinas Team.
- 8. Players ranked in the Top 35 of the Carolinas Women's Amateur Rankings as of May 3, 2024.
- 9. USGA individual champions since 2019.
- 10. 2023 USGA Championship qualifiers.
- 11. One exemption for the championship host club.

#### **FORMAT**

The championship is conducted at 54 holes of stroke play (no cut). All players play from the same yardage, gross scores only. A tie for Overall Champion is determined by an on-course playoff. All other ties for merchandise will be broken by scorecard playoff.



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# **COLLEGIATE CUP**

Players who are currently enrolled at a college/university, will be enrolled by September 15, 2024 at a college/university, or graduated from a college/university in 2024 are eligible to represent their school in the Collegiate Cup. The top-two 54-hole scores from players representing a college/university will be combined to create a team score. The lowest team score will win the Collegiate Cup.

#### **PRIZES**

A trophy is awarded to the overall Champion. Merchandise is awarded to top finishers. Collegiate Cup winners receive a prize.

## U.S. WOMEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP EXEMPTION (NEW)

The champion will automatically qualify for the 2024 U.S. Women's Amateur Championship at Southern Hills Country Club in Tulsa, OK on August 5-11, 2024.

## VIRGINIAS-CAROLINAS WOMEN'S TEAM EXEMPTION

The champion will automatically qualify for the 2025 Carolinas Team that will compete in the Virginias-Carolinas Women's Team Matches (site and date TBD).

# **CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE**

# Sunday, July 21

Tee times available for practice. Registration at host club.

## Monday, July 22

First round. 18 holes of stroke play. Lunch provided for players.

#### Tuesday, July 23

Second Round. 18 holes of stroke play. Lunch provided for players.

# Wednesday, July 24

Final Round. 18 holes of stroke play.

Lunch provided for players. Awards ceremony immediately following play.

# **RULES**

USGA Rules of Golf govern play. Questions will be decided by the on-site Rules Committee whose decision will be final. Notice to Players will be 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. The competition is closed when the championship trophy has been presented. Special requests for starting times or pairings are not granted.

# **INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY**

Every effort will be made to complete all scheduled rounds. There are no refunds if the tournament is shortened due to weather. If the entire tournament is cancelled, a full refund will be issued to all players.



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## **REFUND POLICY (NEW)**

Entry fee refund policy schedule:

Open Date – Thursday, July 18 at 11:59 p.m.: Full refund minus \$30.00 administrative fee refunded regardless of reason if entry accepted into championship.

Withdraw Friday, July 19 or later: No refund for any reason.

Waitlist: Full refund if player does not gain entry into championship.

#### CART/RANGE FEES; GOLF CARTS; CADDIES; SPECTATORS

**Practice Rounds:** Practice round fees are as listed, regardless of cart rental.

Championship Rounds: Daily cart and range fees are included in the entry fee.

Competitors have the option to either walk or use a golf cart during championship rounds.

(NEW) Caddies: Caddies are prohibited from all CGA championships.

**Spectator Cart Policy:** Spectators are not allowed to ride in a player's golf cart at any time. Spectator carts will not be allowed at CGA women's championships.