ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to amateur golfers who will have reached their fifty-fifth birthday by August 29, 2020 and have an up-to-date Handicap Index® based on ratings for men not exceeding 7.4 under the Rules of Handicapping. A Handicap Index must be issued from a “golf club” (as defined in the Rules of Handicapping book) that is authorized to use the Rules of Handicapping. The USGA accepts an up-to-date handicap issued from the international body of golf that would be equivalent to a Handicap Index within the prescribed limit for entry into the Championship. For this Championship, any reference to gender applies to all genders.

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

Equipment Used for Medical Reasons: Players who wish to request permission to use a medical device due to a medical condition or an injury and proceed under Rule 4.3b(1) of the Rules of Golf should refer to the link: www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/championships-hub/additional-entry-resource.html#integrity-policy.html. 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: A player 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 who are exempt, must file an entry application. Players must file online at the USGA website (www.usga.org). Only those players for whom blank entries are filed by the USGA as noted in the section on exemptions will 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 August 29 and the player has not already participated in Qualifying. No refund for any reason after August 29. 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, JULY 15, 2020.

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 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

SCHEDULE (CONT.)

(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 and by performance in the play-off. Monday, August 31: A.M. Round of 64, 18 holes. Tuesday, September 1: A.M. Round of 32, 18 holes. Wednesday, September 2: A.M. Round of 16, 18 holes. P.M. Quarterfinals, 18 holes. P.M. Semifinals, 18 holes. A.M. Final, 18 holes.

PRIZES

SCHEDULE

CHAMPIONSHIP

WINNER: Gold medal and custody of the Senior Amateur Championship trophy presented by Frederick L. Dold 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 his application, the player acknowledges that he is not entitled to remuneration of any kind for participation in the Championship other than prizes listed herein.

QUALIFYING ROUNDS

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

RULES OF GOLF

Play will be governed by The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and R&A Rules Limited. Questions will be settled by the on-site Rules Committee, whose decision will be final.

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 OUTLINED IN SECTION 8 OF THE COMMITTEE PROCEDURES IS IN EFFECT. SEE MODEL LOCAL RULE G-4.

CLUBS: GROOVES

In 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 player or the player’s caddie may ride in a golf cart during a 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 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: www.usga.org/championships-hub/additional-entry-resources/cart-policy-at-usga-senior-amateur-championships.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.

LOCATION; TRANSFERRING

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

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. Transfers 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 canceled 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 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.

QUALIFYING

ACCEPTANCE OF PLACES; NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL

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

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

EXEMPTIONS

Exemption categories list herein are applicable for the 2020 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, except those players for whom blank entries are filed as noted.

PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION; BROADCASTING (CONT.)

The USGA is not obligated to use my Appearance in any matter, 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), 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.

ONSITE CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTRATION

Register in person at location and time listed in the Memorandum to Players or notify the USGA as directed in the Memorandum to Players if a late arrival. Place may be forfeited by a player from whom no word has been received.

ACCOMMODATIONS; PLAYERS DINNER; PRACTICE PRIVILEGES

Information will be provided to qualifiers upon completion of 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.

LOCAL RULES; TERMS OF THE COMPETITION; SCHEDULES

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