

47th South Carolina Amateur Match Play Championship

Conducted by the Carolinas Golf Association
Columbia Country Club, Blythewood, SC
June 12-16, 2019



ELIGIBILITY AND FIELD SIZE

Entry is open to any male amateur golfer who has reached his 13th birthday by June 12, 2019, and is a legal resident of 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 USGA Handicap Index® that does not exceed **10.4** 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 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".

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 South Carolina.

For complete residency and eligibility requirements, refer to the CGA Tournament Manual at the CGA website (www.carolinasgolf.org).

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Championship Field Size: 144 Players.

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

Championship Entry Fee: \$215.00 (includes cart/range fees and lunch)

SC Amateur Match Play Qualifying Entry Fee: \$60*

ENTRY WINDOW AND ONLINE REGISTRATION

Exempt Entry Window*: Open April 15 at 8:00pm | Close May 30 at 11:59pm

Non-Exempt/Open Entry Window: Open April 29 at 8:00pm | Close May 30 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.

Entries are accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

***Exempt players must register between 8:00pm on April 15 and 7:59pm on April 29 to ensure acceptance. Exempt players that sign up after 8:00pm on April 29 and non-exempt players gain entry into the tournament on a first come first serve 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 and tournament information is sent to players when their status has been determined. The appropriate entry fee must be paid at time of registration. Status may be checked at www.carolinasgolf.org. Teams who "Did Not Show" (DNS) or "No Card" (NC) are suspended from next year's North Carolina Super Senior Four-Ball Championship.

REFUND POLICY

Entry fee refund policy schedule:

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

Withdraw on Championship Date: No refund for any reason.

Alternates: Full refund if player does not gain entry into 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 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.

COURSE FEES; GOLF CARTS; CADDIES; SPECTATORS

Championship Site: All championship site cart/range fees are paid by the CGA and included in the entry fee for both stroke play qualifying and match play rounds. Competitors have the option to either walk or use a golf cart during championship rounds.

Practice Rounds: Cart rental is mandatory for practice rounds.

Caddies: Caddies are allowed. A player may provide his own caddie. 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.

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

CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

The championship is contested at 36 holes of individual 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 has name engraved on permanent championship trophy for the ensuing year. Trophy and merchandise is awarded to the runner-up and stroke play qualifying medalist. Merchandise is awarded to players who advance to match play.

EXEMPTIONS

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

1. Champions of the South Carolina Amateur Match Play Championship since 2008.
2. Champions of the Carolinas Amateur since 2009.
3. Champions of the SCGA South Carolina Amateur since 2009.
4. Champions of the Carolinas Mid-Amateur since 2014.
5. Champions of the SCGA Mid-Amateur since 2014.
6. Players who qualified for match play at the 2018 South Carolina Amateur Match Play Championship.
7. 2018 Carolinas Senior Amateur champion.
8. 2018 SCGA South Carolina Senior Amateur champion.
9. 2018 CGA South Carolina Junior Match Play champion.
10. 2018 Carolinas Junior Boys champion.
11. 2018 SCGA South Carolina Junior champion.
12. 2019 Carolinas Four-Ball champions.
13. 2018 Carolinas Senior Four-Ball champions.
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 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.

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CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Tuesday, June 11

Tee times available for practice.

Wednesday, June 12

First round of stroke play qualifying.

*Carolinas Amateur Qualifying.

Thursday, June 13

Second round of stroke play qualifying. Cut to low 32 players for match play, playoff if necessary.

Friday, June 14

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

Saturday, June 15

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

Sunday, June 16

Championship match (18 holes).

*CAROLINAS AMATEUR QUALIFYING

A Carolinas Amateur Championship qualifier is held in conjunction with round one of the SC Amateur Match Play on June 12, 2019. Players may compete in both events as long as they have registered for both events. Those who are successful in qualifying for the Carolinas Amateur will be charged an additional \$160 (fee is charged automatically to the credit card used for qualifying registration).

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Championship Site: Columbia Country Club - 803.754.8109

WITHDRAW

Players who wish to withdraw may do so via the following link:
https://www.carolinasgolf.org/tournament_withdraw

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