

# HOLLY RIDGE GOLF LINKS / OCTOBER 9-11, 2026

## 31<sup>ST</sup> NORTH CAROLINA FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP



### **ELIGIBILITY AND FIELD SIZE**

Entry is open to any male amateur golfer who has reached his 13<sup>th</sup> birthday by October 9, 2026 is a legal resident of North Carolina, is a member in good standing of a club which is a member of the Carolinas Golf Association (CGA) and has an active 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 residency and eligibility requirements, refer to the [CGA Tournament Manual](#).

Championship field size = 72 teams.

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

**Championship Entry Fee:** \$480 (includes cart/range fees and lunch)

### **ENTRIES AND ONLINE REGISTRATION**

**Exempt Early Entry Window\*:** Open August 10 at 8:00pm | Close August 23 at 7:59pm

**Non-Exempt/Open Entry Window:** Open August 24 at 8:00pm | Close September 28 at 11:59pm

**All players, including those exempt for early signup, must register online at [www.carolinagolf.org](http://www.carolinagolf.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 early signup window to signup.

**\*Exempt players must register between 8:00pm on August 10 and 11:59pm on August 23 to ensure acceptance. Exempt players that sign up after 8:00pm on August 24 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.carolinagolf.org](http://www.carolinagolf.org). **Teams who "Did Not Show" (DNS) or "No Card" (NC) are suspended from next year's North Carolina Four-Ball 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@carolinagolf.org](mailto: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.

### **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 Carolinas Four-Ball Championship to withdraw with a refund (less admin fee) is 11:59pm on **Monday, October 5th.**

**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.

### **COURSE FEES; GOLF CARTS; CADDIES; SPECTATORS**

**Practice Rounds:** Cart rental is mandatory for practice rounds. Competitors pay host club directly for practice round fees.

**Championship Rounds:** Championship round cart & range fees are included in the entry fee. Competitors have the option to walk or use a golf cart during championship rounds.

**Caddies:** Caddies are NOT allowed.

**Spectator Cart Policy:** Spectators are not allowed to ride in a player's golf cart at any time. Club owned spectator carts are not allowed except as provided in the CGA Tournament Manual.

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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 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**

The championship format is 54 holes of four-ball stroke play. Gross scores only. After 36 holes, the field is cut to the low 30 scores and ties. A tie for the overall championship is decided by an on-course playoff.

### **PRIZES**

Merchandise prizes are awarded to the top 20 teams and ties at the championship. Champions receive trophies and merchandise from host club.

### **EXEMPTIONS\***

Players in the following categories are exempt into the championship if otherwise eligible and able to sign up early to guarantee a spot in the field. A complete list of exempt players is available on the championship website.

1. Champions of the North Carolina Four-Ball Championship since 2016.
2. Teams that finished 20th or better at the 2025 North Carolina Four-Ball Championship.
3. Champions of the Carolinas Four-Ball Championship since 2016.
4. Teams that made match play at the 2026 Carolinas Four-Ball Championship.
5. Players ranked in the top 50 of the Men's Amateur Rankings as of August 1.
6. One exemption for the championship host club.

Exempt team members must compete on the same team or with another exempt player to sign up early.

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### **CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE**

#### **Friday, October 9**

First round. 18 holes of four-ball stroke play.

#### **Saturday, October 10**

Second round. 18 holes of four-ball stroke play.

Field cut to low 30 scores and ties for final round.

#### **Sunday, October 11**

Final round. 18 holes of four-ball stroke play.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

CGA: 910-673-1000 or e-mail: [Tournaments@carolinasgolf.org](mailto:Tournaments@carolinasgolf.org)

**Championship Site:** Holly Ridge Golf Links (336) 861-4653

### **WITHDRAW**

Players who wish to withdraw may do so via the following link: [https://www.carolinasgolf.org/cga\\_refund\\_policy](https://www.carolinasgolf.org/cga_refund_policy)