



9th North Carolina Amateur Match Play Championship of the Carolinas Golf Association

August 1-5, 2018

Gaston Country Club, Gastonia, NC

Entries Open: May 3 (8:00pm)

Entries Close: June 11 (11:59pm)



ELIGIBILITY

Entry is open to any male amateur golfer who has reached his 13th birthday by August 1, 2018, is a legal resident of North Carolina, is a member in good standing of a club which is a member of the Carolinas Golf Association (CGA) and has an active GHIN® USGA Handicap Index® at a CGA member club that does not exceed **10.4**. 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 or cell phone use during a stipulated round. All players must conform to the "USGA Rules of Amateur Status" as specified in "The Rules of Golf".
College Student Eligibility: A college student is considered a resident of their parent(s)/guardian(s) "Legal Residency Criteria" as stated in the CGA Tournament Manual unless said student (a) has no dependency on his/her parents; and (b) lives full time in North Carolina.

For complete residency and eligibility requirements, refer to the [CGA Tournament Manual](#).

Championship field size=132 players (approximately).

ENTRY FEES (All Cart/Range Fees Paid by the CGA to the Host Club)

Sectional Qualifying Entry Fee: \$85.00 (includes sectional qualifying cart/range fees)

Concurrent Qualifying with Carolinas Amateur: \$145.00 (includes all fees for both qualifiers)

Successful Qualifier Championship Entry Fee: \$160.00 (Fee is charged automatically to the player's credit card used for sectional qualifying registration who successfully qualifies and includes all championship site cart/range fees)

Exempt Player Entry Fee: \$215.00 (includes all championship site cart/range fees)

ENTRIES AND ONLINE REGISTRATION

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

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 by each player at time of registration. **Players who "Did Not Show" (DNS) or "No Card" (NC) are suspended from next year's North Carolina Amateur Match Play Championship.**

REFUND POLICY

Entry fee refund policy schedule:

Open Date to Day Prior to Championship or Qualifying Date: Full refund minus \$30.00 administrative fee regardless of reason if entry accepted into championship or sectional qualifier.

Withdraw on Championship or Qualifying Date; No-Shows: No refund for any reason.

Qualifying Alternates: Full refund if player does not gain entry into a qualifying site.

*Note: Refund policy and schedule applies to each entry fee stage. Example: Player pays \$85.00 entry fee to qualify. Player is successful in qualifying (\$85.00 entry fee has been used) and is automatically charged the \$160.00 championship entry fee balance due to their credit card. Player withdraws from the championship proper on the day prior to the first round. Player receives a refund of \$30.00 (\$160.00 championship entry fee balance-\$30.00 admin fee).

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 stipulated 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 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 is mandatory for practice rounds.

Caddies: Caddies are allowed for sectional qualifying and championship rounds. Caddies will not be available at host club. Caddie must be over the age of 13.

Caddie/Spectator Cart Policy: During the play of a hole, either the player or his caddie may ride in a golf cart but not both at the same time. Spectators are not allowed to ride in a player's golf cart at any time. Club owned spectator carts are not allowed except as provided in the CGA Tournament Manual. Spectator Carts are not available at Championship Site.

Exception: During the match play portion of the championship both the player and caddie may ride in a golf cart at the same time.

FORMAT

Championship format is 36 holes of stroke play to determine 32 qualifiers for match play. The defending champion is seeded number one for match play if otherwise eligible.

PRIZES

Champion receives a trophy, merchandise and possession of *The Paul M. Simson* permanent championship trophy for the ensuing year. Trophy and merchandise is awarded to the runner-up, stroke play qualifying medalist and to medalists(s) at sectional qualifying. Merchandise is awarded to players who advance to match play.

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 page 2.

1. Champions of the North Carolina Amateur Match Play since 2013.
2. Champions of the Carolinas Amateur since 2008.
3. Champions of the North Carolina Amateur since 2013.
4. Champions of the North Carolina Mid-Amateur since 2013.
5. Champions of the Carolinas Mid-Amateur since 2013.
6. 2017 Dogwood State Junior champion.
7. 2017 Carolinas Senior Amateur champion.
8. 2018 North Carolina Senior Amateur champion.
9. 2018 North Carolina Junior Boys champion.
10. 2017 Carolinas Junior Boys champion.
11. 2018 Carolinas Four-Ball champions.
12. 2017 Carolinas Senior Four-Ball champions.
13. Players who advanced to match play at the 2017 North Carolina Amateur Match Play.
14. 2017 Carolinas Men's Player of the Year.
15. 2017 Carolinas Senior Men's Player of the Year.
16. 2017 Carolinas Junior Boys Player of the Year.
17. Players ranked in the Top 50 of the CGA Carolinas Men's Amateur Rankings as of the entry opening date.
18. USGA individual or four-ball champions since 2013.
19. 2017 USGA Championship qualifiers.
20. Most recent Walker Cup team members.
21. Two exemptions for championship host club.
22. Special exemption bestowed by the CGA.

SECTIONAL QUALIFYING AND ALTERNATES

Sectional qualifying is 18 holes of stroke play. The number of qualifiers' places at each site is determined by the CGA after entries close, based on the size of the field. All ties for the final qualifying position qualify for the championship. 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.**

If a qualifying site is full at the time of registration, a player may opt to be placed on that site's alternate wait list or register at another qualifying site. A player may only register for one qualifying site. Wait list alternates and on-site alternates are ranked according to date/time an entry is received and processed.

Qualifying site player information is sent after entries are accepted.

*Note: Qualifying sites may be cancelled due to a lack of participation.

CONCURRENT QUALIFYING WITH CAROLINAS AMATEUR

Players who choose to qualify for both championships concurrently **must** sign up for both qualifiers; your single score will count for both qualifiers. You may choose to only enter one qualifier.

QUALIFYING SCHEDULE

June 21

Mill Creek Golf Club, Mebane, NC*

June 22

Cedar Rock Country Club, Lenoir, NC*

June 25

Verdict Ridge Golf & Country Club, Denver, NC*

June 29

Magnolia Greens Golf Club, Leland, NC*

July 2

The Club at 12 Oaks, Holly Springs, NC*

*Concurrent with Carolinas Amateur Qualifying

CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Tuesday, July 31

Tee times available for practice rounds.

Wednesday, August 1

First round of stroke play qualifying.

Thursday, August 2

Second round of stroke play qualifying.

Cut to low 32 players for match play.

Friday, August 3

First and second round of match play (18 holes each round).

Saturday, August 4

Quarterfinal and semifinal rounds of match play (18 holes each round).

Sunday, August 5

Championship match (18 holes).

CONTACT INFORMATION

CGA: 910-673-1000 or e-mail: admin@carolinagolf.org

Championship Site:

Gaston Country Club: 704-867-9561

Qualifying Sites:

June 21 - Mill Creek GC, Mebane, NC – 919-563-4653

June 22 - Cedar Rock G&CC, Lenoir, NC – 828-758-4451

June 25 - Verdict Ridge G&CC, Denver, NC – 704-257-0100

June 29 - Magnolia Greens, Leland, NC – 910-383-0999

July 2 - Club at 12 Oaks, Holly Springs, NC – 919-285-3680