



38TH NORTH CAROLINA SENIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP



Conducted by the Carolinas Golf Association

Holly Ridge Golf Links, Archdale, NC
May 7-9, 2024

ELIGIBILITY AND FIELD SIZE

Entry is open to any male amateur golfer who has reached his **55th** birthday by May 7, 2024, is a legal resident of North 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 [CGA Tournament Manual](#).

Championship Field Size: 132 (approximately)

ENTRY FEES (All Course Fees Paid by the CGA to the Host Club)

Sectional Qualifying Entry Fee: \$95 (includes sectional qualifying cart/range fees)

Championship Entry Fee (For Exempt and Successful Qualifiers): \$240 (includes all championship site cart/range fees)

ENTRY WINDOW AND ONLINE REGISTRATION

Entry Window: Open February 19 at 8:00pm | Close March 26 at 11:59pm

All players, including those exempt, must register online at www.carolinagolf.org. 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.

Exempt Players: Accepted into the championship proper at time of entry.

Non-exempt Players: Gain entry into the championship proper through sectional qualifying (see "Exemptions from Sectional Qualifying" and "Sectional Qualifying and Alternates" sections).

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. Status may be checked at www.carolinagolf.org. 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 Mid-Amateur Championship.**

REFUND POLICY (NEW)

Entry fee refund policy schedule:

Any withdrawal within three (3) days before the first day of the qualifier or championship proper will not receive a refund. All other withdrawals are subject to a \$30 admin fee. Refer to the table below for the deadline to withdraw with a refund less the admin fee.

<u>Deadline for Refund (less admin fee) at 11:59 pm</u>	<u>First Day of Qualifier or Championship Proper</u>
Thursday	Monday
Friday	Tuesday
Saturday	Wednesday
Sunday	Thursday
Monday	Friday
Tuesday	Saturday
Wednesday	Sunday

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

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

*Note: Refund policy and deadlines apply to each entry fee stage. Example: Player pays \$95 entry fee to qualify. The player is successful in qualifying (\$95 entry fee has been used) and is automatically charged the \$240 championship entry fee balance due to their credit card. The player withdraws from the championship proper four days before the first round. The player receives a refund of \$210 (\$240 championship entry fee balance-\$30 admin fee). Any withdrawals within three days prior or on the first round date do not receive a refund.



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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 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.

CART/RANGE FEES; GOLF CARTS; CADDIES; SPECTATORS

Sectional Qualifying: Qualifying round cart/range fees paid by the CGA and are included in the entry fee. Competitors have the option to either walk or use a golf cart during a qualifying round. Cart rental fee payment is mandatory for practice rounds.

Championship Site: Championship site cart/range fees paid by the CGA and are included in the entry fee. Competitors have the option to either walk or use a golf cart during championship rounds. Cart rental fee payment is mandatory for practice rounds.

Caddies: Caddies are **prohibited** in qualifying and championship rounds.

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

CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

The championship format is 54 holes of stroke play. After 36 holes, the field is cut to the low 60 scorers and ties. A tie for the overall championship is decided by an on-course playoff.

PRIZES

Championship: Merchandise prizes are awarded to the top 30 finishers at the championship proper. Champion receives a trophy, merchandise and name engraved on the *Peter V. Tufts Trophy*.

Sectional Qualifying: Merchandise prizes and medal awarded to lowest scorer and ties, duplicate medals and merchandise certificates will be awarded.

EXEMPTIONS FROM SECTIONAL QUALIFYING

Players in the following categories are exempt from sectional qualifying if otherwise eligible. A complete list of exempt players is available on the championship website.

1. Champions of the North Carolina Senior Amateur since 2013.
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3. Champions of the Carolinas Amateur since 2014.
4. Champions of the North Carolina Amateur since 2019.
5. Champions of the North Carolina Amateur Match Play since 2019.
6. 2023 Carolinas Men's and Senior Men's Player of the Year.
7. Players who finished 30th or better at the **2023** North Carolina Senior Amateur Championship.
8. Players ranked in the Top 60 of the CGA Carolinas Senior Men's Amateur Rankings as February 15, 2024.
9. Past CGA individual champions are exempt in all CGA senior individual events for a period of one year from the date of their 55th birthday.
10. 2023 Carolinas Four-Ball champions.
11. 2023 Carolinas Senior Four-Ball champions.
12. USGA individual or four-ball champions since 2013.
13. Players who competed in a 2023 USGA Championship.
14. Individual champions of CGA and SCGA gross championships since 2019 (Championship Divisions only).
15. 2023 Captain's Putter Team members, 2024 Tar Heel Cup Team members.
16. Players who finished 15th or better at the 2023 Carolinas Senior Amateur Championship.
17. Special exemption bestowed by the CGA.



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SECTIONAL QUALIFYING AND WAIT LISTS (NEW)

Sectional qualifying is 18 holes of stroke play. The number of qualifying spots at each site is determined by the CGA after entries close, based on the size of the field when pairings are created. Qualifying site assignment is based on the date/time the CGA receives and processes each entry form. **Qualifying site assignments after the close of entries can only be changed if a spot opens up in another qualifying site. No Qualifying Sites may be changed the day of or the day before the qualifier.**

If a qualifying site is full at the time of registration, a player may opt to be placed on that site's waitlist or register at another qualifying site. **A player may only register for one qualifying site and attempt to qualify once.** Waitlist alternates are ranked according to the date/time an entry is received and processed.

Qualifying site player information is sent after entries are accepted.

Qualifying Spots: All ties for the final qualifying position qualify for the championship. No playoffs are conducted on-site at a qualifier. The CGA will now build an "alternate list" comprised of players who missed the cut by one stroke at all qualifying sites. Once the final qualifier is complete, any open spots in the championship (if available) will be filled from this "alternate list" by blind draw. This provision only applies if the championship field size is less than the target field size (above).

SECTIONAL QUALIFYING SCHEDULE

April 1 - Lockwood Folly CC, Supply, NC

April 8 - Devils Ridge GC, Holly Springs, NC

April 16 - Highland Creek GC, Charlotte, NC

April 30 - The Valley GC, Burlington, NC

CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Monday, May 6

Tee times available for practice. No Registration for this Championship.

Tuesday, May 7

First round. 18 holes of stroke play.

Lunch for players provided by the CGA.

Wednesday, May 8

Second round. 18 holes of stroke play.

Field cut to low 60 scores and ties for final round.

Thursday, May 9

Final round. 18 holes of stroke play.

CONTACT INFORMATION

CGA: (910) 673-1000 or e-mail: tournaments@carolinagolf.org

Championship Site: Holly Ridge Golf Links - (336) 861-4653

WITHDRAW

Instructions on how to withdraw automatically may be found at the following link:

<https://www.carolinagolf.org/images/CarolinanGolf/site/tourn/2022/entry/WDInstructions.pdf>