



# 21<sup>st</sup> Carolinas Women's Match Play Championship of the Carolinas Golf Association

July 24-26, 2018

North Ridge Country Club (Lakes), Raleigh, NC

Exempt Open: May 14 (8:00pm) All Entries Open: May 28 (8:00pm) Entries Close: July 17 (11:59 pm)

Entry Fee: \$135



## **ELIGIBILITY**

Entry is open to any female amateur golfer who has reached her 13<sup>th</sup> birthday by July 26, 2018, 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 GHIN® 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. 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 – 84 players.

## **ENTRIES AND ALTERNATES**

All players must register online.

**Entries are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.**

**Exempt players must register between 8:00pm on May 14 and 11:59pm on May 27 to ensure acceptance. Exempt players that sign up after 11:59pm on May 27 and non-exempt players gain entry into the tournament on a first-come, first-served basis.**

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 after registration. Players who Did Not Show (DNS) or No Card (NC) are suspended from next year's Carolinas Women's Match Play Championship.

## **REFUND POLICY**

Entry fee refund policy schedule:

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

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

**Alternates:** Full refund if team does not gain entry into the championship.

## **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 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. 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**

**Practice Rounds:** Cart rental is mandatory for practice rounds.

**Championship Rounds:** Daily cart and range fees are included in the entry fee. Cart use is mandatory during championship rounds by either the player or her caddie. A player's equipment must be transported on her assigned cart.

**Caddies:** Caddies are allowed for championship rounds. A player may provide her own caddie. Caddies will not be available at host club.

**Caddie/Spectator Cart Policy:** During the play of a hole, either the player or her 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.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

CGA: 910-673-1000 or e-mail: [admin@carolinasgolf.org](mailto:admin@carolinasgolf.org)

### **Championship Site:**

North Ridge Country Club (Lakes)  
6612 Falls of Neuse Road  
Raleigh, NC 27615  
Phone: (919) 846-9667

## **FORMAT**

Format is 18 holes of stroke play qualifying to determine seeding and flights for match play in the *Championship Division* and seeding for match play in the *Carolininas Division*. Players have the option to compete in either the Championship Division (approximately 6,000 yards) or Carolinas Division (approximately 5,200 yards).

### Championship Division:

The Championship Division will play from the championship tees and compete using gross scores only. The championship flight will be comprised of the top 32 qualifiers and will compete for the overall champion title. Players will be seeded based on qualifying score. All ties for seeds 2-36 will be broken by blind draw. Ties for the last spot in the Championship Flight will be broken by an on-course playoff. Players who do not qualify for the Championship Flight are flighted according to number of entries and seeded based on qualifying score. Hayley Cleary of Lexington, SC is the defending champion and is seeded number one for match play if otherwise eligible.

### Carolininas Division:

The Carolinas Division will play a shorter course and is not eligible for the overall championship. The Carolinas Division will be pre-flighted based on Handicap Index and seeded within their flights based on qualifying score. Players will use gross scores only. The number of flights and flight sizes are determined based on the number of entries.

The CGA reserves the right to adjust any flights based on the number of entries received. All ties in seeding (outside of the last spot in the Championship Flight) will be broken by blind draw.

## **PRIZES**

Prizes and merchandise are awarded to the overall champion, overall runner-up and to the stroke play qualifying medalist in the Championship Division. Merchandise is awarded to all flight winners and runner-ups, and semifinalists in the Championship Flight.

## **VIRGINIAS-CAROLINAS WOMEN'S TEAM EXEMPTIONS**

The Overall Champion team will automatically qualify for the 2019 Carolinas Team that will compete in the Virginias-Carolinas Women's Team Matches in 2019 (site and date TBD).

## **EXEMPTIONS**

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

1. Overall champion of the Carolinas Women's Match Play Championship since 2008.
2. Players who qualified for the championship flight at the 2017 Carolinas Women's Match Play Championship.
3. 2017 Carolinas Senior Women's Amateur Champion.
4. Champions of the Carolinas Women's Amateur since 2013.
5. Champions of the NCWGA Women's Amateur since 2013.
6. Champions of the WSCGA Women's Amateur Match Play since 2013.
7. Playing members of the 2017 Carolinas Team.
8. Players ranked in the top 25 of the Carolinas Women's Amateur Rankings as of May 1, 2018.
9. USGA individual champions since 2013.
10. 2017 USGA Championship qualifiers.
11. One exemption for championship host club.

## **CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE**

### **Monday, July 23**

Tee times available for practice rounds.

### **Tuesday, July 24**

First round. 18 holes of stroke play qualifying.

Lunch provided for all players.

Championship Flight, Round of 32 Matches (PM shotgun)

### **Wednesday, July 25**

Championship Flight. Round of 16 and quarterfinal matches

All other flights: First round matches and semifinal matches

### **Thursday, July 26**

Championship flight. Semifinal and Final matches

All other flights: Final matches