

59th North Carolina Amateur Championship

Conducted by the Carolinas Golf Association
Gaston Country Club, Gastonia, NC
June 13-16, 2019



ELIGIBILITY AND FIELD SIZE

Entry is open to any male amateur golfer who has reached his 13th birthday by June 14, 2019, 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 as defined in the [CGA Code of Conduct Policy](#) for current or future championships. 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](#).

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.

Championship Field Size: 144 (approximately).

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

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

Keith Hills Qualifying Entry Fee: \$60*

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)

ENTRY WINDOW AND ONLINE REGISTRATION

Entry Window: Open March 18 at 8:00pm | Close May 2 at 11:59pm

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

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 at time of registration. **Players who "Did Not Show" (DNS) or "No Card" (NC) are suspended from next year's Carolinas Mid-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 \$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 \$130.00 (\$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 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.

CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

The championship format is 72 holes of stroke play. After 36 holes, the field is cut to the low 60 scorers and ties. A tie for the overall championship is decided by an on-course playoff.

PRIZES

Championship: Merchandise prizes are awarded to the top 30 finishers at the championship proper. Champion receives a trophy, merchandise and name engraved on the Billy Joe Patton Trophy.

Sectional Qualifying: Merchandise prizes and medal awarded to lowest scorer and ties, duplicate medals and merchandise certificates will be awarded.

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 the championship website.

1. Champions of the Carolinas Amateur since 2009.
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3. Champions of the North Carolina Mid-Amateur since 2014.
4. Champions of the Carolinas Mid-Amateur since 2014.
5. Champions of the North Carolina Amateur Match Play since 2014.
6. 2018 Dogwood State Junior champion.
7. 2018 Carolinas Senior Amateur champion.
8. 2018 North Carolina Senior Amateur champion.
9. 2018 North Carolina Junior champion.
10. 2018 Carolinas Junior Boys champion.
11. 2018 Carolinas Four-Ball champions.
12. 2018 Carolinas Senior Four-Ball champions.
13. Players who finished 30th or better at the 2018 North Carolina Amateur.
14. 2018 Carolinas Men's Player of the Year.
15. 2018 Carolinas Senior Men's Player of the Year.
16. 2018 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 2014.
19. 2018 USGA Championship participants.
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 qualifying spots 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. Qualifying site 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.

SECTIONAL QUALIFYING SCHEDULE

May 17 – Keith Hills Golf Club, Buies Creek, NC*

May 23 – High Point Country Club (Willow Creek), High Point, NC

May 29 – Mimosa Hills Golf & CC, Morganton, NC

May 30 – Walnut Creek Country Club, Goldsboro, NC

June 3 – Cabarrus Country Club, Concord, NC

June 4 – Golf Club at Chapel Ridge, Pittsboro, NC

*Concurrent Qualifier with first round of Carolinian Amateur (Must play in Carolinian)

CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesday, June 12

Tee times available for practice.

Thursday, June 13

First round. 18 holes of stroke play.

Friday, June 14

Second round. 18 holes of stroke play.

Field cut to low 60 scores and ties.

Saturday, June 15

Third round. 18 holes of stroke play.

Sunday, June 16

Final round. 18 holes of stroke play.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Championship Site: Gaston Country Club 704-864-3283

WITHDRAW

Players who wish to withdraw may do so via the following link:

https://www.carolinasgolf.org/tournament_withdraw

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