

COWAN'S FORD | AUGUST 4-6, 2026

25TH NORTH CAROLINA SENIOR FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP



ELIGIBILITY AND FIELD SIZE

Entry is open to any male amateur golfer who has reached his 55th birthday by August 4, 2026, and is a legal resident in North Carolina, is a member in good standing of a club that 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 residency and eligibility requirements, refer to the [CGA Tournament Manual](#).

Championship field size = **80** sides

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

Championship Entry Fee: \$480 (includes cart/range fees for all tournament rounds and lunch for one round)

ENTRIES AND ONLINE REGISTRATION

Exempt Early Entry Window*: Open June 8 at 8:00pm | Close June 21 at 11:59pm

Non-Exempt/Open Entry Window: Open June 22 at 8:00pm | Close July 23 at 11:59pm

All players, including those exempt for early signup, must register online at 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 June 8th and 11:59pm on June 21st to ensure acceptance. Exempt players that sign up after 8:00pm on June 22nd 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. **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@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. Refer to the table below for the deadline to withdraw with a refund less the admin fee.

The deadline for the Carolinas Senior Four-Ball Championship to withdraw with a refund (less admin fee) is 11:59pm on **Friday, August 31**.

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 the 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 prohibited.

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 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.

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 15 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 signup 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 Senior Four-Ball Championship since 2020.
2. Teams that finished 20th or better at the 2025 North Carolina Senior Four-Ball Championship.
3. Teams that finished 20th or better at the 2026 Carolinas Senior Four-Ball Championship.
4. Champions of the Carolinas Senior Four-Ball Championship since 2021.
5. Players ranked in the Top 75 of the CGA Carolinas Senior Men's Amateur Rankings as June 1, 2026.
6. One exemption for the championship host club.
7. Special Exemption bestowed by the CGA.

Exempt team members must compete on the same team or with another exempt player to register during the exempt entry window. (You may not sign up early with a non-exempt team member).

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CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Monday, August 3rd

Tee times available for practice.

Tuesday, August 4th

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

Wednesday, August 5th

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

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

Thursday, August 6th

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Championship Site: Cowans Ford (704) 827-3088

WITHDRAW

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