



33rd North Carolina Senior Amateur Championship of the Carolinas Golf Association

May 14-16, 2018

Starmount Forest Country Club, Greensboro, NC

Entries Open: March 1 (8:00 pm)

Entries Close: April 9 (11:59 pm)



ELIGIBILITY

Entry is open to any male amateur golfer who has reached his 55th birthday by May 14, 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 unauthorized 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". For complete residency and eligibility requirements, refer to the [CGA Tournament Manual](#) at the CGA website (www.carolinasgolf.org). Championship field size=132 players (approximately).

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

Sectional Qualifying Entry Fee: \$75.00 (includes sectional qualifying cart/range fees)

Successful Qualifier Championship Entry Fee: \$140.00 (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: \$190.00 (includes all championship site cart/range fees)

ENTRIES AND ONLINE REGISTRATION

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.

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.carolinasgolf.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 Senior Amateur 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.

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 \$75.00 entry fee to qualify. Player is successful in qualifying (\$75.00 entry fee has been used) and is automatically charged the \$140.00 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 \$110.00 (\$140.00 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.

PRIZES

Merchandise prizes are awarded to the top 30 finishers at the championship proper and to the medalist at each qualifying site. Champion receives a trophy, merchandise from host club and possession of the *Peter V. Tufts Trophy* for the ensuing year.

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 Senior Amateur since 2008.
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4. Champions of the North Carolina Amateur since 2013.
5. Champions of the North Carolina Amateur Match Play since 2013.
6. 2017 Carolinas Men's and Senior Men's Player of the Year.
7. Players who finished 30th or better at the 2017 North Carolina Senior Amateur Championship.
8. Players ranked in the Top 25 of the CGA Carolinas Senior Men's Amateur Rankings as of entry opening date.
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. 2017 Carolinas Four-Ball champions.
11. 2017 Carolinas Senior Four-Ball champions.
12. USGA individual or four-ball champions since 2013.
13. 2017 USGA Championship qualifiers.
14. Two exemptions for championship host club.
15. Individual champions of CGA and SCGA championships since 2013.
16. 2017 Captain's Putter Carolinas Regular or Senior Team members, 2018 Tar Heel Cup Team members.
17. Players who finished 15th or better at the 2017 Carolinas Senior Amateur Championship.
18. 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.

QUALIFYING SCHEDULE

April 17

Firethorn CC, Charlotte, NC

April 18

Heritage GC, Wake Forest, NC

April 24

Gates Four CC, Fayetteville, NC

April 30

Stoney Creek GC, Whitsett, NC

CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 13

Tee times available for practice.

Monday, May 14

First round. 18 holes of stroke play.

Tuesday, May 15

Second round. 18 holes of stroke play.

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

Wednesday, May 16

Final round. 18 holes of stroke play.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Championship Site:

Starmount Forest Country Club: 336-299-0425

Qualifying Sites:

Firethorn Country Club: 704-843-3111

Heritage Golf Club: 919-453-2020

Gates Four Country Club: 910-425-6667

Stoney Creek Golf Club: 336-449-5688