



109th Carolinas Amateur Championship

Conducted by the Carolinas Golf Association
Pine Needles, Southern Pines, NC
July 12-15, 2023



ELIGIBILITY AND FIELD SIZE

Entry is open to any male amateur golfer who has reached his 13th birthday by July 12, 2023, 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 that does not exceed **9.9**. 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](#).

Championship Field Size: 140 (approximately).

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

Sectional Qualifying Entry Fee: \$100 (includes sectional qualifying cart/range fees)

Concurrent Qualifying with North & South Carolina Amateur Match Play: \$165 (includes all fees for both qualifiers)

Championship Entry Fee (For Exempt and Successful Qualifiers): \$250

ENTRY WINDOW AND ONLINE REGISTRATION

Entry Window: Open April 17 at 8:00pm | Close May 29 at 11:59pm

All players, including those exempt, must register online at www.carolinagolf.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.carolinagolf.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 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 \$100 entry fee to qualify. Player is successful in qualifying (\$100 entry fee has been used) and is automatically charged the \$250 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 \$220 (\$250 championship entry fee balance-\$30 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.

CAPERS CUP TEAM COMPETITION

The Capers Cup competition is held during rounds one and two of the championship proper. Three or four bona fide members from the same club comprise a team. The low three scores count each round. The CGA will contact clubs with more than four eligible players to select their team roster. Otherwise, the CGA will select players with the four lowest USGA Handicap Indexes. Team rosters are due to the CGA by July 7 at 12:00pm.

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 *Richard S. Tufts Trophy*. Capers Cup Team Competition winners also receive trophies.

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 2013.
2. Champions of the North Carolina Amateur since 2018.
3. Champions of the CGA South Carolina Amateur Match Play since 2018.
4. Champions of the Carolinas Mid-Amateur since 2018.
5. Champions of the North Carolina Mid-Amateur since 2018.
6. Players who finished in the top 30 at the 2022 Carolinas Amateur.
7. Champions of the SCGA South Carolina Amateur since 2018.
8. Champions of the SCGA South Carolina Mid-Amateur since 2018.
9. Champions of the North Carolina Amateur Match Play since 2018.
10. 2022 Carolinas Senior Amateur champion.
11. 2022 Carolinas Junior Boys Champion.
12. 2023 Carolinian Amateur Champion.
13. 2023 Carolinas Four-Ball champions.
14. 2022 Carolinas Men's Player of the Year.
15. 2022 Carolinas Senior Men's Player of the Year.
16. 2022 Carolinas Junior Boys Player of the Year.
17. USGA individual and four-ball champions since 2017.
18. Players who competed in a 2022 USGA Championship Proper.
19. Most recent Walker Cup Team members.
20. Two exemptions for championship host club.
21. Players ranked in Top 50 of CGA Men's Amateur Rankings as of April 15.
22. 2022 Captain's Putter Regular Team Members.
23. 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 when pairings are created. 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. No Qualifying Sites may be changed after the WD refund policy ends.**

If a qualifying site is full at the time of registration, a player may opt to be placed on that site's wait list or register at another qualifying site. **A player may only register for one qualifying site and attempt to qualify once.** Wait list 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 NORTH CAROLINA AMATEUR MATCH PLAY

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

June 1 - Willow Creek GC, Greer, SC ^

June 6 - Catawba CC - Newton, NC*

June 8 - Spring Valley CC, Columbia, SC ^

June 9 - Mill Creek, Mebane, NC*

June 19 - Carolina Colours GC, New Bern, NC*

June 19 - Pine Island CC, Charlotte, NC*

June 19 - Club at Pine Forest, Summerville, SC#

June 20 - Hasentree Club, Wake Forest, NC*

June 27 - Stoney Creek, Burlington, NC*

^ Concurrent Qualifier with South Carolina Amateur Match Play

*Concurrent Qualifier with North Carolina Amateur Match Play Championship

#Concurrent Qualifier with Carolinas Junior Boys Championship

CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Tuesday, July 11 – Practice Rounds

Wednesday, July 12 – First round. 18 holes of stroke play.

Thursday, July 13 – Second round. 18 holes of stroke play. Field cut to low 60 scores and ties.

Friday, July 14 – Third round. 18 holes of stroke play.

Saturday, July 15 – Final round. 18 holes of stroke play.

CONTACT INFORMATION

CGA: 910-673-1000 or e-mail: tournaments@carolinagolf.org

Championship Site: Pine Needles

WITHDRAW

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

https://www.carolinagolf.org/tournament_withdraw