# 3rd Carolinas Women's Club Team Championship

Conducted by the Carolinas Golf Association

## Starmount Forest Country Club, Greensboro, NC October 29-31, 2019



#### FLIGIBILITY

Any CGA member club may enter a team of four female golfers who belong to that club. Every member of the team must hold an active GHIN® USGA Handicap Index® at the CGA member club they are representing. Members of the team must also meet the following eligibility criteria: team members must be female amateur golfers who have reached their 13th birthdays by October 29, 2019, maintain a residence in North Carolina or South Carolina, are members in good standing of a club which is a member of the Carolinas Golf Association (CGA) and have an active GHIN® USGA Handicap Index® at that 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 as defined by the CGA Code of Conduct Policy or cell phone use during a 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.

Tournament Field Size: 24 teams

ENTRY WINDOW AND ONLINE REGISTRATION

All teams, including those exempt, must register online at <a href="www.carolinasgolf.org">www.carolinasgolf.org</a>.

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.

Entry Fee: \$600 (team of four)

**Exempt Teams:** Entries open on August 27, 2019 and close on October 22, 2019. Exempt players should register by September 10 to ensure acceptance. **Non-exempt Teams:** Entries open on September 10, 2019 and close on October 22, 2019.

Entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis after they open for all teams on September 10, 2019.\*

The field will be limited to the first 24 teams that register, including exempt club teams. Clubs may submit up to two teams. If two teams are submitted from the same club, team entries will be prioritized by total team Handicap Index and the team with the lowest Handicap Index will be the 'A' team. All 'B' team entries will be prioritized by date of entry behind all 'A' team entries. At the close of entries, any remaining spots not filled by 'A' teams will be filled with 'B' teams.

 $^{*\prime}B^{\prime}$  team entries are automatically placed on the waitlist behind all 'A' team entries until the close of entries.

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. 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 Senior Women's Amateur Championship.

## REFUND POLICY

Entry fee refund policy schedule:

**Open Date to Day Prior to Championship Date:** Full refund minus \$30 administrative fee regardless of reason if entry accepted into championship. **Withdraw on Championship Date; No-Shows:** No refund for any reason.

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY**

Every effort will be made to complete all scheduled rounds. There are no refunds if the tournament is shortened due to weather. If the entire tournament is cancelled, a full refund will be issued to all players.

### 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. Caddies: Caddies are prohibited at this championship

Caddie/Spectator Cart Policy: 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.

#### **FORMAT**

Each club team will enter two, two-woman sides each day. Each round's score is the aggregate of the two, two-woman sides. Club teams may choose to compete in the Championship Division (gross scores only) or the Carolinas Division (net scores only). Yardages will be the same in both divisions. The overall champion will come from the Championship Division.

**Round 1**: Two-woman captain's choice – each player tees off, then the team selects the best shot and each player hits the next shot from that spot and subsequently selected spots until the ball is holed. In the Carolinas Division, handicap strokes for the side are allocated based on 35% of the A player's course handicap and 15% of the B player's course handicap.

**Round 2**: Four-ball stroke play (better ball of two). In the Carolinas Division, players receive 100% of their course handicaps.\*

**Round 3**: Pinehurst alternate shot – each player tees off, then players switch balls and proceed to hit their partner's ball on the second shot, then the side selects the ball to be played. Players then alternate shots from there until the ball is holed. In the Carolinas Division, handicap strokes for the side are allocated based on 60% of the A player's course handicap and 40% of the B player's course handicap.

\*In the Carolinas Division, if the difference between partners' course handicaps exceeds eight strokes in four-ball stroke play competition, an additional 10% reduction is applied to both partners.

Flights: Teams will be flighted based on 36-hole club team scores within each division.

#### **PRIZES**

The overall Champion team will receive a trophy to display at their home club. Prizes are also given to teams in each flight in each division.

#### **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.

## **EXEMPTIONS**

Players in the following categories are exempt if otherwise eligible.

- Champion club teams of the Carolinas Women's Club Team Championship since 2017.
- 2. One exemption for championship host club

## **CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE**

## Monday, October 28

Tee times available for practice.

## Tuesday, October 29

First round. 18 holes of captain's choice (shotgun). Player's Cocktail Hour

#### Wednesday, October 30

Second round. 18 holes of four-ball stroke play (shotgun).

#### Thursday, October 31

Final round. 18 holes of Pinehurst alternate shot (shotgun). Luncheon and awards presentation immediately following play.