

57TH U.S. SENIOR WOMEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP®



Conducted by the United States Golf Association®

Orchid Island Golf & Beach Club, Vero Beach, Florida | October 6 – 11, 2018

ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to amateur female golfers who will have reached their 50th birthday by October 6, 2018 and have an up-to-date Handicap Index® not exceeding 14.4 under the USGA Handicap System™. A Handicap Index must be issued from a "golf club" (as defined in the *USGA Handicap System Manual*) which 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.

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

Amateur Status: All players must conform to the *USGA Rules of Amateur Status*. If the player will be receiving expenses from sources other than family members to participate in this competition, please refer to Rule 4 of the *Rules of Amateur Status*.

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, blatant or excessive profanity, disorderly behavior, failure to abide by club rules, or any other unbecoming conduct.

Equipment Permitted Conditionally for Medical Reasons: Players who wish to request permission to use a medical device due to a medical condition or injury and proceed under Exception 1 to Rule 14-3, should refer to www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/championships-hub/additional-entry-resources/equipment-permitted-for-medical-reasons.html.

Gender Policy: Information regarding the USGA Gender Policy and additional entry requirements may be found at www.usga.org/championships/transgendered.

Completion of Play: If a player fails to return a scorecard ("no card"), future entries may be declined if documentation is not provided demonstrating that the player is capable of competing at the national championship level.

Withdrawal from Qualifying: Entrant who wishes to withdraw from Qualifying must notify the USGA (908-326-1950 or via e-mail at champs@usga.org) and the Official in Charge prior to their scheduled qualifying round. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from future USGA competitions.

ENTRIES: FORM, FEE, CLOSING DATE

All players, including those exempt, must file an entry application. Players must file online at the USGA website (www.usga.org). Only players for whom blank entries are filed by the USGA as noted in the section on exemptions will not be required to submit entry applications. *Only one entry may be filed per player. The USGA reserves the right to disqualify anyone who submits more than one entry.*

Entry fee of \$175 must be paid by every player. Entry fee will be refunded regardless of reason if the USGA is notified (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 October 6 and the player has not already participated in qualifying. No refund for any reason after October 6. A \$35 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 22, 2018.

Entry applications 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 stroke play for all except exempt players listed herein. See schedule.

2. Championship – 132 players eligible, including exempt players.

(A) STROKE PLAY – 36 holes stroke play to determine 64 qualifiers 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, OCTOBER 6: - First round, 18 holes.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7: - Second round, 18 holes.

SCHEDULE (CONT.)

(B) MATCH PLAY – General numerical draw will be used. For purposes of determining places in the draw, 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 and by performance in the play-off.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8: A.M. - - First round, 18 holes.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9: A.M. - - Second round, 18 holes.

P.M. - - Third round, 18 holes.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10: A.M. - - Quarterfinal round, 18 holes.

P.M. - - Semifinal round, 18 holes.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11: A.M. - - Final round, 18 holes.

In event of a tied match, (a) the winner will be determined immediately by a hole-by-hole play-off and (b) the stipulated round is deemed to extend to as many holes as are required for a match to be won.

PRIZES

CHAMPIONSHIP

WINNER: Gold medal and custody of the Senior Women's Amateur Championship Trophy for the ensuing year, subject to such conditions as the USGA may establish.

RUNNER-UP: Silver medal.

OTHER SEMIFINALISTS: Bronze medals.

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

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

SECTIONAL QUALIFYING ROUNDS

LOWEST SCORER IN EACH LOCATION: Silver medal; if a tie, duplicate medals will be awarded.

RULES OF GOLF; CLOSE OF COMPETITION

Play 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 deemed to be officially announced when the result has been posted on the public scoreboard by the Committee. The competition is deemed to be closed when the Championship trophy has been presented.

GOLF BALLS; DRIVER HEADS

Only brands of golf balls on the most current USGA List of Conforming Golf Balls and driver heads on the most current USGA 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. The so-called "One-Ball Rule," the optional condition prescribed in Appendix I of *The Rules of Golf*, will be in effect.

CLUBS: GROOVES

In Sectional qualifying and in the Championship proper, the player's clubs must conform to the grooves and punch mark specifications in *The Rules of Golf* that are effective from January 1, 2010.

*PENALTY FOR CARRYING, BUT NOT MAKING STROKE WITH CLUB OR CLUBS IN BREACH OF CONDITION:

Match play – At the conclusion of the hole at which the breach is discovered, the state of the match is adjusted by deducting one hole for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum deduction per round – Two holes.

Stroke play – Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – four strokes.

Match play or stroke play – If a breach is discovered between the play of two holes, it is deemed to have been discovered during play of the next hole, and the penalty must be applied accordingly.

*Any club or clubs carried in breach of this condition must be declared out of play by the player to his marker or a fellow-competitor in stroke play immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. If the player fails to do so, he is disqualified.

PENALTY FOR MAKING STROKE WITH CLUB IN BREACH OF CONDITION: Disqualification.

Exception: Ping Eye2 irons manufactured before March 31, 1990 with a groove spacing to groove width ratio of 2.3 to 1 are permitted for play under the Rules of Golf, even in certain competitions when the Condition Requiring Clubs Conforming with Groove and Punch Mark Specifications Effective January 1, 2010 is in effect. It is the player's responsibility to refer to the condition of competition posted for the specific competition in which the player is playing to ensure compliance with the above exception and to provide proof of the date on which the club was manufactured. If the player cannot provide such proof, the club must conform with specifications described in Appendix II, 5c(i).

Please refer to the following link for information regarding conformance: www.usga.org/grooves.

DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICES

In Sectional qualifying and in the Championship proper, a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

For more information, visit www.usga.org/dmd.

FOOTWEAR

It is a condition of the competition, including at all qualifying sites and the Championship proper, that shoes with traditionally-designed spikes (regardless of composition, i.e., ceramic, plastic, etc.) or spikes, regardless of design, comprised either entirely or partially of metal (if such metal may come in contact with the course) are prohibited during the stipulated round. Penalty for breach of this condition: DISQUALIFICATION.

CADDIES

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

Championship proper - A player may provide her own caddie. If she wishes to have a caddie provided to her by the host club, she 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 player or the player's caddie may ride in a golf cart during a stipulated round, but both may not ride at the same time. Additionally, the USGA reserves the right to limit or suspend the use of golf carts due to inclement weather, unsafe use of the golf cart or circumstances where use of the golf cart would present a hazard to others, the course officials, the golf course or for other unforeseen circumstances.

If the player's caddie has a disability and the caddie would like to ride in a golf cart throughout the stipulated round in addition to the player, consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a disabled caddie may be permitted to use of a golf cart as an accommodation to his or her disability. As required by the ADA, the USGA will evaluate such requests on a case-by-case basis. To evaluate such requests, submission of the Golf Cart Request Form for the caddie is required (as well as additional important information for first time and subsequent requests for a golf cart).

The Golf Cart Request Form and additional information is available at the following link: champs.usga.org.

LOCATION; TRANSFERRING

Players' preference for Sectional Qualifying location must be designated on the entry.

If a Sectional Qualifying location has more players than can be accommodated, some players may be transferred to another location and the date for qualifying may be different than the original requested date. Transfer will be based on the date of receipt of entry application. Transfers are final. Qualifying sites are final after entries close. Qualifying sites may be cancelled due to lack of participation. Transfer from one qualifying location to another is not permissible after entries close. In the event of inclement weather, qualifying will take place as soon as possible following the originally scheduled date.

QUALIFIERS' PLACES; TIES; SUBSTITUTIONS

The number of qualifiers' places in each location will be determined by the USGA after entries close, based on size and strength of field.

A tie for last qualifier's place or an alternate's place will be decided immediately by a hole-by-hole play-off.

Alternates in order of qualifying scores will be allowed for qualifiers unable to compete in the Championship.

If a Sectional Qualifying location cannot fill its qualifiers' places, or if an exempt player withdraws, the place made available will be reallocated to another location. A reallocation schedule will be prearranged by the USGA.

If a player withdraws before playing a stroke in the Championship proper, a substitution is allowed. Only the USGA may make such substitutions.

Alternates have no status at the Championship.

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 matter, and materials embodying any aspect of my Appearance do not need to 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. This grant shall be binding on my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, and the successors and assigns of the USGA. 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.

Players are required to cooperate with representatives of the media; however, no pre-Championship activities outside of those activities which are part of the Championship will be required. Authorized representatives of the media will not interfere with the player's Championship play in an unreasonable manner.

REGISTRATION

By 2 p.m. on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, eligible players must:

1. Register in person at location listed in the Memorandum to Players; or
2. All players arriving late should notify the Championship Administration Department at the USGA (908) 326-1950 or via e-mail at champs@usga.org (if before September 28). After September 28, please contact the USGA Director of the U.S. Senior Women's Amateur Championship. (Please see Memorandum to Players for contact information.) Place may be forfeited by a player from whom no word is received by 2 P.M. on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4.

ACCOMMODATIONS; PLAYERS DINNER; PRACTICE PRIVILEGES

Information will be provided to qualifiers upon completion of Sectional Qualifying. Exempt players will receive this information from the USGA office.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Players must be neat in appearance with respect to personal grooming and clothing.

CONDITIONS; SCHEDULES

The USGA Championship Committee/on-site Rules Committee reserves the right to alter any of the conditions, provisions and/or schedules herein. The decision of the Championship Committee/on-site Rules Committee in any matter will be final.

SECTIONAL QUALIFYING

ACCEPTANCE OF PLACES; NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL

On the day of Sectional Qualifying, every qualifier should inform the Official in Charge whether she will play in the Championship.

If a qualifier or exempt player withdraws, she must notify the USGA (908-326-1950 or via e-mail at champs@usga.org) promptly in order to insure an alternate fair opportunity to play. Failure to comply may result in disqualification from future USGA competition.

EXEMPTION FROM SECTIONAL QUALIFYING

Players in the following categories will be eligible for exemption from Sectional Qualifying in the 2018 Championship only. The USGA reserves the right to revise any of the exemption categories. Exempt players who wish to participate in the Championship must file an entry. *(NOTE: Blank entries will be filed by the USGA for players who become exempt after close of entries.)

1. Winners of the U.S. Senior Women's Amateur Championship the last 10 years (2008-2017):

2008-DIANE LANG	2013-ELLEN PORT
2009-SHERRY HERMAN	2014-JOAN HIGGINS
2010-MINA HARDIN	2015-KAREN GARCIA
2011-TERRI FROHNMAYER	2016-ELLEN PORT
2012-ELLEN PORT	2017-JUDITH KYRINIS
2. Runners-up of the U.S. Senior Women's Amateur Championship the last three years (2015-2017):

2015-PAMELA KUONG	2017-TERRILL SAMUEL
2016-ANDREA KRAUS	
3. Semifinalists of the U.S. Senior Women's Amateur Championship the last two years (2016-2017):

2016-LAURA COBLE	2017-TARA FLEMING
KAREN GARCIA	JUDITH KYRINIS
ANDREA KRAUS	TERRILL SAMUEL
ELLEN PORT	PATRICIA SCHREMMER
4. Quarterfinalists from the 2017 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur Championship:

PATRICIA CORNETT	JACKIE LITTLE
MARY ANN HAYWARD	LISA MCGILL
TARA FLEMING	TERRILL SAMUEL
JUDITH KYRINIS	PATRICIA SCHREMMER
5. From the 2018 U.S. Women's Open Championship, those returning scores for 72 holes.
6. From the 2017 U.S. Women's Open Championship, those returning scores for 72 holes.
7. From the 2018 U.S. Senior Women's Open Championship, the low five amateurs and ties returning a 72-hole score.
8. Winners of the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship the last 10 years (2009-2018).
9. Winners of the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship since 1992, 10 years from the time the player becomes age eligible.
10. Winners of the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship prior to 1992, 15 years from the time the player becomes age eligible.
11. Runners-up of the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship the last three years (2016-2018).
12. Quarterfinalists from the 2018 U.S. Women's Amateur Championship.
13. *From the U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship, winners in 2017 & 2018 and the runners-up in 2017 & 2018.
14. *Any player in her first year of age eligibility who has won the U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship.
15. Any player in her first year of age eligibility who has won the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links Championship.
16. Playing members of the United States and Great Britain & Ireland Curtis Cup Teams, four year exemption once appointed to the team.
17. *Playing members of the 2016 & 2018 United States Women's World Amateur Team.
18. *The low eight finishers and ties of the 2018 Women's World Amateur Team Championship.
19. Winners of the Ladies' British Open Amateur Championship the last five years (2014-2018).
20. *From the Ladies' Senior British Open Amateur Championship, winners in 2017 & 2018 and the runner-up in 2018.
21. Winner of the 2018 European Senior Ladies' Championship.
22. *Winner of the 2018 Canadian Women's Senior Championship.
23. Winners of the most current Canadian Women's Amateur, European Ladies' Amateur, Women's Amateur Asia-Pacific and Women's Mexican Amateur Championships.
24. From the current Women's World Amateur Golf Rankings, the top 500 point leaders and anyone tying for 500th place as of August 22, 2018. Players must select a qualifying site at the time of entry. Players eligible under this category will be determined at the close of entries. (Must have filed an entry by August 22, 2018.)
25. *Special exemptions as selected by the USGA. Must have filed an entry by August 22, 2018. Deadline for submission of request: August 22, 2018. Players must select a qualifying site at the time of entry.

SCHEDULE AND LOCATION OF SECTIONAL QUALIFYING ROUNDS - 18 HOLES STROKE PLAY

USGA reserves the right to revise this schedule

Completion of Play: If a player fails to return a scorecard ("no card"), future entries may be declined if documentation is not provided demonstrating that the player is capable of competing at the national championship level.

Withdrawal from Qualifying: Entrant who wishes to withdraw from Qualifying must notify the USGA (908-326-1950 or via e-mail at champs@usga.org) and the Official in Charge prior to her scheduled Qualifying round. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from future USGA competitions.

State	City	Host Club	*Site Capacity	**Practice Dates/ Player Information	Official in Charge
TUESDAY, AUGUST 28 AT:					
NY	1. MARCELLUS	Tuscarora G.C. (315)673-2679	78	Visit www.nysga.org	ANDREW HICKEY, New York State Golf Assn.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 AT:					
AK	2. ANCHORAGE	Anchorage G.C. (907)522-3363	78	Contact Club www.agagolf.org	JEFF BARNHART, Alaska Golf Assn.
AZ	3. SCOTTSDALE	The Estancia C. (480)473-4415	78	Contact Club www.azgolf.org	ANDREW POLONEC, Arizona Golf Assn.
GA	4. ROSWELL	C.C. of Roswell (770)475-7800	132	Visit www.gsga.org after Close of Entries	C. LAYNE WILLIAMS, Georgia State Golf Assn.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 AT:					
TN	5. NASHVILLE	Hillwood C.C. (615)352-5600	78	Aug. 28-30; Contact Club www.tngolf.org/tga	ALLISON BROWN, Tennessee Golf Assn.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 AT:					
IL	6. MCHENRY	McHenry C.C. (815)385-3435	90	Info incl. with pairings www.cdga.org	NICKOLAS SCILLIA, Chicago District Golf Assn.
WA	7. BURLINGTON	Skagit G. & C.C. (360)757-0530	78	Contact Club www.thewsga.org	SCOTTY CROUTHAMEL, Washington State Golf Assn.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 AT:					
CA	8. RANCHO SANTA FE	Rancho Santa Fe G.C. (858)756-3094	90	Visit www.scga.org after Close of Entries	JEFF NINNEMANN, Southern California Golf Assn.
CO	9. COLORADO SPRINGS	The Broadmoor G.C. (West C.) (719)577-5790	84	Contact Club www.coloradogolf.org	ROBERT DUKE, Colorado Golf Assn.
MO	10. ST. LOUIS	Franklin County C.C. (636)239-6678	120	Info incl. with pairings www.metga.org	CURT ROHE, Metropolitan Amateur Golf Assn.
OK	11. OWASSO	The Patriot G.C. (919)272-1260	78	Contact Club www.okgolf.org	MARK FELDER, Oklahoma Golf Assn.
TX	12. ARGYLE	Denton C.C. (940)464-4499	78	Visit www.txga.org after Close of Entries	RYAN FINN, Texas Golf Assn.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 AT:					
PA	13. ELIZABETH TWP.	Youghiogheny C.C. (412)751-3765	78	Info incl. with pairings www.wpga.org	TERRY TEASDALE, Western Pennsylvania Golf Assn.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 AT:					
CT	14. NORWALK	Silvermine G.C. (203)846-2552	78	Info incl. with pairings www.csgalinks.org	RYAN HOFFMAN, Connecticut State Golf Assn.
HI	15. KAPOLEI	Ko Olina G.C. (808)686-5300	80	Aug. 29-Sept. 11; Contact Club www.hsga.golf	PAUL OGAWA, Hawaii State Golf Assn.
MA	16. OSTERVILLE	Wianno C. (508)428-9840	78	Contact Club www.massgolf.org	LAURA NOCHTA, Massachusetts Golf Assn.
MD	17. SILVER SPRING	Argyle C.C. (301)518-9221	80	Contact Club www.msga.org	KELLY NEWLAND, Maryland State Golf Assn.
MI	18. ADA	Egypt Valley C.C. (Championship C.) (616)676-3989	78	Visit www.gam.org after Close of Entries	KEN HARTMANN, Golf Assn. of Michigan
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 AT:					
CA	19. LOS GATOS	La Rinconada C.C. (408)395-4220	78	Info incl. with pairings www.ncga.org	RYAN GREGG, Northern California Golf Assn.
PA	20. ORWIGSBURG	Schuylkill C.C. (570)366-0622	78	Info incl. with pairings www.gapgolf.org	KIRBY V. MARTIN, Golf Assn. of Philadelphia
SC	21. ELGIN	The Members C. at Woodcreek (803)699-2411	84	Sept. 12 www.carolinasgolf.org	MAGGIE WATTS, Carolinas Golf Assn.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 AT:					
FL	22. VERO BEACH	Vero Beach C.C. (772)562-2775	84	Visit www.fsga.org	JENNA MASNYK, Florida State Golf Assn.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 AT:					
IN	23. INDIANAPOLIS	Broadmoor C.C. (317)251-9444	84	Sept. 17; Contact Club www.indianagolf.org	TODD DEHAVEN, Indiana Golf Assn.
MN	24. EDEN PRAIRIE	Bent Creek G.C. (952)937-9347	84	Contact Club www.mngolf.org	DOUG A. HOFFMANN, Minnesota Golf Assn.

*There are no wait lists for qualifying locations that are full. If a qualifying location has more players than can be accommodated, some players may be transferred to another location and the date for qualifying may be different than the original requested date. Transfer will be based on the date of receipt of entry application. Transfers are final. Qualifying Sites are final after entries close. Qualifying sites may be cancelled due to lack of participation.

**Some qualifying sites may charge a fee for a practice round.

In the event of inclement weather, qualifying will take place as soon as possible following the originally scheduled date.

Footwear: It is a condition of the competition, including at all qualifying sites and the championship proper, that shoes with traditionally-designed spikes (regardless of composition, i.e., ceramic, plastic, etc.) or spikes, regardless of design, comprised either entirely or partially of metal (if such metal may come in contact with the course) are prohibited during the stipulated round. Penalty for breach of this condition: DISQUALIFICATION.