



61st North Carolina Amateur Championship

Conducted by the Carolinas Golf Association

Lonnie Poole Golf Course, Raleigh, NC

June 17-20, 2021

ELIGIBILITY AND FIELD SIZE

Entry is open to any male amateur golfer who has reached his 13th birthday by June 17, 2021, 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)

Carolinian Keith Hills Qualifying Entry Fee: \$60*

Concurrent Qualifying with Carolinas Amateur: \$145.00 (includes all fees for both qualifiers)

Championship Entry Fee (For Exempt and Successful Qualifiers): \$215.00 (includes all championship site cart/range fees)

ENTRY WINDOW AND ONLINE REGISTRATION

Entry Window: Open April 5 at 8:00pm | Close May 20 at 11:59pm (Carolinian Qualifier closes May 13 at 11:59pm)

All players, including those exempt, must register online at www.carolinassocgolf.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.carolinassocgolf.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 Two Days Prior to Championship First Round or Qualifying 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 or Qualifying Date: No refund for any reason.

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

*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 \$215.00 championship entry fee balance due to their credit card. Player withdraws from the championship proper two days prior to the first round. Player receives a refund of \$185.00 (\$215.00 championship entry fee balance-\$30.00 admin fee). Any withdrawals day prior or on first round date do not receive a refund.

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: Refer to Player Information for specific qualifier or championship site for caddie information.

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. Refer to Player Information for specific qualifier or championship site for spectator information.

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 2011.
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3. Champions of the North Carolina Mid-Amateur since 2016.
4. Champions of the Carolinas Mid-Amateur since 2016.
5. Champions of the North Carolina Amateur Match Play since 2011.
6. 2020 Dogwood State Junior champion.
7. 2020 Carolinas Senior Amateur champion.
8. 2020 North Carolina Senior Amateur champion.
9. 2020 North Carolina Junior champion.
10. 2020 Carolinas Junior Boys champion.
11. 2020 Carolinas Four-Ball champions.
12. 2020 Carolinas Senior Four-Ball champions.
13. Players who finished 30th or better at the 2020 North Carolina Amateur.
14. 2020 Carolinas Men's Player of the Year.
15. 2020 Carolinas Senior Men's Player of the Year.
16. 2020 Carolinas Junior Boys Player of the Year.
17. Players ranked in the Top 50 of the CGA Carolinas Men's Amateur Rankings as April 1.
18. USGA individual or four-ball champions since 2016.
19. Players who competed in a 2020 USGA Championship or qualified for cancelled 2020 US Four-Ball.
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.

CONCURRENT QUALIFYING WITH CAROLINAS AMATEUR

Players who choose to qualify for two championships concurrently **must** sign up for both qualifiers; your single score will count for both qualifiers. You may also choose to only enter one qualifier.

SECTIONAL QUALIFYING SCHEDULE

May 21 - Keith Hills (During First Round of Carolinian) ^

May 26 - Cramer Mountain, Cramerton, NC *

May 27 - Brier Creek CC, Raleigh, NC*

June 2 - Forest Oaks CC, Greensboro, NC*

June 7 - Cabarrus CC, Concord, NC*

June 7 - Compass Pointe, Leland, NC*

June 8 - Rock Barn, Hickory, NC*

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

*Concurrent Qualifier with Carolinas Amateur

CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesday, June 16 - Tee times available for practice.

Thursday, June 17 - First round. 18 holes of stroke play.

Friday, June 18 - Second round. 18 holes of stroke play. Field cut to low 60 scores and ties.

Saturday, June 19 - Third round. 18 holes of stroke play.

Sunday, June 20 - Final round. 18 holes of stroke play.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Championship Site: Lonnie Poole Golf Course: (919) 515-6527

WITHDRAW

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

https://www.carolinassocgolf.org/tournament_withdraw

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