

29TH NORTH CAROLINA FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

LONNIE POOLE

Conducted by the Carolinas Golf Association Lonnie Poole Golf Course, Raleigh, NC

October 3-5, 2024

ELIGIBILITY AND FIELD SIZE

Entry is open to any male amateur golfer who has reached his 13th birthday by October 3, 2024, 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 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 <u>CGA Tournament Manual</u>. Championship field size = 80 teams.

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

Championship Entry Fee: \$450 (includes cart/range fees and lunch)

ENTRIES AND ONLINE REGISTRATION

Exempt Early Entry Window*: Open July 29 at 8:00pm | Close August 11 at 7:59pm

Non-Exempt/Open Entry Window: Open August 12 at 8:00pm | Close September 23 at 11:59pm

All players, including those exempt, must register online at www.carolinasgolf.org. Mail-in applications are no longer 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 on a first-come, first-serve basis.

*Exempt players must register between 8:00pm on July 29 and 7:59pm on August 11 to ensure acceptance. Exempt players that sign up after 8:00pm on August 12 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 and tournament information is sent to players when their status has been determined. Status may be checked at www.carolinasgolf.org. Teams who "Did Not Show" (DNS) or "No Card" (NC) are suspended from next year's North Carolina Four-Ball 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. Refer to the table below for the deadline to withdraw with a refund less the admin fee.

The deadline for the North Carolina Four-Ball Championship to withdraw with a refund (less admin fee) is 11:59pm on Sunday, September 29.

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.

COURSE FEES; GOLF CARTS; CADDIES; SPECTATORS

Practice Rounds: Cart rental is mandatory for practice rounds. Competitors pay host club directly for practice round fees.

Championship Rounds: Championship round cart & range fees are included in the entry fee. Competitors have the option to walk or use a golf cart during championship rounds.

Caddies: Caddies are NOT allowed.

Spectator Cart Policy: 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.

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.

CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

The championship format is 54 holes of four-ball stroke play. Gross scores only. After 36 holes, the field is cut to the low 30 scores and ties. A tie for the overall championship is decided by an on-course playoff.



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PRIZES

Merchandise prizes are awarded to the top 20 teams and ties at the championship. Champions receive trophies and merchandise from host club.

EXEMPTIONS*

Players in the following categories are exempt into the championship if otherwise eligible and able to signup early to guarantee a spot in the field. A complete list of exempt players is available on the championship website.

- 1. Champions of the North Carolina Four-Ball Championship since 2014.
- 2. Teams that finished 20th or better at the 2023 North Carolina Four-Ball Championship.
- 3. Champions of the Carolinas Four-Ball Championship since 2014.
- 4. Teams that made match play at the 2024 Carolinas Four-Ball Championship.
- 5. One exemption for the championship host club.

Exempt team members must compete on the same team or with another exempt player to sign up early.

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CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesday, October 2

Tee times available for practice.

Thursday, October 3

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

Friday, October 4

Second round. 18 holes of four-ball stroke play. Field cut to low 30 scores and ties for final round.

Saturday, October 5

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

CGA: 910-673-1000 or e-mail: Tournaments@carolinasgolf.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.carolinasgolf.org/cga refund policy