

40th Women's Four-Ball Championship of the Carolinas Golf Association

May 23-24, 2017

Pine Needles Lodge & Golf Club, Southern Pines, NC

Exempt Entries Open: Mar 19 (8:00pm) All Entries Open: Apr 2 (8:00pm) Entries Close: May 16 (11:59pm)
Entry Fee: \$250

ELIGIBILITY

Entry is open to any female amateur golfer who has reached her 13th birthday by May 23, 2017, is a legal resident of 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. 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. 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: 56 teams.

ENTRIES

All players, including those exempt, must register online at www.carolinasgolf.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 on a first-come, first-served basis, with the following exception: 24 spots will be reserved until May 9, 2017 for teams competing in the Championship Division and they will be accepted in order of entry. After May 9, any remaining spots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis, regardless of division.

Exempt players must register between 8:00pm on March 19 and 7:59pm on April 2 to ensure acceptance. Exempt players that sign up after 8:00pm on April 2 and non-exempt players gain entry into the tournament on a first-come, first-served 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.carolinasgolf.org. The appropriate entry fee must be paid at time of registration. Teams who Did Not Show (DNS) or No Card (NC) are suspended from next year's Carolinas Women's Four-Ball Championship.

REFUND POLICY

Entry fee refund policy schedule:

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

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

Alternates: Full refund if team does not gain entry into the championship.

RULES

USGA Rules of Golf govern play. Questions will be decided by the onsite Rules Committee whose decision will be final. Notice to Players and local rules are 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. 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

Practice Rounds: Cart rental is mandatory for practice rounds.

Championship Rounds: Daily cart and range fees are included in the entry fee

Cart use is mandatory during championship rounds by either the player or her caddie. A player's equipment must be transported on her assigned cart

Caddies: Caddies are allowed for championship rounds. A player may provide her own caddie. Caddies will not be available at host club.

Caddie/Spectator Cart Policy: During the play of a hole, either the player or her 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.

FORMAT

The championship is conducted at 36 holes of four-ball stroke play. All players have the option to play the in *Championship Division* (approximately 6000 yards) or the *Senior Division* (approximately 5200 yards). The Senior Division will be comprised of teams in which both players have reached their 50th birthday by May 23, 2017.

This competition will include gross scores only. Only teams in the Championship Division will be eligible for overall champion and only teams in the Senior Division will be eligible for senior champion. Teams will be pre-flighted within their division based on combined team Handicap Index.

A tie for Overall Champion and Senior Champion is determined by an oncourse playoff. All other ties will be broken by scorecard playoff.

PRIZES

The Overall Champion team and the Senior Champion team receive merchandise and trophies. Prizes are awarded to the low scorers in each flight.

CAROLINAS-VIRGINIAS WOMEN'S TEAM EXEMPTIONS

The Overall Champion team and the Senior Champion team will automatically qualify for the 2017 Carolinas Team that will compete in the Carolinas-Virginias Women's Team Matches on July 17-19, 2017 at Spring Creek Golf Club in Gordonsville, VA.

EXEMPTIONS

Players in the following categories are exempt if otherwise eligible. A complete list of exempt players is available on page 2.

- Champions of the Carolinas Women's Four-Ball Championship since 2007.
- Champions of the Carolinas Women's Four-Ball Senior Division since 2016 (must compete in Senior Division).
- Players ranked in the Top 25 of the CGA Carolinas Women's Amateur Rankings as of entry opening date.
- Players ranked in the Top 10 of the CGA Carolinas Senior Women's Amateur Rankings as of entry opening date (must compete in Senior Division).
- 5. Teams who finished in fifth or better in the 2016 Carolinas Women's Four-Ball Championship (Championship Division only).
- 6. Playing members of the 2016 Carolinas Team.
- 7. 2016 USGA Championship qualifiers.
- 8. One exemption for championship host club.

*Exempt team members must compete on the same team or with another exempt player.

CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Monday, May 22

Tee times available for practice rounds.

Tuesday, May 23

First round. 18 holes of four-ball stroke play (tee times)

Wednesday, August 10

Final round. 18 holes of four-ball stroke play (shotgun) Awards luncheon immediately following completion of play.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Championship Site:

Pine Needles Lodge & Golf Club 1005 Midland Road Southern Pines, NC 28387 Phone: 910-692-7111



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Exempt Players

1. Champions of the Carolinas Women's Four-Ball Championship since 2007

Sarah Bertram, Peg Brady, Laura Crawford, Taylor Dodson, Maureen Dunnagan, Meredith Few, Hayley Hammond, Blair Lamb, Courtney McKim, Kathryn Miranda, Patty Moore, Stephanie Pribonic, Joanna Saleeby, Julie Saleeby, Lea Venable and Blythe Worley

2. Champions of the Carolinas Women's Four-Ball Senior Division since 2016 (must compete in Senior Division) Kim Briele and Patty Moore

3. Players ranked in the Top 25 of the CGA Carolinas Women's Amateur Rankings as of entry opening date

Sarah Bae, Sarah Bertram, Jennifer Chang, Bailey Cocca, Annie Collom, Carley Cox, Maddisen Cox, Katelyn Dambaugh, Taylor Dodson, Reona Hirai, Mary-Katelyn Holanek, Victoria Huskey, Gina Kim, Courtney McKim, Cecily Overbey, Anna Redding, Ashley Sloup, Jessica Spicer, Lauren Stephenson, Julie Streng, Ashley Thompson, Kayla Thompson, Lea Venable and Dawn Woodard

4. Players ranked in the Top 10 of the CGA Carolinas Senior Women's Amateur Rankings as of entry opening date (must compete in Senior Division)

Terrie Allemang, Susan Beaupied, Kim Briele, Pat Brogden, Lea Anne Brown, Leigh Coulter, Carol Dulude, Karen Ferree, Patty Moore and Angela Stewart

5. Teams who finished in fifth or better in the 2016 Carolinas Women's Four-Ball Championship (Championship Division only)

Sarah Bertram, Carly Cox, Maddisen Cox, Morgan Cox, Taylor Dodson, Mary Katherine Donovan, Rachel Jones, Morgan Laird and Lea Venable

6. Playing members of the 2016 Carolinas Team

Terrie Allemang, Susan Beaupied, Kim Briele, Pat Brogden, Lea Anne Brown, Leigh Coulter, Carley Cox, Hannah Craver, Mary Katherine Donovan, Karen Ferree, Cecilia Fournil, Courtney Gunter, Savannah Hallman, Abbey Hartsell, Mallory Hetzel, Mary-Katelyn Holanek, Katie Kirk, Patty Moore, Juliana Sebastian, Angela Stewart, Emily Stinson, Lea Venable, Anne Washington and Savanna Wood

7. 2016 USGA Championship qualifiers

Susan Beaupied, Lea Anne Brown, Kim Briele, Gracyn Burgess, Brenda Corrie Kuehn, Jenifer Chang, Emily Cox, Katelyn Dambaugh, Carol Delude, Colleen Estes, Caroline Ellington, Emily Hawkins, Alexis Kershaw, Gina Kim, Cecily Overbey, Holly McCann, Courtney McKim, Anna Redding, Amanda Sambach, Lauren Stephenson, Julie Streng, Sarah Spicer, Jessica Spicer, Muskan Uppal, Lea Venable, Dawn Woodard and Haeley Wotnosky

8. One exemption for championship host club

TBD