



9TH CAROLINIAN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Conducted by the Carolinas Golf Association
Keith Hills Golf Club, Buies Creek, NC
May 17-19, 2024



ELIGIBILITY AND FIELD SIZE

Entry is open to any male amateur golfer who has reached his 16th birthday by May 17, 2024, 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. **There is no residency requirement for this tournament.**

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 eligibility requirements, refer to the [CGA Tournament Manual](#).

Championship Field Size: 144 players

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

Championship Entry Fee: \$240 (includes all championship site fees including tournament cart fees and lunch one day)

ENTRY WINDOW AND ONLINE REGISTRATION

Exempt Early Entry Window*: Open March 11 at 8:00p m | Close March 24 at 11:59 pm

Non-Exempt/Open Entry Window: Open March 25 at 8:00 pm | Close May 6 at 11:59 pm

All players, 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.

Entries are accepted into the championship proper at time of entry **on a first come, first serve basis.**

***Exempt players must register between 8:00 pm on March 11 and 11:59 pm on March 24 to ensure acceptance. Exempt players that sign up after 8:00 pm on March 25 and non-exempt players gain entry into the tournament on a first come first serve basis.**

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 Carolinian Amateur Championship.**

REFUND POLICY (NEW)

Entry fee refund policy schedule:

Any withdrawal within three (3) days before the first day of the championship proper will not receive a refund. All other withdrawals are subject to a \$30 admin fee.

The deadline for the Carolinian Amateur Championship to withdraw with a refund (less admin fee) is 11:59pm on **Tuesday, May 14.**

Withdraw within 3 days before or on the Championship First Round: No refund for any reason.

Wait List/Alternates: No entry fee is charged if the player/team does not gain entry into the championship.

CART/RANGE FEES; GOLF CARTS; CADDIES; SPECTATORS

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 fee payment is mandatory for practice rounds.

Caddies: Caddies are prohibited at CGA Championships.

Caddie/Spectator Cart Policy: 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.

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 stipulated 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.



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CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT & PRIZES

The championship format is 54 holes of stroke play, GROSS scores only. After 36 holes, the field is cut to the low 66 scorers and ties. A tie for the overall championship will be decided by sudden-death on-course playoff.

Merchandise prizes are awarded to the top 30 finishers at the championship. Champion receives a trophy and merchandise. All merchandise must be redeemed at Keith Hills Golf Club.

YARDAGES

All play will be from approximately 6,717 yards, par 36-36--72.

EARLY SIGN UP EXEMPTIONS

Players in the following categories are able to sign up early for the championship if otherwise eligible. A complete list of exempt early sign up players is available on the championship website.

1. Champions of the Carolinian Amateur Championship since 2016.
2. Champions of the Carolinas Amateur Championship since 2014.
3. Champions of the North Carolina Amateur Championship since 2014.
4. Champions of the SCGA South Carolina Amateur Championship since 2014.
5. Players who finished 30th or better at the 2023 Carolinian Amateur Championship.
6. Players who finished 10th or better at the 2023 Carolinas Junior Amateur Championship.
7. 2023 NC Junior Champion (match play) and semifinalists.
8. 2023 SC Junior Champion (match play) and semifinalists.
9. 2023 Dogwood Junior Champions (stroke play) and top 5 finishers.
10. 2023 SCGA SC Junior Champions (stroke play) and top 5 finishers.
11. Players who finished 10th or better at the 2023 NC Amateur Championship.
12. Players who finished 10th or better at the 2023 SCGA SC Amateur Championship.
13. 2023 NC Amateur Match Play Champion and semifinalists.
14. 2023 SC Amateur Match Play Champion and semifinalists.
15. Players ranked in the top 50 of the Carolinas Men's Amateur Rankings as of March 1.
16. Two exemptions for the championship host club.

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CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 16 – Tee times available for practice

Friday, May 17 – Round one starting times; 18 holes of individual stroke play

Saturday, May 18 – Round two starting time; 18 holes of individual stroke play -- Cut to low 66 scores and ties

Sunday, May 19 – Final Round starting times, 18 holes of individual stroke play -- Awards ceremony immediately following play

WITHDRAW

Players who wish to withdraw may do so via the following link: https://www.carolinasgolf.org/tournament_withdraw

CONTACT INFORMATION

CGA: 910-673-1000 OR e-mail: tournaments@carolinasgolf.org

Keith Hills Golf Shop: 910-893-1371