



56th Senior Amateur Championship of the Carolinas Golf Association

September 19-21, 2017

Grandfather Golf & Country Club, Linville, NC

Entries Open: July 9 (8:00pm)

Entries Close: August 15 (11:59pm)



ELIGIBILITY

Entry is open to any male amateur golfer who has reached his 55th birthday by September 19, 2017, and is either:

a. "Legal Resident" of North Carolina or South Carolina, 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® that does not exceed 10.4 at a CGA member club, **or**

b. "Non-Resident" who is a member of a Type I (Green Grass) CGA member club, has an active GHIN® USGA Handicap Index® that does not exceed 10.4 issued by a Type I (Green Grass) CGA member club, and owns a residence in North Carolina or South Carolina. Note: Non-residents must use their Carolinas residence address when registering for this championship.

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 or cell phone use during a stipulated round. 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: 132 players (approximately)

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

Sectional Qualifying Entry Fee: \$115.00 (includes sectional qualifying cart/range fees)

Successful Qualifier Championship Entry Fee: \$75.00 (Fee is charged automatically to the player's credit card used for sectional qualifying registration who successfully qualifies and includes all championship site cart/range fees)

Exempt Player Entry Fee: \$165.00 (includes all championship site cart/range fees)

ENTRIES AND ONLINE REGISTRATION

All players, including those exempt, must register online at www.carolinagolf.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.

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 by each player at time of registration. **Players who "Did Not Show" (DNS) or "No Card" (NC) are suspended from next year's Carolinas Senior Amateur Championship.**

REFUND POLICY

Entry fee refund policy schedule:

Open Date to Day Prior to Championship or Qualifying Date: Full refund minus \$30.00 administrative fee regardless of reason if entry accepted into championship or sectional qualifier.

Withdraw on Championship or Qualifying Date; No-Shows: No refund for any reason.

Alternates: Full refund if player does not gain entry into a qualifying site.

*Note: Refund policy and schedule applies to each entry fee stage. Example: Player pays \$115.00 entry fee to qualify. Player is successful in qualifying (\$115.00 entry fee has been used) and is automatically charged the \$75.00 championship entry fee balance due to their credit card. Player withdraws from the championship proper on the day prior to the first round. Player receives a refund of \$45.00 (\$75.00 championship entry fee balance-\$30.00 admin fee).

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.

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: Caddies are allowed for sectional qualifying and championship rounds. Caddies will not be available at host club.

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. Club owned spectator carts are not allowed except as provided in the CGA Tournament Manual.

PRIZES

Merchandise prizes are awarded to the top 30 finishers at the championship proper and to the medalist at each qualifying site. Champion receives a trophy, merchandise from host club and possession of the permanent trophy for the ensuing year.

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 page 2.

1. Champions of the Carolinas Senior Amateur since 2007.
2. Champions of the North Carolina Senior Amateur since 2012.
3. Champions of the SCGA South Carolina Senior Amateur since 2012.
4. Champions of the Carolinas Amateur since 2007.
5. Players who finished 30th or better at the 2016 Carolinas Senior Amateur.
6. Individual champions of CGA and SCGA championships since 2012.
7. Players who finished top 10 at the 2017 North Carolina Senior Amateur.
8. Players who finished top 10 at the 2017 SCGA South Carolina Senior Amateur.
9. 2016 Carolinas Men's Player of the Year.
10. 2016 Carolinas Senior Men's Player of the Year.
11. 2017 Carolinas Four-Ball champions.
12. 2017 Carolinas Senior Four-Ball champions.
13. Players ranked in the Top 40 of the CGA Carolinas Senior Men's Amateur Rankings as of entry opening date.
14. Past CGA individual champions are exempt in all CGA senior individual events for a period of one year from the date of their 55th birthday.
15. USGA individual champions since 2012.
16. 2016 USGA Championship qualifiers.
17. Two exemptions for championship host club.
18. 2016 Captain's Putter Carolinas Regular or Senior Team members, 2017 Tar Heel Cup Team members, 2017 Palmetto Cup Regular or Senior Team members.
19. Special exemption bestowed by the CGA.

SECTIONAL QUALIFYING AND ALTERNATES

Sectional qualifying is 18 holes of stroke play. The number of qualifiers' places 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. Assignment is based on the date/time the CGA receives and processes each entry form. Qualifying site assignments cannot be changed after entries close.

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.

QUALIFYING SCHEDULE

August 23

Cobblestone Park and Golf Club, Blythewood, SC

August 25

Woodfin Ridge Golf Club, Inman, SC

August 31

Carolina Trace Country Club (Lake), Sanford, NC

September 6

Mill Creek Golf Club, Mebane, NC

September 11

Cabarrus Country Club, Concord, NC

CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Monday, September 18

Tee times available for practice.

Tuesday, September 19

First round. 18 holes of stroke play.

Wednesday, September 20

Second round. 18 holes of stroke play.

Field cut to low 60 scores and ties for final round.

Thursday, September 21

Final round. 18 holes of stroke play.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Championship Site:

Grandfather Golf and Country Club: 828-898-4388

Qualifying Sites:

Cobblestone Park and Golf Club: 803-714-2620

Woodfin Ridge Golf Club: 864-578-0023

Carolina Trace Country Club: 919-499-5611

Mill Creek Golf Club: 919-563-4653

Cabarrus Country Club: 704-786-3104



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Exempt Players

1. Champions of the Carolinas Senior Amateur since 2007

Rick Cloninger, John Dennis III, Preston Edmondson, Jim Grainger, Russ Perry, Paul Simson, Pat Thompson, and John Walters

2. Champions of the North Carolina Senior Amateur since 2012

Jim Pearson, Russ Perry, and Paul Simson

3. Champions of the SCGA South Carolina Senior Amateur since 2012

Rick Cloninger, Andy Congdon, and Todd Hendley

4. Champions of the Carolinas Amateur since 2007

5. Players who finished 30th or better at the 2016 Carolinas Senior Amateur

Mike Arnold, Phil Bland, Trip Boinest, Joe Davis, David Eaker, Bob Edens, Preston Edmondson, John Fritz, Matt Grandy, Mike Gravley, Eddie Hargett, Gerald Harrington, Dennis Helms, Roy Hunter, Gary Hull, Dr. Evan Long, Macon Moye, Ernie Newton, Doug Owens, Charlie Parks, Jim Pearson, Russ Perry, Gary Pugh, Harrison Rutter, Gary Robinson, Paul Simson, Dick Stimart, Pat Thompson, and Walter Todd Sr.

6. Individual champions of CGA and SCGA championships since 2012

Larry Boswell, Ron Carpenter, Rick Cloninger, Andy Congdon, Raymond Davis, Robert Desjardins, Preston Edmondson, Joe Hackler, Todd Hendley, Carey Hite, Jim Grainger, Rick Luzar, Arlis Pike, Bob Stringer, John Walters, and Mike Weiner

7. Players who finished top 10 at the 2017 North Carolina Senior Amateur

Jeff Brischke, Andy Burnette, Jim Grainger, Nolan Mills III, Macon Moye, Doug Owens, James Pearson, Gary Robinson, Stephen Sharpe, Paul Simson, and Keith Waters

8. Players who finished top 10 at the 2017 SCGA South Carolina Senior Amateur

Geno Berchiatti, Duke Delcher, Bob Edens, Eddie Hargett, Todd Hendley, Kevin King, Sean McAvoy, Walter Odiorne, Ken Taylor, and Walter Todd

9. 2016 Carolinas Men's Player of the Year

10. 2016 Carolinas Senior Men's Player of the Year

Paul Simson

11. 2017 Carolinas Four-Ball champions

12. 2017 Carolinas Senior Four-Ball champions

Jim Grainger and Jim Pearson

13. Players ranked in the Top 40 of the CGA Carolinas Senior Men's Amateur Rankings as of entry opening date

Bubba Aughtry, Geno Berchiatti, Phil Bland, Dean Channell, Duke Delcher, Robert Edens, Preston Edmondson, Johnny Elam, Frank Ford III, John Fritz, Jim Gallagher, Jim Grainger, Matt Grandy, Mike Gravley, Eddie Hargett, Todd Hendley, Roy Hunter, Logan Jackson, Bill Long, John Long, Kim Mansfield, Sean McAvoy, Nolan Mills III, Macon Moye, Ernie Newton, Doug Owens, Charlie Parks, Dr. James Pearson, Russ Perry, Gary Robinson, Harrison Rutter, Stephen Sharpe, Paul Simson, Pat Thompson, Walter Todd Sr., Keith Waters, and Steve Wilson

14. Past CGA individual champions are exempt in all CGA senior individual events for a period of one year from the date of their 55th birthday

15. USGA individual champions since 2012

Paul Simson

16. 2016 USGA Championship qualifiers

Geno Berchiatti, Frank Ford, Jim Gallagher, Todd Hendley, Logan Jackson, Nolan Mills, Jim Pearson and Steve Sharpe

17. Two exemptions for championship host club

TBD

18. 2016 Captain's Putter Carolinas Regular or Senior Team members, 2017 Tar Heel Cup Team members, 2017 Palmetto Cup Regular or Senior Team members

Preston Edmondson, Jim Grainger, Eddie Hargett, Roy Hunter, Steve Liebler, Jim Pearson, Gary Robinson, Paul Simson, Lionel Sutton, Pat Thompson, and Walter Todd Sr.

19. Special exemption bestowed by the CGA