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## Important Information for 2018

- Online registration opens January 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am. All players will need to create a new profile.
- Public Links and the Public Links Net Championship have been combined into one Championship with multiple flights.
- All tournaments will have a single entry fee. No additional fee for Championship.
- Zone Championships will be played at Poppy Hills GC and Carmel Valley Ranch GC.

### Reminders:

- All paper entries are to be mailed directly to the NCGA at:  
NCGA Tournaments  
3200 Lopez Road  
Pebble Beach, CA 93953
- All substitutions must be made at least one week prior to the event.
- Handicap Index eligibility requirements must be met at the time of registration, updates are done the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.
- Junior Tour is open to all juniors with an NCGA Handicap Index (see Tournament Eligibility) and membership to Junior Tour.
- SIR Clubs may send entries to associate club tournaments based on their membership.
- The January 15 Master Roster will be used to determine the number of tournament entries each club may send.
- California Amateur Championships – NCGA members can enter any available qualifying site in Northern OR Southern California.

## CHAMPIONSHIP POLICIES

**Players are responsible for knowing the rules and regulations concerning participation in NCGA events, as these policies apply to every tournament.**

**Spirit of the Game:** Golf is played, for the most part, without supervision of a referee or tournament official. The game relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration for other players and to abide by the Rules. All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times, irrespective of how competitive they may be. This is the spirit of the game of golf.

Any action contrary to the spirit of the game such as loud or abusive language, throwing of clubs or other disruptive behavior will not be tolerated and will result in disqualification. If a player commits a serious breach of conduct, such as cheating, deceiving or altering his/her scorecard, the player will be suspended indefinitely until he/she meets with the tournament committee. If the committee denies the player's appeal, the minimum suspension is three years. The committee has the right to lengthen the term of suspension based on the severity of the violation.

**Conditions of Play:** The Northern California Golf Association reserves the right to decline or withdraw an entry at any time. Any person whose entry is accepted shall be subject to the rules and conditions of play set forth by the NCGA. Note: The NCGA will not make any provisions for a player asking for special consideration due to other commitments. Make it your primary project for the day.

**Official Time:** The clock at the tee (1<sup>st</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>) where a player begins his/her stipulated round is the official time of starting. Starters will not page players in advance of their starting time. Players should report to the tee at least one starting interval prior to their tee time.

**Tournament Eligibility:** NCGA tournaments are open to amateur golfers who are members of a current NCGA member club in good standing. The USGA's definition of an amateur golfer is the standard of the NCGA. Applicants must have a current numeric Handicap Index listed on their club's Master Report at the time of tournament registration and meet all the eligibility requirements for the event they are entering. Any member who has not established a current numeric Handicap Index is ineligible. For club events, multi-members can only represent one club.

NCGA membership is not official until a member's name and numeric Handicap Index are on their club's Master Report.

**Tournament Entry Deadlines:** All NCGA tournaments may be entered at any time after the opening date provided the entry is received by the entry closing date. For those entering online, registration must be completed by 11:59 pm day of close. Entries should be mailed at least seven working days prior to the closing date to ensure mail delivery.

**Late Entries:** Late entries will be accepted after the closing date based on availability and until pairings are published on the NCGA website. All late entries, including exempt players, will be subject to pay an additional 50% of the applicable entry fee.

**Entries on the Website:** Entries for all NCGA non-club events and California Amateur events can be printed from our website: [www.ncga.org](http://www.ncga.org). To enter by mail, print the entire entry including all policies and procedures. Fill out completely, sign and mail to the NCGA office with the entry fee by the closing date. Late and/or incomplete entries will be returned without action.

**Mailing your Entries/Qualifying Certificates:** Send to NCGA Tournaments, 3200 Lopez Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.

**Online Registration:** Available for all non-club, or individual events at [www.ncga.org](http://www.ncga.org). The registration process must be completed by 8:59 pm of the closing date or your entry will be date stamped for the next day and therefore be rejected.

**Withdrawals/No Shows:** To withdraw for any reason players must notify the NCGA Rules and Competitions Department at (831) 625-4653. Failure to notify the NCGA will cause the player to be listed as a No Show resulting in a one-year suspension from all NCGA events for the calendar year following the infraction. A player who only contacts the course and not the NCGA will incur the suspension. Additionally, if you start a round and fail to turn in a scorecard you will be considered as a no show and receive the same suspension.

**Online Withdrawals:** Players who enter online may also withdraw online by 8:59 pm on the day the event closes. After that, players must contact the NCGA directly as stated above.

**Refunds:** Refund less \$10.00 (\$20.00 per team) if requested prior to closing date. No refunds within two business days prior to the event.

**After Closing Date:** 50% refunds given after closing date, but players must notify the NCGA by Monday at 5 pm prior to a tournament that starts on Thursday or by Wednesday at 5 pm prior to a tournament that starts on Monday.

**Substitutions:** For all championships with qualifying, substitutions are allowed prior to qualifying only. Substitutions for all NCGA events must be made one week prior to the event.

**Club Events:** All substitutions must be made by a club official, not the player. A player withdrawing needs to contact his club and then the official will contact the NCGA with their substitute. Note: No substitutions will be accepted for any qualifiers after 5 pm one week prior to the qualifier.

**Tournament Information:** Players will be e-mailed when tournament information (including pairings, starting times, and course assignments) is posted on the NCGA website ([www.ncga.org](http://www.ncga.org)). If you have not received your information within seven days of the event, it is your responsibility to contact the NCGA Rules and Competitions Department. Do not call more than seven days prior to the event.

**Tournament Entry Fees:** Entry fees for all tournaments cover green fees only at the qualifying and/or championship sites. They do not include golf carts, food, practice rounds, etc. Golf carts, whether optional or mandatory, are the individual player's responsibility unless otherwise specified for the event.

**Handicap Adjustments:** The NCGA reserves the right to adjust a player's Handicap Index prior to any net competition based upon previous performances in NCGA events.

**Course Handicap:** A player's current Handicap Index as of the qualifying and/or championship date is used to determine a player's Course Handicap for most NCGA tournaments. Refer to tournament descriptions for further details.

**Dress code:** Players and Caddies must be properly attired both on the golf course and on the premises of the club. Blue jeans, designer jeans, T-shirts and tank tops are prohibited. Golf shirts must be worn and shorts must be no shorter than mid-thigh (no jean shorts). This dress code will be used at all NCGA tournaments in conjunction with any additional dress code restrictions of the particular golf course involved. A player or caddie violating this dress code will not be permitted to start the competition. A violation of this dress code by either a player or a caddie during the stipulated round must be rectified without undue delay or the player will not be allowed to continue play or the caddie will not be allowed to perform the acts of a caddie.

**Spectators:** Walking spectators are always welcome and encouraged at NCGA Championships. For qualifying events, contact the assigned course to determine their policy. Everyone on the course must meet the dress code requirements for the course. Generally, denim, t-shirts and athletic or short shorts should not be worn. Spectators should not consume alcohol on the course and must follow club policies on tobacco use. The use of electronic devices should be limited to areas where their use will not distract players on the course. Spectators should maintain a reasonable distance from the players and caddies to avoid the appearance that the spectator is imparting advice or assisting the player in any way. A spectator may approach a player for a moment to exchange clothing, food, or beverages, but they should not have prolonged conversations. Please walk ahead or with the group you are watching and stay in the rough or near the cart paths. Do not delay other groups by walking slowly. Spectators must stay off the greens and out of the bunkers at all times. Spectators violating these policies may be asked to leave the course. Spectators are prohibited from using golf carts.

**Golf Carts:** When golf carts are permitted in a NCGA/CGA event, their use is limited to transporting players and/or their clubs. Only two carts are permitted per group. When a player is prohibited from riding, the player's caddie is also prohibited from riding.

**Disabled Players:** When walking is a condition of the competition, disabled players must file a "Disabled Cart Request" form with the NCGA along with their entry. Forms may be requested from the NCGA Rules and Competitions Department.

**Incomplete Rounds in Qualifiers:** When weather conditions or darkness threaten to suspend play during a NCGA qualifying event, the following procedure will be used to determine the qualifier from that site: Play will consist of two stipulated rounds of nine holes each. If the entire field completes 18 holes, qualifying will be based on the total score for the two stipulated rounds. If the entire field completes 9 holes only, the qualifying score will be based on the 9-hole stipulated round. If this is an individual net competition, the player's score will be his gross score minus any handicap strokes he is allowed on that nine.

**Qualifying Results:** Competitions officially close once qualifying results have been received, reviewed and verified by the NCGA Rules and Competitions Department.

**Qualifying Spots:** The number of spots available at each qualifying site will be determined based on the total number of entries received for each particular event. The final number of spots per qualifying site will be available from the Committee on the day of qualifying.

**Championship Alternates:** The following policy is in effect for placing alternates in NCGA Championships: (a) when a qualifier withdraws, the first alternate from that location will replace him. If the first alternate has been selected to play or declines, the second alternate will be contacted. (b) If an alternate is not available from that site or an exempt player withdraws, the NCGA would refer to the spot allocation ("one for every") list to fill the spot. (c) Alternates are welcome to stand-by at the championship site and will be entered based on the above policies.

**Over Subscription/Non-Qualifying Events:** Entries will be accepted on a "first-come, first-served" basis. Entries received after the field is complete will be placed on a waiting list in the order received. The championship committee reserves the right to move players when desired sites are oversubscribed based upon date of entry.

### **NCGA WOMEN COMPETITORS:**

**Net Competitions:** When men and women compete in the same NCGA net competition, women will compete from forward tees. Final Course Handicaps will be adjusted based on the difference between the men's and women's course ratings, if applicable. Differences of .5 or greater will be rounded upward.

**Scratch Competitions:** When men and women compete in the same NCGA scratch competition, they will play from the same tees.



## **CHAMPIONSHIP (Gross) QUALIFYING PERFORMANCE:**

### **“10-Stroke Rule”**

The NCGA expects all contestants in championship qualifying play to exhibit playing skills that are comparable with their peers. Consequently, all non-exempt players who submit an entry for the tournaments listed below must play in a qualifying round in 2018. Any player who does not return an 18-hole score during qualifying that is within 10 strokes (NCGA senior events - 12 strokes) of the USGA/NCGA Course Rating or the highest qualifying score (whichever is higher) will be denied entry into the same event in 2019.

### **Championships Subject to “10-Stroke Rule:”**

Amateur Match Play Championship  
Amateur Stroke Play Championship  
Mid-Amateur Championship  
Public Links Championship

### **Championships Subject to “12-Stroke Rule:”**

Senior Championship

# CHAMPIONSHIP (Net/Handicap) QUALIFYING PERFORMANCE

The NCGA expects all contestants in championship qualifying play to exhibit playing skills that are comparable with their peers. When handicap strokes are applied, this expectation is heightened. In an effort to maintain balance, the NCGA utilizes a Net Scores Database that compiles all “T” scores from any NCGA Net/Handicap tournament within the most current three-year window. Therefore, the players who fall into the current Database will have their NCGA “T” scores from 2015-2017 viewed as a whole. For any players whose performance during this period does not coincide with their monthly USGA Handicap Index, the NCGA will apply a more appropriate Handicap Index for use in NCGA events only. Letters will be sent to all players who will be subject to this potential reduction, as well as their respective club officers. This process is explained in far greater detail in those letters. This list is not for public view, as it is handled by the NCGA, the player and the player’s club(s). Finally, this list is not responsible for any “R” rating on the monthly USGA Handicap Index. The following tournaments make up the pool of Net Scores, including any and all qualifying rounds:

## **Tournament Scores Subject to Net Scores Database Adjustment:**

- Associate Club Championship
- Associate Club Four-Ball Net Championship
- Associate Club Net Amateur Championship
- Four-Ball Net Championship
- Net Amateur Championship
- Public Links Net Championship
- Senior Four-Ball Net Championship
- Senior Net Championship
- Team Match Championship (includes EVERY regular season and playoff match)
- Women’s Net Amateur Championship
- Zone Championship and all Regional Zone Championships

## 2018 INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT ENTRY INFORMATION – (NON-CLUB)

REGISTER FOR ALL TOURNAMENTS ONLINE AT  
[www.ncga.org](http://www.ncga.org)

### **PUBLIC LINKS CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Entries Close:** March 4, 2018. **Qualifying Date:** March 22, 2018.

**Championship Date:** April 23 - 24, 2018. **Championship Site:** Poppy Hills GC. **Entry Fee:** \$135. Exempt players \$165 **Eligibility:** All players with a Handicap Index of 5.4 or lower may play in the scratch or net flight. Players with a Handicap Index of 5.5 to 36.4 (40.4 for women) will play in the net flight. Handicap entries will be divided equally into flights at the championship proper. Players must be 18 years of age or older.

**Format:** 18 holes qualifying. 96 players including exemptions will advance to championship. Net Flights will be created using the April 1st Handicap Index. Qualifying players will advance to the championship proper for 36 holes (18 holes per day) of play at 100% of Course Handicap. Players will play to their April 15th Handicap Index.

**Membership Restrictions:** The NCGA adheres to the USGA membership restrictions for entry into the Public Links Championship. Contestants must be bona fide public course players who do not hold playing privileges at any course from which the general public is excluded or privileges in any private club maintaining its own course.

**Exceptions:** A bona fide public course member may hold incidental privileges at a course not open to the public when such privileges are provided by: (1) An educational institution of which he is a student; or (2) Federal Armed Service of which he is a member; or (3) An industry by which he is employed.

## **MIXED TEAM SPRING CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Entries Close:** March 4, 2018. **Championship Date:** March 23-24, 2018.

**Championship Site:** Poppy Hills GC. **Entry Fee:** \$350 per team.

**Eligibility:** Open to any male/female team. No players under 18 years of age. Both players must be NCGA Members and have a current numeric Handicap Index on their club's Master Report on the date of registration. Partners need not be members of the same club.

**Format:** Mixed Chapman. 36 holes of stroke play (18 holes per day). Play will be 60% of the lower Course Handicap and 40% of the higher Course Handicap.

**Flights:** 52 teams will be divided into three flights for the championship based on March 1<sup>st</sup> Handicap Index. Championship play will be based on March 15<sup>th</sup> Handicap Index.

## **SENIOR FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Entries Close:** March 18, 2018. **Championship Date:** April 4-6, 2018.

**Championship Site:** Poppy Hills GC. **Entry Fee:** \$340 per team. Field limited to the first 84 teams, which will include a super senior flight. (Both players must meet the super senior requirements.)

**Eligibility:** Players must have reached their 55<sup>th</sup> or 65<sup>th</sup> (super seniors) birthday on or by April 4, 2018 and have a numeric Handicap Index on their club's Master Report of 9.4 or less on the date of registration. Partners need not be members of the same club.

**Format:** 54 holes four-ball stroke play (18 holes per day) over three days. After 36 holes the field will be cut to the low 30 teams and ties.

## **FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

### **(Two-Person Better Ball)**

**Entries Close:** April 1, 2018. **Qualifying Date:** April 20, 2018.

**Championship Date:** May 11-13, 2018.

**Championship Site:** Spyglass Hill GC. **Entry Fee:** \$360 per team Exempt teams pay \$400.

**Eligibility:** A numeric Handicap Index of 5.4 or less on their club's Master Report on the date of registration. Partners need not be from the same club.

**Format:** 18 holes qualifying four-ball stroke play. 88 teams, including exemptions, will advance to the championship. The championship proper will be 54 holes of four-ball stroke play, (18 holes per day). After 36 holes, the field is cut to the low 40 teams and ties.

## **SENIOR NET CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Entries Close:** April 15, 2018. **Qualifying Date:** May 3, 2018.

**Championship Date:** June 4-5, 2018. **Championship Site:** Poppy Hills GC.

**Entry Fee:** \$135. **Eligibility:** Players must have reached their 55<sup>th</sup> birthday on or by June 4, 2018 and have a numeric Handicap Index of 7.5 to 36.4 (40.4 for women) listed on their club's Master Report on the date of registration.

**Format:** 18 holes qualifying 96 players will advance to championship. The championship proper will be 36 holes of stroke play (18 holes per day) at 100% of Course Handicap, based on June 1<sup>st</sup> Handicap Index

**Flights:** Sectional qualifying is not flighted. 96 Players will be divided into three flights for the championship proper, based on the May 15<sup>th</sup> Handicap Index.

## **MID-AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Entries Close:** April 15, 2018. **Qualifying Date:** May 5, 2018.

**Championship Date:** June 9-10, 2018. **Championship Site:** Poppy Hills

GC. **Entry Fee:** \$135. Exempt players \$165.

**Eligibility:** Players must have reached their 25<sup>th</sup> birthday on or by June 9, 2018. Players must have a numeric Handicap Index of 5.4 or less on their club's master report on the day of registration.

**Format:** 18 holes stroke play qualifying 96 players including exemptions will advance to championship. Championship Proper will be 36 holes stroke play (18 holes each day).

## **AMATEUR STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Entries Close:** May 25, 2018. **Qualifying Date:** June 15, 2018.

**Championship Date:** July 6-8, 2018. **Championship Site:** Poppy Hills GC.

**Entry Fee:** \$155. Exempt players \$185.

**Eligibility:** A numeric Handicap Index of 5.4 or less listed on their club's Master Report on the date of registration.

**Format:** 18 holes stroke play qualifying. 156 players, including exemptions, will advance to the championship proper. The championship proper will be 54 holes of stroke play (18 holes per day). After 36 holes the field will be cut to the low 40 players and ties. Automotive transportation is prohibited for all players and caddies.

## **JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Entries Close:** May 28, 2018. **Qualifying Dates:** June 23, 2018.

**Championship Date:** July 9-10, 2018. **Championship Site:** Lake Merced GC. **Entry Fee:** \$125. **Eligibility:** All boys and girls who have reached their 10<sup>th</sup> birthday on or by July 9, 2018 and have not reached their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday by July 10, 2018 or started college. NCGA membership is required.

**Format:** 18 holes qualifying. 96 players, (including exemptions) will participate in the Championship. The Championship will consist of 54 holes for boys, ages 14-18; 36 holes on the first day, 18 holes on the second day. Boys 10-13 and all girls will play 18 holes each day. Automotive Transportation and caddies are prohibited. Push carts are allowed.

## **WOMEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Entries Close:** June 3, 2018. **Championship Date:** June 20-21, 2018.

**Championship Site:** Poppy Hills GC. **Entry Fee:** \$150 per player.

**Eligibility:** A numeric Handicap Index of 7.4 or less listed on their club's Master Report on the date of registration.

**Format:** 36 holes stroke play (18 holes per day).

## **SENIOR WOMEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Entries Close:** June 3, 2018. **Championship Date:** June 20-21, 2018.

**Championship Site:** Poppy Hills GC. **Entry Fee:** \$150 per player.

**Eligibility:** A numeric Handicap Index of 18.4 or less listed on their club's Master Report on the date of registration. Seniors must have reached their 50<sup>th</sup> birthday on or by June 20, 2018.

**Format:** 36 holes stroke play (18 holes per day).

## **FOURSOME CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Entries Close:** June 24, 2018. **Championship Date:** July 14-15, 2018.

**Championship Site:** Poppy Ridge GC. **Entry Fee:** \$200 per team, which includes a pairings party. Field limited to first 78 eligible teams entered.

**Flight 1:** Parent / Child Flight. **Flight 2:** Open Flight.

**Eligibility:** Both team members must be members of the NCGA and have a numeric Handicap Index not to exceed 36.4 (men) or 40.4 (women) listed on their club's Master Report on date of registration. In the Parent/Child Flight relationship with the child must be natural, adopted or stepchild. Partners may have more than one generation between them (i.e. a grandfather may play with his grandson). Partners need not be members of the same club.

**Format:** Foursome. 36 holes of (alternate shot) stroke play (18 holes per day). Team handicap is 50% of partners' combined Course Handicaps. There will be one overall (can come from any flight) low gross prize awarded. First through third prizes will be awarded in the parent/child and open flights.

## **WOMEN'S NET AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Entries Close:** July 1, 2018. **Championship Date:** July 23-24, 2018.

**Championship Site:** Poppy Hills GC. **Entry Fee:** \$150. Field is limited to the first 96 players.

**Eligibility:** Open to all NCGA female members with a numeric Handicap Index on their club's Master Report on the date of registration. 96 players will be divided into three flights for the championship based on their July 1<sup>st</sup> Handicap Index.

**Format:** 36 holes stroke play (18 holes per day). Play will be at 100% of Course Handicap based on July 15<sup>th</sup> Handicap Index.

## **AMATEUR MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Entries Close:** July 1, 2018. **Qualifying Date:** July 20, 2018.

**Championship Date:** August 20-24, 2018. **Championship Site:** Spyglass Hill GC. **Entry Fee:** \$180 per player. Exempt players pay \$210.

**Eligibility:** A numeric Handicap Index of 5.4 or less listed on their club's Master Report on the date of registration.

**Format:** 18 holes qualifying. 156 players, including exemptions, will advance to the championship proper. The championship proper will be 36 holes of stroke play (18 holes per day). The low 32 players will advance from stroke play to single elimination match play beginning on Wednesday and concluding on Friday. Automotive transportation is prohibited for all players and caddies.

## **VALLEY AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Entries Close:** July 22, 2018. **Championship Date:** August 6-7, 2018.

**Championship Site:** Winchester GC. **Entry Fee:** \$150.

**Eligibility:** Field is limited to the first 156 players, including the senior division. A numeric Handicap Index of 5.4 or less listed on their club's Master Report on the date of registration.

**Format:** 36 holes stroke play (18 holes per day).

## **SENIOR VALLEY AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Entries Close:** July 22, 2018. **Championship Date:** August 6-7, 2018.

**Championship Site:** Winchester GC. **Entry Fee:** \$150.

**Eligibility:** Field is limited to the first 156 players, including the regular division. Players must have reached their 55<sup>th</sup> birthday on or by August 6, 2018 and have a numeric Handicap Index of 7.4 or less listed on their club's Master Report on the date of registration.

**Format:** 36 holes stroke play (18 holes per day).

## **SENIOR AMATEUR MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Entries Close:** July 31, 2018. **Qualifying Date:** August 20, 2018.

**Qualifying site:** Poppy Hills GC. **Championship date:** August 21-24, 2018.

**Championship site:** Poppy Hills GC & Spyglass Hill GC. **Entry fee:** \$180 per player.

**Eligibility:** Players must have reached their 55<sup>th</sup> birthday on or by August 20, 2018 and have a numeric Handicap Index on their club's Master Report of 7.4 or less on the date of registration.

**Format:** The top 16 players on the Senior Points List as of July 31st are exempt into the Championship. All other players will compete at Poppy Hills GC on Monday, August 20 to fill out the remaining spots. Players will compete in single elimination match play on Tuesday at Poppy Hills. The prevailing 16 players will move to Spyglass Hill GC for single elimination match play beginning on Wednesday and concluding on Friday.

## **SUPER SENIOR AMATEUR MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Entries Close:** July 31, 2018. **Qualifying Date:** August 20, 2018. **Qualifying site:** Poppy Hills GC. **Championship date:** August 21-24, 2018.

**Championship site:** Poppy Hills GC & Spyglass Hill GC. **Entry fee:** \$180 per player.

**Eligibility:** Players must have reached their 65<sup>th</sup> birthday on or by August 20, 2018 and have a numeric Handicap Index on their club's Master Report of 9.4 or less on the date of registration.

**Format:** The top 8 players on the Super Senior Points List as of July 31st are exempt into the Championship. All other players will compete at Poppy Hills GC on Monday, August 20 to fill out the remaining spots. Players will compete in single elimination match play on Tuesday at Poppy Hills. The prevailing 8 players will move to Spyglass Hill GC for single elimination match play beginning on Wednesday and concluding on Friday.



## **SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Entries Close:** August 12, 2018. **Qualifying Date:** August 30, 2018.

**Championship Dates:** September 19-21, 2018. **Championship Site:** Poppy Hills GC. **Entry Fee:** \$155 per player. Exempt players \$185.

**Eligibility:** Players must have reached their 55<sup>th</sup> birthday on or by September 19, 2018 and have a numeric Handicap Index on their club's Master Report of 7.4 or less on the date of registration.

**Format:** 18 holes qualifying. 84 seniors, including exemptions, will advance to the championship proper. The championship proper will be 54-holes of stroke play (18-holes per day). After 36-holes the field will be cut to the low 30 individuals and ties.

## **MID-AMATEUR FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Entries Close:** September 16, 2018. **Championship Dates:** October 8-9, 2018. **Championship Site:** Poppy Hills GC. **Entry Fee:** \$280. Field limited to the first 48 teams.

**Eligibility:** Players must have reached their 25<sup>th</sup> birthday on or by October 8, 2018 and have a numeric Handicap Index listed on their club's Master Report of 5.4 or less on the date of registration. Partners need not be members of the same club.

**Format:** 36 holes of four-ball stroke play (18 holes per day).

## **SUPER SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Entries Close:** September 23, 2018. **Championship Dates:** October 15-16, 2018. **Championship Site:** San Luis Obispo CC **Entry Fee:** \$150. Field limited to the first 96 players.

**Eligibility:** Players must have reached their 65<sup>th</sup> birthday on or by October 15, 2018 and have a numeric Handicap Index on their club's Master Report of 9.4 or less on the date of registration.

**Format:** 36 holes of stroke play (18 holes per day).

## **MIXED TEAM FALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Entries Close:** October 21, 2018. **Championship Date:** November 9-10, 2018. **Championship Site:** Poppy Hills GC & Del Monte GC. **Entry Fee:** \$350 per team.

**Eligibility:** Open to any male/female team. No players under 18 years of age. Both players must be NCGA Members and have a current numeric Handicap Index on their club's Master Report on the date of registration. Partners need not be members of the same club.

**Format:** 36 holes of stroke play (18 holes per day) in a Mixed Chapman format. Play will be 60% of the lower Course Handicap and 40% of the higher Course Handicap. **Flights:** The 104 teams will be divided into four flights for the championship based on October 15<sup>th</sup> Handicap Index.

## **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WOMEN'S FOUR-BALL NET CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Entries Close:** October 21, 2018. **Championship Date:** November 14-15, 2018. **Championship Site:** Poppy Hills GC. **Entry Fee:** \$400 per team includes cart, range balls, and luncheon on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Field limited to the first 56 teams.

**Eligibility:** Open to all NCGA, WGANC, or PWGA Women Members with a numeric Handicap Index on their club's Master Report on the date of registration.

**Format:** 36 holes four-ball stroke play (18 holes per day). Flights will be determined by dividing all entries into three equal groups based on the team's combined Course Handicap. Play will be 95% of the player's Course Handicap. If partners Course Handicaps differ by more than 8 strokes, an additional 10 percent reduction will be applied to their Course Handicap. One partner may represent the team for any part or all of a stipulated round.

## **TWO-PERSON SCRAMBLE CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Entries Close:** November 25, 2018. **Championship Dates:** December 17-18, 2018. **Championship Site:** Poppy Hills GC. **Entry Fee:** \$300 per team.

**Eligibility:** Both players must be NCGA members and have a current numeric Handicap Index on their club's Master Report on the date of registration. Partners need not be members of the same club.

**Format:** 36 holes of stroke play (18 holes per day) in a scramble format. Play will be 35% of the lower Course Handicap and 15% of the higher Course Handicap. A side will start the play of each hole and then select the team's best shot. The partner may place a ball within six inches (no closer to the hole) of the selected spot. The side plays their next stroke from the chosen spot. This procedure is followed on every shot until the ball is holed. Sides are required to select each partner's tee shot at least six times throughout a round.

## **2018 CLUB TOURNAMENT ENTRY INFORMATION**

- All entries are available to the club officials at [ncga.org](http://ncga.org) on the club entry forms webpage.
- Multi-members can only represent one club in any Championship.
- Club qualifying may be required for these events. Register with your tournament chair or the club officer responsible for handling NCGA entries.
- Substitutions must be made by a club officer up to one week prior to the event.
- For online registration please see the “Club Tournament Login” on the Competitions page at [NCGA.org](http://NCGA.org).

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# REGULAR (GREEN GRASS) CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

## ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Regional Dates:** See chart on page 19.

**Regional Sites:** See chart on page 19.

Regional Zone qualifying will play one round at Carmel Valley Ranch GC and one round at Poppy Hills GC.

The top two teams from each regional zone will return for the Zone Championship.

**Zone Championship Dates:** August 27-28, 2018.

**Zone Championship Sites:** Poppy Hills & Spyglass Hill GC.

**Limit:** One four-person team per club. **Entry Fee:** \$640 per team.

**Eligibility:** NCGA regular member clubs only (one team). Multi-members can only represent one club. No players under 18 years of age. A numeric Handicap Index listed on their club's Master Report on the date of registration not to exceed 36.4 (men) or 40.4 (women).

**Format:** Best two balls of four net. Play will be 90% (men) and 95% (women) of the Course Handicap using a maximum Handicap Index of 18.4 for calculation. All players with Handicap Indexes of 18.5 or above are eligible but must play to a maximum current Handicap Index of 18.4.

# Zone Dates:

<b>Zone</b>	<b>Entry Close</b>	<b>Regional Tournament</b>	<b>Courses</b>
North Bay	3/18	4/9 – 4/10	PH / CVR
North	3/18	4/9 – 4/10	CVR / PH
South Valley	3/25	4/16 – 4/17	PH / CVR
East Bay	3/25	4/16 – 4/17	CVR / PH
South Coast	4/22	5/17 – 5/18	PH / CVR
San Francisco Bay	4/22	5/17 – 5/18	CVR / PH
Central Valley	5/6	5/31 – 6/1	PH / CVR
North Valley	5/6	5/31 – 6/1	CVR / PH
South Bay	6/3	6/25 – 6/26	PH / CVR
Sacramento	6/3	6/25 – 6/26	CVR / PH
East Sacramento	7/1	7/26 – 7/27	PH / CVR
Northeast Bay	7/1	7/26 – 7/27	CVR / PH
North Sierra	7/15	8/6 – 8/7	PH / CVR
South Sierra	7/15	8/6 – 8/7	CVR / PH
<b>Zone Championship</b>		<b>8/27 – 8/28</b>	<b>Poppy Hills / Spyglass Hill</b>

## **TEAM MATCH CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Entries Close:** April 1, 2018. **Qualifying:** Participating clubs compete in a series of home and home matches beginning June 7, 2018.

**Championship Dates:** October 27-28, 2018. **Championship Site:** Poppy Hills GC. **Entry Fee:** \$250 per team.

**Eligibility:** NCGA regular member clubs maintaining at least one 18-hole regulation golf course (5,000 yards or more). Team members must be at least 21 years of age and listed on their club's June 1 Master Report. A player may only represent one club and one team. All players with a Handicap Index up to 36.4 (men) or 40.4 (women) are eligible but must play to a maximum Handicap Index of 18.4. Clubs with 36 holes may enter a second Thursday or Saturday team.

**Format:** Twelve players per team compete in each match. A team of two players plays the opposing team of two, playing three matches simultaneously - two individual matches and a four-ball match (two person better ball).

## **FOUR-BALL NET CHAMPIONSHIP**

**(Two-Person Better Ball)**

**Entries Close:** April 29, 2018. **Qualifying Date:** May 24, 2018.

**Championship Dates:** June 18-19, 2018. **Championship Site:** Poppy Hills GC. **Entries:** One to three teams based on club membership. **Entry Fee:**

\$270 per team. **Eligibility:** NCGA regular member clubs only. Multi-members can represent only one club. No players under 18 years of age. A numeric Handicap Index listed on their club's Master Report not to exceed 36.4 (men) or 40.4 (women) on the date of registration.

**Number of entries:** Clubs are entitled, but not required, to submit a specific number of teams based on their active golfing membership as of their January 15 Master Report as shown below.

1 - 2 person team:	20-150 active golfing members
2 - 2 person teams:	151-350 active golfing members
3 - 2 person teams:	Over 350 active golfing members

**Format:** Four-Ball stroke play (Two-Person Better Ball). 18 holes qualifying 48 teams will advance to championship. The championship proper will be 36 holes (18 holes per day). Play will be 90% (men) and 95% (women) of the Course Handicap using a maximum Handicap Index of 18.4 for calculation. All players with Handicap Indexes of 18.5 and above are eligible but must play to a maximum Handicap Index of 18.4. If partners' Course Handicaps differ by more than 8 strokes, an additional 10 percent reduction will be applied to their Course Handicaps. One partner may represent the team for any part or all of a stipulated round for qualifying or the championship proper.

## **SENIOR FOUR-BALL NET CHAMPIONSHIP**

### **(Two-Person Better Ball)**

**Entries Close:** July 15, 2018. **Qualifying Date:** August 8, 2018.

**Championship Dates:** September 10-11, 2018. **Championship Site:** Poppy Ridge GC. **Entries:** One to three teams based on membership. **Entry Fee:** \$270 per team. **Eligibility:** All NCGA member clubs. Multi-members can only represent one club. Players must have reached their 55<sup>th</sup> birthday on or by September 10, 2018 and have a numeric Handicap Index listed on their club's Master Report not to exceed 36.4 (men) or 40.4 (women) on the date of registration. Note: SIRS – Each club may send entries based on their membership.

**Number of Entries:** Clubs are entitled, but not required, to submit a specific number of teams based on their active golfing membership as of their January 15 Master Report as shown below.

1 - 2 person team:	20-100 active golfing members
2 - 2 person teams:	101-350 active golfing members
3 - 2 person teams:	Over 350 active golfing members

**Format:** Four-Ball Stroke Play (Two-Person Better Ball). 18 hole qualifying. 48 teams advance to championship. The championship proper will be 36 holes (18 holes per day). All play will be 90% (men) and 95% (women) of the Course Handicap using a maximum Handicap Index of 18.4 for calculation. All players with a Handicap Index of 18.5 and above are eligible but must play to a maximum Handicap Index of 18.4. If partners' Course Handicaps differ by more than 8 strokes, an additional 10 percent reduction will be applied to their Course Handicaps. One partner may represent the team for any part or all of a stipulated round for qualifying or the championship proper.

## **NET AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Entries Close:** August 19, 2018. **Qualifying Date:** September 13, 2018.

**Championship Dates:** October 15-16, 2018.

**Championship Site:** Poppy Hills GC. **Entry Fee:** \$135 per player.

**Eligibility:** NCGA regular club members only. Multi-members can only represent one club. Players must have a numeric Handicap Index listed on their club's Master Report, not exceeding 36.4 (men) or 40.4 (women) on the date of registration. No players under 18 years of age.

**Format:** 18 holes stroke play qualifying 96 players will advance to championship. Championship is 36 holes stroke play (18 holes per day). Players will use 100% of their Course Handicap at all levels of play.

**Number of entries:** Clubs are entitled, but not required, to submit a specific number of players based on their active golfing membership on their January 15 Master Report as shown below.

2 entries/players: 20-150 active golfing members

4 entries/players: 151-350 active golfing members

6 entries/players: Over 350 active golfing members

**Flights:** Flighting is optional at club qualifying. Sectional qualifying rounds are not flighted. Players will be divided into three flights at the championship proper based on October 1 Index.

## **CAL SCRATCH LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Entries Close:** September 2, 2018. **Qualifying:** Participating clubs compete in a series of home and home matches beginning September 10, 2018. **Nor Cal Championship Date:** November 16, 2018 **Nor Cal Championship Site:** Poppy Ridge GC. **State Championship Dates:** December 6, 2018.

**Championship Site:** Southern California **Entry Fee:** \$330 per team.

**Eligibility:** NCGA regular member clubs maintaining at least one 18-hole regulation golf course (5,000 yards or more). Team members must be at least 21 years of age and listed on their club's September 1 Master Report. A player may only represent one club and one team.

**Format:** All play is without handicaps except for seeding the pairing order from lowest to highest current Handicap Index. Stroke Play rules apply. There is a 16 point game within each pairing group of four players. Teams are comprised of seven players, six amateur members and one Staff Professional. Group winners will meet in the NCGA Scratch League Championship. Two teams will then advance, along with two teams from Southern California, to compete in the California Scratch League Championship.



# ASSOCIATE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

## ASSOCIATE CLUB FOUR-BALL NET CHAMPIONSHIP

### (Two-Person Better Ball)

**Entries Close:** April 15, 2018. **Qualifying Date:** May 10, 2018.

**Championship Dates:** June 11-12, 2018.

**Championship Site:** Poppy Hills GC. **Entry Fee:** \$270 per team.

**Eligibility:** NCGA Associate Club members only. Multi-members can only represent one club. No players under 18 years of age. A numeric Handicap Index listed on their club's Master Report not to exceed 36.4 (men) or 40.4 (women) on the date of registration. Note: SIRS – Each club may send entries based on their membership.

**Number of Entries:** Clubs are entitled, but not required, to submit a specific number of players based on their active golfing membership on their January 15 Master Report as shown below.

1 - 2 person team:	20-50 active golfing members
2 - 2 person teams:	51-100 active golfing members
3 - 2 person teams:	Over 100 active golfing members

**Format:** Four-Ball (Two-Person Better Ball). 18 holes qualifying 48 teams will advance to championship. The championship proper will be 36 holes (18 holes per day). Play will be 90% (men) and 95% (women) of the Course Handicap using a maximum Handicap Index of 18.4 for calculation. All players with a Handicap Index of 18.5 and above are eligible but must play to a maximum Handicap Index of 18.4. If partners' Course Handicaps differ by more than 8 strokes, an additional 10 percent reduction will be applied to their Course Handicaps. One partner may represent the team for any part or all of a stipulated round for qualifying or the championship proper.

## **ASSOCIATE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Entries Close:** July 8, 2018. **Qualifying Dates:** August 2, 2018.

**Championship Dates:** August 27-28, 2018. **Championship Sites:** Spyglass Hill GC & Poppy Hills GC. **Entries:** One four-person team per club. **Entry Fee:** \$540 per team.

**Eligibility:** NCGA Associate Club members only. Multi-members can only represent one club. No players under 18 years of age. A numeric Handicap Index listed on their club's Master Report on the date of registration not to exceed 36.4 (men) or 40.4 (women). Note: SIRS – Each club may send entries based on their membership.

**Format:** Best two balls of four net stroke play. 18 holes qualifying 24 teams advance to the championship. The championship proper will be 36 holes (18 holes per day). Play will be 90% (men) and 95% (women) of their Course Handicap using a maximum Handicap Index of 18.4 for calculation. All players with a Handicap Index of 18.5 and above are eligible but must play to a maximum Handicap Index of 18.4.

## **SENIOR FOUR-BALL NET CHAMPIONSHIP**

### **(Two-Person Better Ball)**

**Entries Close:** July 15, 2018. **Qualifying Date:** August 8, 2018.

**Championship Dates:** September 10-11, 2018. **Championship Site:** Poppy Ridge GC. **Entries:** One to three teams based on membership.

**Entry Fee:** \$270 per team.

**Eligibility:** All NCGA member clubs. Multi-members can only represent one club. Players must have reached their 55<sup>th</sup> birthday on or by September 10, 2018 and have a numeric Handicap Index listed on their club's Master Report not to exceed 36.4 (men) or 40.4 (women) on the date of registration. One partner may represent the team for any part or all of a stipulated round for qualifying or the championship proper.

**Number of Entries:** Clubs are entitled, but not required, to submit a specific number of teams based on their active golfing membership as of their January 1 Master Report as shown below. Note: SIRS – Each club may send entries based on their membership.

- 1 - 2 person team: 20-100 active golfing members
- 2 - 2 person teams: 101-350 active golfing members
- 3 - 2 person teams: Over 350 active golfing members

**Format:** Four-Ball Stroke Play (Two-Person Better Ball). 18 holes qualifying. 48 teams advance to the Championship. The championship proper will be 36 holes (18 holes per day). All play will be 90% (men) and 95% (women) of the Course Handicap using a maximum Handicap Index of 18.4 for calculation. All players with Handicap Indexes of 18.5 and above are eligible but must play to a maximum Handicap Index of 18.4. If partners' Course Handicaps differ by more than 8 strokes, an additional 10 percent reduction will be applied to their Course Handicaps.

## **ASSOCIATE CLUB NET AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Entries Close:** August 12, 2018. **Qualifying Date:** September 6, 2018.

**Championship Dates:** October 8-9, 2018.

**Championship Site:** Poppy Ridge GC. **Entry Fee:** \$135 per player.

**Eligibility:** NCGA Associate Club members only. Multi-members can only represent one club. Players must have a numeric Handicap Index listed on their club's Master Report, not exceeding 36.4 (men) or 40.4 (women) on date of registration. No players under 18 years of age. Note: SIRS – Each club may send entries based on their membership.

**Format:** 18 holes qualifying. 96 players advance will advance to the championship. The championship proper will be 36 holes (18 holes per day). Players will receive 100% of their Course Handicap at all levels of play.

**Number of Entries:** Clubs are entitled, but not required, to submit a specific number of players based on their active golfing membership on their January 15 Master Report as shown below.

2 entries/players: 20 - 50 active golfing members

4 entries/players: 51 - 100 active golfing members

6 entries/players: Over 100 active golfing members

**Flights:** Flighting is optional at club qualifying. Sectional qualifying rounds are not flighted. Players will be divided into three flights at the championship proper.

## CALIFORNIA AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS CHAMPIONSHIP (GROSS) QUALIFYING PERFORMANCE:

The NCGA/SCGA expects all contestants in championship qualifying play to exhibit playing skills that are comparable to their peers. Consequently, all non-exempt players who submit an entry for California Amateur Championships must play a qualifying round in 2018. Any player who does not return an 18-hole score during qualifying that is within 10 strokes (Senior - 12 strokes) of the USGA/NCGA Course Rating may be denied entry into the same event in 2019. Women attempting to qualify will play the same yardage as the men.

### **CALIFORNIA AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Qualifying is available statewide for both NCGA and SCGA players**

**Register online at [www.ncga.org](http://www.ncga.org) or [www.scga.org](http://www.scga.org)**

**Entries Open:** January 8, 2018

**Entries Close:** April 15, 2018

#### **Northern qualifying sites:**

4/30 Merced GCC  
5/2 Poppy Ridge GC  
5/14 Sierra View CC  
5/14 San Jose CC  
5/21 Stonetree GC

#### **Southern qualifying sites:**

5/7 Shadowridge GC  
5/7 The Alisal GC –Ranch  
5/15 Goose Creek GC  
5/17 Rustic Canyon GC  
5/21 Avondale GC  
5/21 Bernardo Heights GC

**Championship Dates:** June 18-23, 2018.

**Championship Sites:** La Costa Resort, Carlsbad, CA

**Entry Fee:** All players will pay \$150. There is no additional championship fee.

*NOTE: The championship committee reserves the right to move players when desired sites are oversubscribed based upon date of entry.*

**Eligibility:** A numeric Handicap Index of 4.4 or less on their club's Master Report at the time of registration. Players may submit an entry to qualify in either Northern or Southern California but can play in only one qualifying round.

**Format:** 18 holes qualifying. 156 players including exempts will advance to the championship. The championship proper will be 36 holes (18 holes per day) of stroke play. The top 32 players will advance from stroke play to single-elimination match play beginning on Wednesday and concluding on Saturday.

**Refund Policy:** Refund less \$10.00 processing fee if requested prior to closing date. 50% refund after the closing date but prior to 48 hours to the event. No refunds will be honored within 48 hours of the event.

## **CALIFORNIA SENIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Qualifying is available statewide for both NCGA and SCGA players**

**Register online at [www.ncga.org](http://www.ncga.org) or [www.scga.org](http://www.scga.org)**

**Entries Open:** January 8, 2018

**Entries Close:** September 16, 2018

**Northern qualifying sites:**

10/2 Boulder Ridge

10/15 Poppy Ridge

**Southern qualifying sites:**

9/24 El Camino

10/5 Soule Park

10/8 Apple Valley

**Championship Dates:** November 12-14, 2018.

**Championship Site:** TBD

**Entry Fee:** All players will pay \$150. There is no additional championship fee.

**Eligibility:** Players must have reached their 55<sup>th</sup> birthday on or by November 12, 2018 and have a numeric Handicap Index of 7.4 or less on their club's Master Report at the time of registration. Eligible players may attempt to qualify for both the California Amateur and California Senior Amateur Championships. Only one entry for the same event may be filed per player, even if the player belongs to clubs in both Northern California and Southern California.

**Format:** 18 holes qualifying. 90 players, including exempts, will advance to the championship. Championship is 54 holes of stroke play (18 holes per day). After 36 holes, the field will be cut to the low 33 players and ties.

**Refund Policy:** Refund less \$10.00 processing fee if requested prior to closing date. 50% refund after the closing date but prior to 48 hours to the event. No refunds will be honored within 48 hours of the event.

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