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## ~ NEW FORMAT in 2024!~

## The new format follows PGA Tour's WGC Match Play Championship Format!

## The top 32 Players that are exempt and qualify for the Match Play Championship are guaranteed three rounds of Match Play.

The format gives this championship an exciting take on golf's original match play format. Players may attempt to qualify at any qualifier. New for 2024, all players advancing to the championship proper will play three matches in group play on Wednesday and Thursday. The 8 group winners advance to the Round of 8 on Thursday \& Friday, with single elimination match play until the Champion is crowned!

GROUP PLAY (3 Round Robin Matches) FORMAT \& SCORING
All players in the group will play a match versus each other player in their group in rounds one through three of the Championship on Wednesday-Thursday.

- The winner of each match will receive one (1) point
- Tied matches result in each player receiving a (0.5) half point

The player with the most points in their group after three rounds will advance to the round of 16 (Bracket Play) rom the group

- In the event of a tie in the group after three rounds, the tied players will have a sudden death stroke play playoff to see who will advance

Withdrawal during Group Play
Due to the nature of this match play event, and to ensure that all players have a match to compete in and in fairness o the field in group play, a player who withdraws during the group play rounds will be suspended for 3 months or their next CGA Championship they are signed up for, whichever comes first. It is unfair to your fellow players who spend their own time and money to travel to the Championship, and are subsequently left to sit in their hotel room because another player has chosen to withdraw out of frustration or previous round loss. When entering the Championship, please take this into consideration. If you believe you cannot fulfill the tournament schedule, please leave the spot open for another player.

## Alternates

If a withdrawal from the fields occurs once the seeds are set, the alternate added will assume the seed of the player they are replacing.

## GROUP PLAY SEED ORDER

When the field is set after the on-site qualifier, the field will be seeded 1-64 based on following the Carolinas Junior Rankings.

GROUP PLAY SEEDING POSITION
The championship will consist of 16 groups of 4 players per group. Groups will be seeded up and down based on the following chart:

| GROUP PLAY SEEDING |  |  |  |  |
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| Group \# | Position 1 | Position 2 | Position 3 | Position 4 |
| Group 1 | 1 | 16 | 17 | 32 |
| Group 2 | 2 | 15 | 18 | 31 |
| Group 3 | 3 | 14 | 19 | 30 |
| Group 4 | 4 | 13 | 20 | 29 |
| Group 5 | 5 | 12 | 21 | 28 |
| Group 6 | 6 | 11 | 22 | 27 |
| Group 7 | 7 | 10 | 23 | 26 |
| Group 8 | 8 | 9 | 24 | 25 |

BRACKET PLAY - CHAMPIONSIP BRACKET
The 16 group winners will be seeded into a traditional 16 player bracket based on the group \# they won, not based on their original seeds, example below.
3 rounds of Match play over Thursday and Friday to crown the champion.


