

23rd Carolinas Women's Match Play Championship

Conducted by the Carolinas Golf Association

Gaston Country Club, Gastonia, NC

July 28-30, 2020



ELIGIBILITY

Entry is open to any female amateur golfer who has reached her 13th birthday by July 28, 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: 96 players

ENTRY WINDOW AND ONLINE REGISTRATION

All players, including those exempt, must register online at www.carolinascgolf.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: \$150

Exempt Players: Entries open on May 26, 2020 and close on July 21, 2020. Exempt players should register by June 8 to ensure acceptance.

Non-exempt Players: Entries open on June 9, 2020 and close on July 21, 2020. Entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis after they open for all players on June 9, 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 Match Play 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.

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

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

Format is 18 holes of stroke play qualifying to determine flights and seeding for match play. The championship flight will be comprised of the top 32 qualifiers and will compete for the overall championship title. Players will be seeded based on qualifying score. All ties for seeds 1-31 will be broken by blind draw. Ties for the last spot in the championship flight will be broken by an on-course playoff. Players who do not qualify for the championship flight are flighted according to number of entries and seeded based on qualifying score. When a player loses a match, she is eliminated from the competition. There are no consolation matches.

Note: There is only ONE division in this championship and all players will play from the same tees.

PRIZES

Prizes are awarded to the champion, finalist and stroke play qualifying medalist. Ties for stroke play qualifying medalist will receive co-medalist honors. Merchandise is awarded to all flight winners and finalists, and semifinalists in the championship flight.

VIRGINIAS-CAROLINAS WOMEN'S TEAM EXEMPTIONS

The champion 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. Overall champion of the Carolinas Women's Match Play Championship since 2010.
2. Players who qualified for the championship flight at the 2019 Carolinas Women's Match Play Championship.
3. 2019 Carolinas Senior Women's Amateur Champion.
4. Champions of the Carolinas Women's Amateur since 2015.
5. Champions of the NCWGA Women's Amateur since 2015.
6. Champions of the WSCGA Women's Amateur Match Play since 2015.
7. Playing members of the 2019 Carolinas Team.
8. Players ranked in the top 25 of the Carolinas Women's Amateur Rankings as of May 1, 2020.
9. USGA individual champions since 2015.
10. 2019 USGA Championship qualifiers.
11. One exemption for championship host club.

CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Monday, July 27

Tee times available for practice rounds.

Tuesday, July 28

First round. 18 holes of stroke play qualifying.

Lunch provided for all players.

Championship Flight: Round of 32 Matches (PM shotgun)

Wednesday, July 29

Championship Flight: Round of 16 and quarterfinal matches

All other flights: First round matches and semifinal matches

Thursday, July 30

Championship flight: Semifinal and Final matches

All other flights: Final matches