



# 20<sup>th</sup> Women's Amateur Match Play Championship of the Carolinas Golf Association

July 25-27, 2017

Rock Hill Country Club, Rock Hill, SC

Exempt Open: May 21 (8:00pm) All Entries Open: Jun 4 (8:00pm) Entries Close: Jul 18 (11:59pm)

Entry Fee: \$135



## ELIGIBILITY

Entry is open to any female amateur golfer who has reached her 13<sup>th</sup> birthday by July 25, 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 – 72 players.

## ENTRIES AND ALTERNATES

All players, including those exempt, must register online at [www.carolinasgolf.org](http://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.

Exempt players must register between 8:00pm on May 21 and 7:59pm on June 4 to ensure acceptance. Exempt players that sign up after 8:00pm on June 4 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](http://www.carolinasgolf.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 Carolinas Women's Amateur Match Play 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 on-site 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.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

CGA: 910-673-1000 or e-mail: [admin@carolinasgolf.org](mailto:admin@carolinasgolf.org)

## Championship Site:

Rock Hill Country Club  
600 Country Club Drive  
Rock Hill, SC 29730  
Phone: 803-328-1894

## FORMAT – CHANGES IN 2017

Format is 18 holes of stroke play qualifying to determine seeding and flights for match play in the *Championship Division* and seeding for match play in the *Carolinas Division*. Players have the option to compete in either the Championship Division (approximately 6000 yards) or Carolinas Division (approximately 5200 yards).

### Championship Division:

The Championship Division will play from the championship tees and compete using gross scores only. The championship flight will be comprised of the top 16 qualifiers and will compete for the overall champion title. Players will be seeded based on qualifying score. All ties for seeds 2-15 will be broken by blind draw. Ties for the last spot in the Championship Flight will be broken by an on-course playoff. Players who do not qualify for the Championship Flight are flighted according to number of entries and seeded based on qualifying score. Cecily Overbey, of High Point, NC, is the defending champion and is seeded number one for match play if otherwise eligible.

### Carolinas Division:

The Carolinas Division will play a shorter course and is not eligible for the overall championship. The Carolinas Division will be pre-flight based on Handicap Index and seeded within their flights based on qualifying score. Players will use gross scores only. The number of flights and flight sizes are determined based on the number of entries.

The CGA reserves the right to adjust any flights based on the number of entries received. All ties in seeding (outside of the last spot in the Championship Flight) will be broken by blind draw.

## PRIZES

Prizes and merchandise are awarded to the overall champion, overall runner-up and to the stroke play qualifying medalist in the Championship Division. Merchandise is awarded to all flight winners and runner-ups, and semifinalists in the Championship Flight.

## CAROLINAS-VIRGINIAS WOMEN'S TEAM EXEMPTION

The Overall Champion 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.

1. Overall champion of the Carolinas Women's Match Play Championship since 2007.
2. Players who qualified for the championship flight at the 2016 Carolinas Women's Match Play Championship.
3. 2016 Carolinas Senior Women's Amateur Champion.
4. Champions of the Carolinas Women's Amateur since 2012.
5. Champions of the NCWGA Women's Amateur since 2012.
6. Champions of the WSCGA Women's Amateur Match Play since 2012.
7. Playing members of the 2016 Carolinas Team.
8. Players ranked in the top 25 of the Carolinas Women's Amateur Rankings as of entry opening date.
9. USGA individual champions since 2012.
10. 2016 USGA Championship qualifiers.
11. One exemption for championship host club.

## CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

### Monday, July 24

Tee times available for practice rounds.

### Tuesday, July 25

First round. 18 holes of stroke play qualifying.

Lunch provided for all players.

### Wednesday, July 26

Championship Flight. First and quarterfinal round matches (18 holes).

All other flights: First round matches and semifinal round matches (18 holes).

### Thursday, July 27

Championship flight. Semifinal and Final matches (18 holes).

All other flights: Final matches (18 holes).



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Eleana Collins, Katie Rose Higgins, Patty Moore, Cecily Overbey, and Dawn Woodard
2. **Players who qualified for the championship flight at the 2016 Carolinas Women's Match Play Championship.**  
Sarah Bae, Sarah Bertram, Pendleton Bogache, Hailey Cleary, Annie Collom, Madison Corley, Carley Cox, Maddisen Cox, Anna Elizabeth Gore, Cecily Overbey, Emily Stinson, Kayla Thompson, Ashely Thompson, Ashlii Thompson, and Lea Venable
3. **2016 Carolinas Senior Women's Amateur Champion.**  
Kim Briele
4. **Champions of the Carolinas Women's Amateur since 2012**  
Katie Rose Higgins, Katie Kirk and Ashley Sloup
5. **Champions of the NCWGA Women's Amateur since 2012.**  
Hayley Hammond, Courtney McKim, Bryana Nguyen and Sarah Spicer
6. **Champions of the WSCGA Women's Amateur Match Play since 2012.**  
Dawn Woodard
7. **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
8. **Players ranked in the top 25 of the 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, Mark-Katelyn Holanek, Victoria Huskey, Gina Kim, Courtney McKim, Cecily Overbey, Anna Redding, Ashley Sloup, Jessica Spicer, Lauren Stephenson, Julie Streng, Ashely Thompson, Kayla Thompson, Lea Venable, and Dawn Woodard
9. **USGA individual champions since 2012.**
10. **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
11. **One exemption for championship host club.**  
TBD