ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to sides of amateur golfers with an individual up-to-date Handicap Index™ based on ratings for men not exceeding 5.4 under the USGA Handicap System™. A Handicap Index must be issued from a “golf club” as defined in the USGA Handicap System Manual that is authorized to use the USGA Handicap System. The USGA accepts an up-to-date handicap issued from the international body of golf that would be equivalent to a USGA Handicap Index™ within the prescribed limit for entry into the Championship. Two players who play as partners comprise a side. Partners are not required to be from the same club, state, country, etc. For this Championship, any reference to gender applies to all genders.

Age: Player’s date of birth is required on all USGA entry forms.

An application for a player who is a minor upon the date of submission, in the state in which he resides (e.g., New Jersey, under the age of 18) must be submitted by a parent/guardian, and list parent/guardian’s name, phone number, and email address. The parent/guardian must agree to be bound by all terms and conditions on their behalf and on behalf of the minor player.

Amateur Status: All players must conform to the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by the United States Golf Association and The R&A. If the player will be receiving expenses from sources other than family members to participate in this competition, please refer to Rule 4.

Code of Conduct: The USGA may reject an entry application, revoke an accepted application, expel from the Championship and/or suspend a player from future championships if the player engages in conduct detrimental to the integrity and image of the game of golf and/or public confidence in the USGA. Such conduct may include, but is not limited to, damage to the golf course or the player’s equipment, verbal or physical abuse of spectators, officials, volunteers, or staff, or the infliction of injury and proceed under Rule 4.3(b)(5) of the Rules of Golf should refer to www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/championships-hub/additional-entry-resources/equipment-permitted-for-medical-reasons.html.

Performance in Sectional Qualifying: If a side fails to return a score within eight strokes of the USGA Course Rating™, future entries for U.S. Amateur Four-Ball, U.S. Open, U.S. Amateur, U.S. Mid-Amateur or U.S. Senior Open Championships may be declined if documentation is not provided demonstrating that the player is capable of competing at the national championship level. Please note that sides who “no card” are subject to receive a letter from the USGA under the same guidelines as those who do not return a score within eight strokes of the course rating.

Withdrawal from Qualifying: A player who wishes to withdraw from Qualifying must notify the USGA (908-326-1950 or via e-mail at champs@usga.org) before the close of entries. After the close of entries, fee will be refunded in the event of medical condition, if requested by May 23, 2020 and the player has not already participated in qualifying. No refund for any reason after May 23, 2020. A $30 service charge will be deducted from all refunds.

ENTRY APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY USGA NO LATER THAN 5 P.M. E.D.T. ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2019.

Entries must be filed online at: www.usga.org/champs/apply

Late applications are not acceptable and will be automatically rejected.

Entries by telephone, telegraph, mail or FAX are not acceptable. 

Time limit for entries means time of receipt at USGA (not time entry is transmitted to USGA). Entries should be submitted early to allow ample time for delay or error in transmission. The risk of delay or error in transmission lies solely with the entrant and the USGA will have no liability with respect to any such delay or error and the consequences therefrom, including rejection of the entry.

SCHEDULE

Competition will be in two stages:

1. Sectional Qualifying – 18 holes Four-Ball stroke play for all except exempt sides listed herein.

2. Championship – 128 sides (256 players), including exempt sides, will advance to the Championship.

(A) Stroke Play – 36 holes four-ball stroke play to determine 32 sides for match play. All sectional qualifiers and exempt players must compete. A tie for last qualifier’s place will be decided immediately by a hole-by-hole play-off.

Saturday, May 23: First round, 18 holes.

Sunday, May 24: Second round, 18 holes.

(B) Match Play – A draw based on qualifying scores will be used. Ties in qualifying rounds will be decided by a blind draw, except that places of those participating in a play-off will be determined by the order on the public scoreboard summary located at Philadelphia Cricket Club and by performance in the play-off.


Tuesday, May 26: A.M. Second round, 18 holes.

P.M. Quarterfinal round, 18 holes.

Wednesday, May 27: A.M. Semifinal round, 18 holes.

P.M. Final, 18 holes.

PRIZES

CHAMPIONSHIP

Winner: Gold medals and custody of the U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship Trophy for the ensuing year, subject to such conditions as the USGA may establish.

Runner-Up: Silver medals.

SEMIFINALISTS: Bronze medals.

LOWEST QUALIFYING SIDE: Bronze medals; if a tie, duplicate medals will be awarded.

NO OTHER REMUNERATION: By his application, a player acknowledges that he is not entitled to remuneration of any kind for participation in the Championship other than prizes listed herein.

SECTORAL QUALIFYING ROUNDS

LOWEST SCORING SIDE FOR 18 HOLES IN EACH LOCATION: Silver medals; if a tie, duplicate medals will be awarded.

RULES OF GOLF; WHEN COMPETITION IS FINAL

The Rules of Golf will be governed by the Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and The R&A. Questions will be settled by the on-site Rules Committee, whose decision will be final. The result of each match is final when the result has been posted on the public scoreboard and approved by the Committee. The competition is final when the Championship trophy has been presented.

GOLF BALLS; DRIVER HEADS

Only brands of golf balls on the most current List of Conforming Golf Balls and driver heads on the most current List of Conforming Driver Heads may be used. Updated lists may be found on the USGA website at www.usga.org or by contacting the USGA Equipment Standards Department at (908) 234-2300. See Model Local Rules G-1 and G-3.

The one ball Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. See Model Local Rule G-4.

CLUBS: GROOVES

In sectional qualifying and in the Championship proper, the Local Rule as prescribed by Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-2.

PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN TYPES OF SHOES

The Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-7.
CADDIES

Qualifying Rounds: A player may provide his own caddie. If he wishes to have the host club furnish a caddie, he should ask the Official in Charge because sufficient caddies may not be available at the host club.

Championship proper: A player may provide his own caddie. If he wishes to have a caddie provided to him by the host club, he must complete the information as outlined in the Memorandum to Players.

A player is not required to employ a caddie for any stage of the Championship.

TRANSPORTATION/CART REQUESTS

The Local Rule prohibiting the use of motorized transportation as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect, except at certain qualifying sites as indicated on this entry application where the caddie only is permitted to use motorized transportation. Model Local Rule G-6.

As a general rule, players and their caddies must walk the course at USGA Championships and at most qualifying rounds. But consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a disabled player or caddie may be permitted to use a golf cart as an accommodation to his or her disability for those events where golf carts are not allowed. As required by the ADA, the USGA will evaluate such requests on a case-by-case basis.

In order for the USGA to properly evaluate the merits of such requests, while maintaining the fundamental fairness of the golf competition, it is necessary for players requesting this accommodation (whether submitted by the player, by the player for the player’s caddie or by the parent/legal guardian of a minor player) to submit medical documentation to facilitate that analysis. The documentation provided must demonstrate: (1) a player’s (or caddie’s) disability as defined by the ADA; (2) the medical need for the golf cart that results from that disability; and (3) that by providing a golf cart to a player or caddie in that particular circumstance, the USGA would not be fundamentally altering the fairness of the competition by providing a player with an advantage over other players. The required form entitled Golf Cart Request Form (as well as additional important information for first time and subsequent requests for a cart) is available at the following link: www.usga.org/championships-hub/additional-entry-resources/requesting-a-golf-cart.html.

PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION; BROADCASTING

I understand that the USGA or its designees, may record, film, photograph, or otherwise capture my likeness, image, voice, biography, references to me, my quoted statements, and my play in the Championship (the foregoing, together with my name, my “Appearance”). In consideration of the opportunity to participate in the Championship, by submitting this Application, I grant (and/or have the authority to grant to the USGA in the case of a parent/guardian of a minor or other authorized representative submitting the Application on my behalf) to the USGA, and its licensees, successors and assigns, the perpetual, transferable, assignable, worldwide, royalty-free, irrevocable right to use my Appearance, in whole or in part, in all manner (including exhibition, distribution, reproduction, publication, display, broadcast, transmission or otherwise), and media now known or hereafter invented or discovered, and for any purpose whatsoever. The rights granted herein include, without limitation, the right to use the Appearance, or portions thereof, in promotion of the Championship and future championships through any of the foregoing means of distribution, as well as in the design, manufacture and distribution of merchandise related to the Championship or other championships, that include elements of my Appearance. The USGA is not obligated to use my Appearance in any manner, and materials embodying any aspect of my Appearance do not need be submitted to me for approval. I release and discharge the USGA, its licensees, successors and assigns from any claims arising from use of my Appearance, including claims for misrepresentation of me, my character, or my person by any means. As between the USGA and me, the USGA shall own all right, title and interest, including the copyright(s), in and to any works created by the USGA, its licensees, successors and assigns, that include all or a portion of my Appearance. I hereby waive all privacy, publicity, defamation, libel, and proprietary rights relating to the Appearance as used by the USGA in conjunction with these terms. I hereby waive all privacy, publicity, defamation, libel, and proprietary rights relating to the Appearance as used by the USGA in conjunction with these terms. I hereby waive all privacy, publicity, defamation, libel, and proprietary rights relating to the Appearance as used by the USGA in conjunction with these terms. I hereby waive all privacy, publicity, defamation, libel, and proprietary rights relating to the Appearance as used by the USGA in conjunction with these terms.

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SECTIONAL QUALIFYING

LOCATION; TRANSFERRING; SUBSTITUTION DEADLINE

Players’ preference for Sectional Qualifying location must be designated on the entry. Sectional qualifying location will be determined during the entry process by the side’s second player.

Qualifying sites are final after entries close. Transfer from one qualifying location to another is not permissible after entries close. Qualifying sites may be canceled due to lack of participation. In the event of inclement weather, qualifying will take place as soon as possible following the originally scheduled date.

Sectional Qualifying will be over 18 holes.

All transfers and substitutions must be made by contacting the USGA Championship Administration Department at 908-326-1950 or via e-mail at champs@usga.org.

A side will be limited to one substitution following the close of entries and subject to substitution calendar below.

A substitute can only be a player NOT entered in the Championship upon the close of entries.

A player withdrawing from the Championship following the close of entries must notify the USGA (908-326-1950 or via e-mail at champs@usga.org) promptly in order to insure an alternate side fair opportunity to play. Failure to comply may result in disqualification from future USGA competition.

EXEMPTIONS FROM SECTIONAL QUALIFYING

Players in the following category will be eligible for exemption from Sectional Qualifying in the 2020 Championship only. The USGA reserves the right to revise acceptance of places.

EXEMPTIONS FROM SECTIONAL QUALIFYING


2. Runners-up of the U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship the last three years (2017-2019). (Side must remain intact.): 2017-CLARK COLLIER/KYLE HUDIELSON 2018-CHIP BROOKE/MARC DULL 2019-LOGAN SHUPING/BLAKE TAYLOR


4. A side in which both players rank within the top 400 point leaders and anyone tying for 400th place of the World Amateur Golf Ranking as of September 1, 2019. The side’s second player must select a qualifying site at the time of entry. Sides eligible under this category will be determined at the close of entries. (Must have filed entries by August 14, 2019.) In the event that more than 10 sides are eligible under this category, the 10 sides with the lowest *WAGR value will be deemed exempt. All other sides will be required to compete in qualifying.

5. A side in which both players rank within the top 400 point leaders and anyone tying for 400th place of the World Amateur Golf Ranking as of December 31, 2019. The side’s second player must select a qualifying site at the time of entry. Sides eligible under this category will be determined on December 31, 2019. (Must have filed entries by August 14, 2019.) In the event that more than 10 sides are eligible under this category, the 10 sides with the lowest *WAGR value will be deemed exempt. All other sides will be required to compete in qualifying.

6. “Special exemptions as selected by the USGA. Must have filed an entry by August 14, 2019. Deadline for submission of request: August 14, 2019. The side’s second player must select a qualifying site at the time of entry.

*NOTE: The WAGR value is computed by adding each player’s WAGR ranking, e.g., player A is ranked #200 and his partner, player B, is ranked #250; their WAGR value is 450.