



Carolinas Women's Club Team Championship

Frequently Asked Questions

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Team Makeup

- **What is a 'club team' and how is the team chosen?**
 - A 'club team' refers to four players who are representing the club with which they all have an active GHIN Handicap Index. Players may represent a private club, public course, an eClub, etc. Each club is responsible for choosing their own team – the CGA does not choose team members for each club.
- **What if my club wants to submit multiple teams?**
 - Clubs may submit multiple teams. The "A" team automatically becomes the team with the lowest combined Handicap Index. The "A" team will automatically be entered into the event as long as they are one of the first 24 clubs to register. Additional teams from the same club will be the "B" team, "C" team, etc. "B" team entries are placed on a waitlist and will only be added if the tournament does not fill with 24 unique club teams. If there are spots available "B" teams will be accepted based on date of entry.
- **Can we have more than four members on the team and substitute each day?**
 - No. Each club team must consist of ONLY four players and substitutes will not be allowed after the start of competition.
- **What is the role of the Team Captain?**
 - The Team Captain is the go-to person for the club team. The captain communicates with and turns in pairings to the tournament administrator each day. There are no restrictions on who the team chooses as the team captain – she is appointed by the club team.

Tournament Format

- **Is this a four-ball competition or individual play?**
 - Each club team will be separated into two four-ball (better ball of two) sides on each day. Sides are determined by the club team and can be switched in any combination each day.
- **Do I get strokes?**
 - No. This is a gross-only competition, BUT club teams will be flighted based on team Handicap Index (other than the Championship Flight). Teams will be competing against other teams of like ability – there should be no need for strokes.
- **What is the tournament format each day?**
 - Day 1: Four-ball stroke play – Each club team's two sides will play four-ball stroke play (better ball of two). The two sides' scores will be added together for an aggregate club team score. (For example: Side A scores 72 and Side B scores 74 – their Club Team score is 146) The four-lowest club team scores will be placed in the Championship Flight and seeded for match play based on club team score. All other club teams will be flighted in flights of four club teams based on combined team Handicap Index and seeded based on club team score.
 - Day 2: Four-ball match play – Within each flight, the first and fourth-seeded club teams will play against each other while the second and third-seeded club teams play against each other. Each club team will be comprised of two four-ball sides. Each player on a side will play her own ball and the lowest of the two scores on each hole on the side will count. Each four-ball match is worth 18 points (one point per hole). At the end of both matches, the points from each side's match will be added together for the club team point total. The club team with the most total points advances. The losing team is placed in a consolation flight.
 - Day 3: Four-ball match play – The winning club teams in each flight from Day 2 will play against each other while the losing club teams in each flight from Day 2 will play against each other. Day 3 will have the same four-ball match play format as Day 2. Point totals are NOT carried over from Day 2 – each club

team starts with a fresh slate. The club team with the most total points at the end of their matches in each flight will win their flight and receive a prize.

- **How are points awarded in match play?**
 - Sides will receive one point for winning a hole and ½ point for halving a hole (tie). 18 points will be awarded in each match.
- **What is the A-team and B-team on each club team?**
 - These are just ways to refer to each four-ball side on the club team. The only significant fact is that the A-team is used for a playoff to settle any ties (see below).
- **Can different players be on four-ball sides each day?**
 - Yes, four-ball sides can be comprised of any two players on the club team each day.
- **What happens if the club team point total is tied at the end of match play on Day 2 or Day 3?**
 - If both club teams have the same point total at the end of their match, the A-team from each club team will have a sudden death playoff starting immediately after the tie is posted.

Tournament Entries

- **How much is the entry fee?**
 - The total team entry fee is \$600, or \$150 per person. Club teams may pay a single \$600 entry fee or separate the entry fee into multiple checks of \$150.
- **Do we have to register online?**
 - Club teams MAY sign up online, but they can also submit a paper entry. If clubs submit their entry online, they will have to pay a single \$600 fee on ONE credit card. If clubs submit their entry via paper entry, they may send a single \$600 check or multiple checks. CASH IS NOT ACCEPTED.
 - [Click here to signup online](#)
 - [Click here to download the paper entry](#)
- **What if more than 24 (maximum) teams register?**
 - Club team entries are selected on a first-come, first-served basis beginning on September 24. Additional club teams will be placed on a waiting list. Multiple teams from the same club will be prioritized based on team Handicap Index (lowest index is “A” team and higher index is “B” team). “B” teams will be waitlisted until entries close and only accepted if 24 unique club teams do not register.

Tournament Logistics

- **Are any meals included in the entry fee?**
 - There will be a dinner for all players at the host club on Day 1. At dinner, pairings for Day 2 matches will be announced. Lunch will be provided on Day 3 after the round. Club team attendance at dinner is STRONGLY encouraged.
- **Does everyone compete from the same tees?**
 - Yes.
- **Do all club teams compete on all tournament days or if your club team loses do they go home?**
 - ALL club teams will compete on ALL tournament days.
- **When do pairings have to be submitted to the tournament administrator?**
 - Each team captain is responsible for submitting their sides to the tournament administrator for each round. Team captains must submit which players are on which sides.
 - Day 1 pairings: Submitted to tournament administrator at least one-hour prior to start.
 - Day 2 pairings: Submitted to tournament administrator before player dinner starts on Day 1.
 - Day 3 pairings: Submitted to tournament administrator at least one-hour prior to start.
- **How will the team captain submit pairings?**
 - Each team captain will receive three pairings sheets in the team registration packet. These sheets should be submitted to the tournament administrator as stated above.
- **When is registration?**
 - On the practice round date, between 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. If you are not able to register during this time, please contact the tournament administrator.