

# 2022 Tournament of Champions - One-Day Senior Four-Ball 55+ Division Terms of Competition



## Eligibility

Entry is open to any male amateur golfer who won 1<sup>st</sup> Gross or 1<sup>st</sup> Net at a 2022 CGA Senior Four-Ball Tournament in the 55+ age division, 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. The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct.

## Format and Rules

USGA Rules of Golf govern play. Tournament format is 36 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, 85 percent of a player's course handicap is used to determine net scores. Playing Handicaps are limited to 30 strokes. Further Playing Handicap reductions are applied based upon the *CGA Four-Ball Handicap Reduction Policy*.

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. Competitors must subscribe to all host club restrictions concerning dress, coolers, etc. Cart use is optional for tournament rounds and caddies are not allowed. Spectator carts are currently not allowed. Practice rounds are available at host club's discretion. Metal and ceramic spikes are prohibited. 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 player's handicap. Players or teams failing to list all individual hole-by-hole scores for both players may face suspension from future CGA one-day tournaments.

Links to: [World Handicap System](#) | [CGA Code of Conduct](#) | [CGA Tournament Manual](#) | [Rules Sheet](#) | [Dress Code](#)

## Flights

Teams are pre-flighted based on the number of entries and according to the low player index of the team members.

## Entry Information

Entries are accepted *online only*; on a first-come, first-served basis. Alternates are ranked in the order 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 spots at each site and online tournament registration are available on the Tournament Website. Online registration opens at 8:00 pm on the open date. Mail or walk-in applications are not permitted. Confirmation of acceptance is sent to the Applicant. Teams who are a "No Show" (DNS) or "No Card" (NC) will be suspended from the next four CGA 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 & pairing requests are not accepted. Entries will not be accepted before or after the open and close date.

## Refund Policy

Any withdrawals requested the day prior to the tournament or the day of the tournament will not receive a refund. A \$30 admin fee is applied to all refunds issued for an entry that is in the tournament field, so long as the withdrawal is requested by 11:59 pm a full day prior to the tournament. An entry on the wait list may withdraw at any time for no admin fee.

## Prizes and Merchandise

Merchandise certificates are awarded for low gross and net scores in all divisions. Merchandise certificates are redeemable only at the host club's golf shop. Ties for 1<sup>st</sup> place or last place will be broken using card using the following method. Matching scorecards using the back nine (10-18), last 6 holes (13-18), last 3 holes (16-18), 18th hole, then 18th hole going backwards.

The CGA and the Host Facility 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 and the Host Facility will not replace any lost or unclaimed merchandise certificates/gift cards after a tournament is played.

## CGA Four-Ball Handicap Reduction Policy

Individuals or teams who record a Lowest Net Scores (LNS) in two or more tournaments within the 12 month period prior to the tournament will be subject to reduced playing handicaps. The reduction may be reduced for an individual if that player's ratio of LNS to the number of Four-Ball competitions is less than 1 in 5. The Lowest Net Score (LNS) is defined as being a member of a team with the lowest net team score (includes ties) in a division in a CGA four-ball tournament with net scoring. This rule is in effect for CGA One-Day Four-Ball tournaments, CGA One-Day Senior Four-Ball tournaments, and Ladies Four-Ball Play Days or in a combination of these programs. Competitors who qualify for this reduction will be subject to the following playing handicap reduction for any CGA Four-Ball tournament using net scoring: 2 LNS = 10% reduction of Playing Handicap; 3 LNS = 20% reduction of Playing Handicap; 4 LNS = 30% reduction of Playing Handicap; 5 LNS = 40% reduction of Playing Handicap, and so forth.