

43rd Carolinas Women's Four-Ball Championship

Conducted by the Carolinas Golf Association

Catawba Country Club, Newton, NC

June 30-July 1, 2020



ELIGIBILITY

Entry is open to any female amateur golfer who has reached her 13th birthday by July 1, 2020 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 [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: 52 teams

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: \$250

Exempt Players: Entries open on April 28, 2020 and close on June 23, 2020. Exempt players should register by May 11 to ensure acceptance.

Non-exempt Players: Entries open on May 12, 2020 and close on June 23, 2020.

Entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis after they open for all players on May 12, 2020.

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 Four-Ball Championship.**

REFUND POLICY (NEW)

Entry fee refund policy schedule:

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

Withdraw Day Prior or on Championship First Round Date: No refund for any reason.

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

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 36 holes of four-ball stroke play. All players have the option to play in the *Championship Division* (approximately 6100 yards) or the *Senior Division* (approximately 5200 yards). The Senior Division will be comprised of teams in which both players have reached their 50th birthday by June 30, 2020.

This competition will include gross scores only. Only teams in the Championship Division will be eligible for overall champion and only teams in the Senior Division will be eligible for senior champion. Teams will be pre-flighted within their division based on low player Handicap Index of the partners.

A tie for Overall Champion and Senior Champion is determined by an on-course playoff. All other ties will be broken by scorecard playoff.

PRIZES

The overall champion team and the senior champion team receive merchandise and trophies. Prizes are awarded to low team finishes in each flight.

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.

VIRGINIAS-CAROLINAS WOMEN'S TEAM EXEMPTIONS

The overall champion team will automatically qualify for the 2021 Carolinas Team that will compete in the Virginias-Carolinas Women's Team Matches in 2021 (site and date TBD).

EXEMPTIONS

Players in the following categories are exempt if otherwise eligible.

1. Champions of the Carolinas Women's Four-Ball Championship since 2010.
2. Champions of the Carolinas Women's Four-Ball Senior Division since 2016 (must compete in Senior Division).
3. Players ranked in the Top 25 of the CGA Carolinas Women's Amateur Rankings as of April 1, 2020.
4. Players ranked in the Top 10 of the CGA Carolinas Senior Women's Amateur Rankings as of April 1, 2020 (must compete in Senior Division).
5. Teams who finished in fifth or better in the 2019 Carolinas Women's Four-Ball Championship (Championship Division only).
6. Playing members of the 2019 Carolinas Team.
7. 2019 USGA Championship qualifiers.
8. One exemption for championship host club.

*Exempt team members must compete on the same team or with another exempt player.

CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Monday, June 29

Tee times available for practice rounds.

Tuesday, June 30

First round. 18 holes of four-ball stroke play.

Wednesday, July 1

Final round. 18 holes of four-ball stroke play.

Awards luncheon immediately following play.