



Two-Person Scramble (Doubles Golf) 2026 Terms of Competition



What is Doubles Golf?

Doubles format, better shot, or two-person scramble format shifts from a traditional individual or four-ball stroke play format. Each team will start the hole from their designated tees, then select the better shot between the two players and play from there. The process continues until the ball is holed on each hole.

The Doubles format has gained popularity nationally through Doubles Golf®, which was co-founded by Jack Nicklaus and the originators of Junior League Golf.

Eligibility

Entry is open to any amateur golfer who has reached his or her 25th birthday by the tournament date, is a member of a club that is a member of the Carolinas Golf Association and has an active Handicap Index® at a CGA member club. 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, or failure to follow the *Rules of Handicapping*.

Doubles Golf® Format and Rules

Doubles will be played in a two-person, better shot or scramble format over 18 holes, both gross and net scores. Teams may be comprised of men and women, two men, or two women. The team will start each hole from their designated tees, then select the ball they wish to play next. Once the selection is made, both players will play a ball from the selected location. The process continues for every shot until the ball is holed on each hole.

Player's Handicap Index calculated as of the close of entries. Following the *Rules of Handicapping*, 35 percent of the low player's Course Handicap™ and 15 percent of the high player's Course Handicap™ will be used to determine net scores. A player's Playing Handicap™ is limited to 30 strokes. No Playing Handicap reductions will be applied based on the *CGA Four-Ball Handicap Reduction Policy*.

Maximum Score: During play a team is allowed a maximum score of 8 GROSS STROKES on any hole. Please refer to [Rule 21.2](#) for more information.

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

Doubles Golf Championship

The CGA is partnering with Doubles Golf which will provide a pathway to the U.S. Doubles Golf National Championship.

Qualifying Opportunity for U.S. Doubles Golf National Championship: The DOUBLES Tournament at Mid Pines on August 17 will provide first place gross winners in each division opportunity to advance to the 2026 U.S. Doubles Championship, hosted by Jack Nicklaus, at The Bear's Club, in the fall of 2026.

Divisions & Tournaments

Teams may choose to compete in any division in which they are eligible. Division options and yardage*:

- Men's Division (Men age 25-59 only, all players play the same tee from 6000-6400 yards)
- Senior Men's Division (Men age 60+ only, all players play the same tee from 5400-6000 yards)
- Mixed Division (one man age 25-59 plays from 5400-6000 yards)/one woman age 25-59 plays from 4600-5200 yards)
- Women's Division (Women only, all players play the same tee from 4600-5200 yards)

Flights will not be created. *Yardage may vary outside of range based on the tournament site and tees available at the host site.

Partner substitutions made within five days of the tournament date must be approved in advance by the CGA office. Any on-site partner substitutions are subject to eligibility requirement verification and may result in the side competing with just one player. Competitors must subscribe to all host club restrictions concerning dress, coolers, etc. Cart use is recommended for tournament rounds and caddies are not allowed. Availability of spectator carts is at the discretion of the host club. Practice round availability and rate is at the host club's discretion.

Entry Information

Entries are accepted online only. The entry fee for each specific event will be listed on the tournament information page. The entry fee includes all golf fees and prizes. One-Day Four-Balls have two forms of registration: First-Come Registration (FCR) and Lottery Registration (LR). Each are defined below. Regardless of the type of registration, entries open at 8:00 p.m. on the entry open date. Teams who are a "No Show" (DNS) or "No Card" (NC) are subject to suspension from future one-days. Tea time and pairing requests are not accepted.

Late Entries

Late entries are not guaranteed entry into a tournament.

After the close of entries, a player may contact the CGA at tournaments@carolinagolf.org or contact the official in charge (listed on the tournament website) to request a late entry. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the CGA and only if a spot is available in the field.

Accepted late entries will be charged a \$30 late fee in addition to the entry fee of the tournament. The late fee is non-refundable, regardless of participation in the tournament.



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First-Come Registration (FCR)

For most events, entries are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis (FCR). In FCR, alternates are ranked in the order which entries are received and placed on the waitlist. Entries close when the allotment of accepted and alternate teams is filled or at 11:59 p.m. on the entry close date.

Lottery Registration (LR)

For select events clearly identified on the online schedule, a lottery will be used to determine entries (LR). LR will open at 8:00 p.m. on the open date and teams will have a 3-day window to register. If the event is over capacity after the entry window, all entries will be placed into a randomized lottery. The max capacity (usually 52 teams) will receive entry to the event based on lottery order and the remaining teams will be placed on the waitlist based on lottery order. Division selection has no bearing on lottery selection.

If the event does NOT meet max capacity in the 3-day LR window, all registered teams will receive entry into the event. The event will then be reverted to FCR and teams who register after the window will receive entry based on a first-come, first-served basis. In this scenario, entries will close when the allotment of accepted and alternate teams is filled or at 11:59 p.m. on the adjusted entry close date.

There is no advantage to signing up earlier or later in the 3-day LR window. All entries, regardless of registration time in the 3-day LR window, are equal and will be placed in the randomized lottery. Teams will be notified of their status (registered or waitlisted) within 48 hours after the lottery closes.

All events are treated as separate events, and no preference is given to any team for back-to-back events. LR does not affect or change any withdrawal or refund procedures (see below).

Refund Policy

Any withdrawal within three (3) days of the day of the tournament will not receive a refund. All other withdrawals are subject to a \$30 administrative fee. An entry on the wait list may withdraw at any time for no administrative fee.

Deadline for Refund (less \$30 admin fee) at 11:59 pm	First Day of Tournament
Thursday	Monday
Friday	Tuesday
Saturday	Wednesday
Sunday	Thursday
Monday	Friday
Tuesday	Saturday
Wednesday	Sunday

Wait List Status

The waitlist for a tournament will be filled based the order the entry was received or the order of the lottery registration while entries are open. Once entries close (or in case of lottery events, pairings are created), the waitlist will for the tournament will be filled based on the division of the player to withdraw.

A waitlist entry does not pay the entry fee until being added to the tournament field, subsequently, an entry may be removed from the waitlist at any time without being subject to the Refund Policy.

Once an entry is moved from the waitlist to the field, the entry is subject to the Refund Policy. A waitlisted entry will receive an email notification when moved to the field. This can occur at any time up to and including the day before the tournament. To avoid the possibility of being subject to an admin fee once added to the field, an entry should be removed from the waitlist as soon as there is no desire or ability to play in the tournament if that entry was later added to the field.

Prizes and Merchandise

Merchandise certificates are awarded for low gross and net scores in all divisions. As a general guide, merchandise certificates are awarded to 1/3 of the entries in each division/flight with a bias of more net prizes than gross. Merchandise certificates are redeemable only at the host club's golf shop. Ties for 1st place or last place will be broken using the following method; matching scorecards using the back nine (holes #10-#18), last 6 holes (holes #13-#18), last 3 holes (holes #16-#18), 18th hole, then 18th hole going backward.

The CGA and the Host Facility are 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 before 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.