



GRANDFATHER GOLF & CC | JUNE 1-3, 2026 100TH CAROLINAS WOMEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP



USGA EXEMPTION EVENT

ELIGIBILITY

Entry is open to any female amateur golfer who has reached her 13th birthday by June 1, 2026, 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 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 as defined by the [CGA Code of Conduct Policy](#) or cell phone use during a round. 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: 84 players

ENTRY WINDOW AND ONLINE REGISTRATION

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.

Entry Fee: \$290

Exempt entries open on March 30, 2026.

Exempt players should register by April 12 to ensure acceptance.

Entries open for ALL PLAYERS on April 13, 2026.

Entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis after they open for all players on April 13, 2026.

Entries close on May 21, 2026.

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. 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 Championship.**

LATE REGISTRATION

Late entries are not guaranteed entry into a tournament.

After the close of entries, a player/team may contact the CGA at tournaments@carolinasgolf.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

EXEMPTIONS

Players in the following categories are exempt if otherwise eligible.

1. Champions of the Carolinas Women's Amateur Championship since 2016.
2. Players who finished in the Top 25 at the 2025 Carolinas Women's Amateur Championship.
3. 2025 Carolinas Senior Women's Amateur Champion.
4. Champions of the Carolinas Women's Match Play Championship since 2021.
5. Champions of the North Carolina Women's Amateur Championship since 2021.
6. Champions of the WSCGA South Carolina Women's Amateur Championship since 2021.
7. Amateur (non-senior) playing members of the 2025 Carolinas Team.
8. Players ranked in the Top 35 of the Carolinas Women's Amateur Rankings as of March 15, 2026.
9. Players ranked in the Top 250 of the World Amateur Golf Rankings as of March 15, 2026.
10. USGA individual champions since 2021.
11. 2025 USGA Championship qualifiers.



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12. One exemption for the championship host club.

FORMAT

The championship is conducted at 54 holes of stroke play (no cut). All players play from the same yardage, gross scores only. A tie for Overall Champion is determined by an on-course playoff. All other ties for merchandise will be broken by scorecard playoff.

COLLEGIATE CUP

Players who are currently enrolled at a college/university, will be enrolled by September 15, 2026 at a college/university, or graduated from a college/university in 2026 are eligible to represent their school in the Collegiate Cup. The top-two 54-hole scores from players representing a college/university will be combined to create a team score. The lowest team score will win the Collegiate Cup.

PRIZES

A trophy is awarded to the overall Champion. Merchandise is awarded to top finishers. Collegiate Cup winners receive a prize.

U.S. WOMEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP EXEMPTION

The champion will automatically qualify for the 2026 U.S. Women's Amateur Championship at The Honors Course in Ooltewah, TN from August 4-9, 2026.

VIRGINIAS-CAROLINAS WOMEN'S TEAM EXEMPTION

The champion will automatically qualify for the 2027 Carolinas Team that will compete in the Virginias-Carolinas Women's Team Matches (site and date TBD).

CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 31

Tee times available for practice.

Registration at host club.

Monday, June 1

First round. 18 holes of stroke play.

Lunch provided for players.

Tuesday, June 2

Second Round. 18 holes of stroke play.

Lunch provided for players.

Wednesday, June 3

Final Round. 18 holes of stroke play.

Lunch provided for players. Awards ceremony immediately following play.

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 will be distributed at the starting tee(s). The CGA reserves the right to alter the conditions or schedules as stated, including alteration of the 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.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Every effort will be made to complete all scheduled rounds. There are no refunds if the tournament is shortened due to weather. If the entire tournament is cancelled, a full refund will be issued to all players.



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REFUND POLICY

Entry fee refund policy schedule:

Open Date – Thursday, May 29 at 11:59 p.m.: Full refund minus \$30.00 administrative fee refunded regardless of reason if entry accepted into championship.

Withdraw Friday, May 29 or later: No refund for any reason.

Waitlist: Full refund if player does not gain entry into championship.

CART/RANGE FEES; GOLF CARTS; CADDIES; SPECTATORS

Practice Rounds: Practice round fees are as listed, regardless of cart rental.

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

Competitors have the option to either walk or use a golf cart during championship rounds.

Caddies: Caddies are prohibited from all CGA championships.

Spectator Cart Policy: Spectators are not allowed to ride in a player's golf cart at any time. Spectator carts will not be allowed at CGA women's championships.