

KEITH HILLS GOLF CLUB | MAY 15-17, 2026

11TH CAROLINIAN AMATEUR



ELIGIBILITY AND FIELD SIZE

Entry is open to any male amateur golfer who has reached his 16th birthday by May 15, 2026, is a legal resident of North Carolina or South Carolina, is a member of the Carolinas Golf Association (CGA) and has an active USGA Handicap Index® at a CGA member club that does not exceed 7.0.

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 in the [CGA Code of Conduct Policy](#) for current or future championships. All players must conform to the "USGA Rules of Amateur Status" as specified in "The Rules of Golf".

For complete eligibility requirements, refer to the [CGA Tournament Manual](#).

Championship Field Size: 144 players

ENTRY FEES (All Course Fees Paid by the CGA to the Host Club)

Championship Entry Fee: \$265 (includes all championship site fees, including tournament cart fees and lunch one day)

ENTRY WINDOW AND ONLINE REGISTRATION

Exempt Early Entry Window*: Open March 16 at 8:00p m | Close March 29 at 11:59 pm

Non-Exempt/Open Entry Window: Open March 30 at 8:00 pm | Close May 4 at 11:59 pm

All players, including those exempt for early signup, must register online at www.carolinasmgolf.org. Mail-in, email, or telephone applications are not accepted for this event.

All Entries are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Exempt players have an early signup window to signup.

***Exempt players must register between 8:00pm on March 16 and 11:59pm on March 29 to ensure acceptance. Exempt players that sign up after 8:00pm on March 30 and non-exempt players gain entry into the tournament on a first come first serve 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 and tournament information is sent to players when their status has been determined. Status may be checked at www.carolinasmgolf.org. **Teams who "Did Not Show" (DNS) or "No Card" (NC) are suspended from next year's championship.**

LATE REGISTRATION

Late entries are not guaranteed entry into a tournament.

After the close of entries, a player may contact the CGA at tournaments@carolinasmgolf.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.

REFUND POLICY

Entry fee refund policy schedule:

Any withdrawal within three (3) days before the first day of the championship proper will not receive a refund. All other withdrawals are subject to a \$30 admin fee.

The deadline for the Carolinian Amateur Championship to withdraw with a refund (less admin fee) is 11:59pm on **Tuesday, May 12.**

Withdraw within 3 days before or on the Championship First Round: No refund for any reason.

Wait List/Alternates: No entry fee is charged if the player/team does not gain entry into the championship.

CART/RANGE FEES; GOLF CARTS; CADDIES; SPECTATORS

Championship Site: Championship site cart/range fees paid by the CGA and are included in the entry fee. Competitors have the option to either walk or use a golf cart during championship rounds. Cart rental fee payment is mandatory for practice rounds.

Caddies: Caddies are prohibited at CGA Championships.

Caddie/Spectator Cart Policy: Spectators are not allowed to ride in a player's golf cart at any time. Refer to Player Information for specific qualifier or championship site for spectator information.

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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 posted at host club and 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 including sectional qualifying. The competition is closed when the championship trophy has been presented. Special requests for starting times or pairings are not granted.

CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT & PRIZES

The championship format is 54 holes of stroke play, GROSS scores only. After 36 holes, the field is cut to the low 60 scorers and ties. A tie for the overall championship will be decided by a sudden-death on-course playoff.

Merchandise prizes are awarded to the top 30 finishers at the championship. Champion receives a trophy and merchandise. All merchandise must be redeemed at Keith Hills Golf Club.

YARDAGES

All play will be from Keith Hills Orange Nine to Black Nine rotation at approximately 6,717 yards, par 36-36--72.

EARLY SIGNUP EXEMPTIONS

Players in the following categories are able to sign up early for the championship if otherwise eligible. A complete list of exempt early sign up players is available on the championship website.

1. Champions of the Carolinian Amateur Championship since 2017.
2. Champions of the Carolinas Amateur Championship since 2016.
3. Champions of the North Carolina Amateur Championship since 2016.
4. Champions of the SCGA South Carolina Amateur Championship since 2016.
5. Players who finished 30th or better at the 2025 Carolinian Amateur Championship.
6. Players who finished 10th or better at the 2025 Carolinas Junior Amateur Championship.
7. 2025 Dogwood Junior Champion, runner up, and semifinalists.
8. 2025 SC Junior Match Play Champion, runner up, and semifinalists.
9. Players who finished 5th or better at the 2025 NC Junior Champions (stroke play).
10. Players who finished 5th or better at the 2025 SC Junior Champions (stroke play).
11. Players who finished 10th or better at the 2025 NC Amateur Championship.
12. Players who finished 10th or better at the 2025 SCGA SC Amateur Championship.
13. 2025 NC Amateur Match Play Champion, runner up, and semifinalists.
14. 2025 SC Amateur Match Play Champion, runner up, and semifinalists.
15. Players ranked in the top 65 of the Carolinas Men's Amateur Rankings as of March 1.
16. Two exemptions for the championship host club.

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CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 14 – Tee times available for practice

Friday, May 15 – Round one starting times; 18 holes of individual stroke play

Saturday, May 16 – Round two starting time; 18 holes of individual stroke play -- Cut to low 66 scores and ties

Sunday, May 17 – Final Round starting times, 18 holes of individual stroke play -- Awards ceremony immediately following play

WITHDRAW

Players who wish to withdraw may do so via the following link: https://www.carolinagolf.org/tournament_withdraw

CONTACT INFORMATION

CGA: 910-673-1000 OR e-mail: tournaments@carolinagolf.org

Keith Hills Golf Shop: 910-893-1371