93rd Carolinas Women's Amateur Championship

Conducted by the Carolinas Golf Association

Ballantyne Country Club, Charlotte, NC June 19-21, 2019



ELIGIBILITY

Entry is open to any female amateur golfer who has reached her 13th birthday by June 21, 2019, 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 as defined by the <u>CGA Code of Conduct Policy</u> 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 <u>CGA Tournament Manual</u>.

Tournament Field Size: 96 players

ENTRY WINDOW AND ONLINE REGISTRATION

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.

Entry Fee: \$200

Exempt Players: Entries open on April 16, 2019 and close on June 11, 2019. Exempt players should register by April 30 to ensure acceptance.

Non-exempt Players: Entries open on April 30, 2019 and close on June 11, 2019.

Entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis after they open for all players on April 30, 2019.*

*Exception: The Carolinas Division will be limited to 21 players and the Championship Division will be limited to 75 players until entries close for all divisions on June 11, 2019. If the field is not at full capacity after entries close on June 11, players on the waitlist will gain entry to the tournament based on waitlist priority.

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 Women's Amateur Championship.

REFUND POLICY

Entry fee refund policy schedule:

Open Date to Day Prior to Championship or Qualifying Date: Full refund minus \$30 administrative fee regardless of reason if entry accepted into championship. Withdraw on Championship or Qualifying 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 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.

FORMAT

The championship is conducted at 54 holes of stroke play (no cut). All players, regardless of Handicap Index, have the option to play in the *Championship Division* (approx. 6200 yds) or the *Carolinas Division* (approx. 5200 yds). The Overall Champion will be determined from contestants playing in the Championship Division. The field in the Championship Division is divided into flights based on 36-hole scores. The field in the Carolinas division will be preflighted based on Handicap Index. A tie for Overall Champion is determined by an on-course playoff. Low senior and low super senior awards will be split. All other ties for trophies and merchandise will be broken by scorecard playoff.

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.

PRIZES

Prizes are awarded to the Overall Champion, low senior in the Championship and Carolinas Divisions (ages 50-64) and low super senior in the Carolinas Division (ages 65 and over). Merchandise is awarded to gross winners in each flight in the Championship Division and gross and net winners in each flight in the Carolinas Division.

VIRGINIAS-CAROLINAS WOMEN'S TEAM EXEMPTION

The champion will automatically qualify for the 2019 Carolinas Team that will compete in the Virginias-Carolinas Women's Team Matches at The Resort at Glade Springs in Daniels, WV.

EXEMPTIONS

Players in the following categories are exempt if otherwise eligible.

- Overall champion of the Carolinas Women's Amateur Championship since 2009.
- Players who qualified for the championship flight at the 2018 Carolinas Women's Amateur Championship.
- 3. 2018 Carolinas Senior Women's Amateur Champion.
- 4. Champions of the Carolinas Women's Match Play since 2014.
- 5. Champions of the NCWGA Women's Amateur since 2014.
- 6. Champions of the WSCGA Women's Amateur Stroke Play since 2014.
- 7. Playing members of the 2018 Carolinas Team.
- Players ranked in the top 25 of the Carolinas Women's Amateur Rankings as of April 1, 2019.
- 9. USGA individual champions since 2014.
- 10. 2018 USGA Championship qualifiers.
- 11. One exemption for championship host club.

CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Tuesday, June 18

Tee times available for practice round Registration at host club

Wednesday, June 19

First round. 18 holes of stroke play (tee times) Lunch immediately following play at host club

Thursday, June 20

Second round. 18 holes of stroke play (tee times)
Lunch immediately following play at host club
Championship Division: Field divided into flights for final round

Friday, June 21

Final Round. 18 holes of stroke play (shotgun) Awards luncheon immediately following play at host club