



Carolin Golf Association

2018 Senior Four-Ball One-Day Tournament

Official Entry Information

Entry Fee: \$150.00 per team

Entry fee includes cart and range fees

Registration is available Online Only. Mail-in applications are **NOT accepted.**

Eligibility

Entry is open to any male amateur golfer who has reached his 55th birthday by the tournament date, is a member of a club which is a member of the Carolinas Golf Association, and has an active GHIN® USGA Handicap Index® at a CGA member club. A player with more than one handicap index must use the lowest current index. Entries are subject to rejection at any time including during the event, by the CGA or by the club hosting the tournament.

Format

USGA Rules of Golf govern play. Tournament format is 18 holes of four-ball stroke play, both gross and net. **Player's Handicap Index calculated as of the close of entries.** According to USGA handicap procedures, 90 percent of a player's course handicap is used to determine net scores. Course handicaps are limited to **18** strokes. If the difference between the partners' course handicaps exceeds eight strokes, then an additional 10 percent reduction is applied to both team members. Further course handicap reductions are applied based upon the *Multiple Net Winner Course Handicap Reduction Policy*.

Teams must select to compete in the "Tournament" division (all ages/play 6000-6400 yards), "Super Senior 65+" division (both players age 65+/play 5600-6000 yards) or "Super Senior 70+" division (both players age 70+/play 5200-5600 yards). Teams are pre-flighted according to total team handicap index within their division based upon the number of entries (if team total HI is the same, low player index within the team breaks tie). A minimum of 4 teams is needed to constitute a division. Otherwise, "Tournament", "Super Senior 65+" or "Super Senior 70+" teams are combined together using the appropriate handicap adjustment for the difference in course ratings. Division changes are not allowed after entries close. Teams that do not indicate a division preference will be placed in the "Tournament" division. Note that yardages are subject to change based upon the tournament host site.

Entry Information

Entries are accepted online only on a first-come, first-served basis. Alternates are ranked by the order in which entries are received. Division selection has no bearing on entry or alternate order. Entries close when the allotment of accepted and alternate teams is filled or the entry close date is reached. Tournament schedule, open/close dates, number of available tournament/alternate spots at each site and online tournament registration are available at <http://www.carolinagolf.org/senior-four-ball>. Online registration opens at 8:00pm on the open date (Wednesday nights). Mail, fax or walk-in applications are **NOT** accepted. The \$150.00 entry fee includes cart and range fees. Confirmation of acceptance is sent once entry status is determined. Teams who are a "No Show" (DNS) or "No Card" (NC) will be suspended from the next four CGA senior four-ball one-day tournaments that they are eligible for including the Tournament of Champions. The suspension will carry forward between seasons if necessary. Tee time and pairing requests are not accepted.

Rules

Partner substitutions made within five days of the tournament date must be approved in advance by the CGA office. Any on-site partner substitutions may result in the new partner playing at scratch and the team competing within the appropriate flight. Competitors must subscribe to all host club restrictions including dress code and coolers. **Cart use is mandatory for tournament rounds and caddies are not allowed.** Spectator carts are allowed as provided in the CGA Tournament Manual. Practice rounds are at the host club's discretion. Metal and ceramic spikes are prohibited. Competitors may check tournament information, Notice to Players rules sheet and entry status at www.carolinagolf.org. The CGA monitors handicap score posting and reserves the right to adjust course handicaps and/or withhold prizes for competitors whose handicaps are considered unrealistic or who have participated in a disproportionate share of CGA prize distributions. **CGA will automatically post tournament scores for participants back to their home club handicap. Players or teams failing to list all hole-by-hole scores may face suspension from future CGA one-day tournaments.**

Refund Policy

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

Withdraw on Tournament Date: No refund for any reason.

Alternates/wait list teams not gaining entry into the tournament receive a full refund.

Prizes and Merchandise

Merchandise is awarded to gross and net winners in all flights. All ties are broken using the USGA recommended method (back nine, last 6 holes, last 3 holes, 18th hole, then 18th hole going backwards). Merchandise certificates are redeemable only at the host club's golf shop. The 1st place gross and 1st place net winner in each flight qualify for the appropriate Tournament of Champions based upon their division.

The CGA is not responsible for any unclaimed or unredeemed merchandise certificates after a tournament play date. It is the player's responsibility to claim or redeem a certificate or golf shop credit prior to leaving a tournament site. The CGA will not replace any lost or unclaimed merchandise certificates/gift cards after a tournament is played.

One-Day Four-Ball Tournament Multiple Net Winner Course Handicap Reduction Policy

Individuals or teams who win first place net in three or more events in a calendar season will be subject to reduced course handicaps through the remainder of the calendar year. This rule is in effect for CGA One-Day Four-Ball tournaments, CGA Senior Four-Ball One-Day tournaments or in a combination of these tournament programs. Competitors who qualify for this reduction will be subject to the following course handicap reduction for the remainder of the tournament season, excluding any Tournament of Champions events. After 3rd Win=Additional 20% reduction; After 4th Win=Additional 30% reduction; After 5th Win=Additional 40% reduction, and so forth. If a player wins in three or more events with different partners, only the multi-event net winner will incur the appropriate course handicap reduction.

Waiver Statement

By submitting this application to the CGA, we agree to abide by all decisions of the CGA Tournament Committee, the CGA Tournament Manual (located at www.carolinagolf.org) and the conditions of play pertaining to this tournament. We are aware that disqualification is the penalty for failure to do so. We release the Carolinas Golf Association, its committee members, officers, staff, and host club from any and all liability for any event or consequence relating to entry or participation in this event.