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Championship Handbook
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Important Information for 2020

- Online registration opens January 13th at 8:00 am.
- Public Links and the Public Links Net Championships have been moved to June 29-30.
- Valley and Senior Valley Amateur Championships moved to August 31-September 1.
- 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.
- Qualifiers will be held on multiple dates. For NCGA Championships you may select the site and date that works for you.

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 daily and revisions are sent on the 1st and 15th 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.
- California Amateur Championships – NCGA members can enter any available qualifying site in Northern OR Southern California.
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 (1st or 10th) where a player begins his/her 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.

**Exceptions:** In Team Match and Scratch League, Professionals join their members in NCGA competition. The Operations Committee reserves the right to review the circumstances of any Amateur Awaiting Reinstatement to determine eligibility.
**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 $20 per player of the applicable entry fee. After qualifying has
begun, an exempt player entry will only be accepted as the final alternate on the Spot Re-
allotment list.

**Site Transfers:** Players may request to transfer from one site to another based on availability
at any time prior to the pairings being posted for either of the sites involved. Once pairings are
published, transfers will only be permitted for exceptional circumstances (for example: a player
qualifies for a USGA championship that conflicts with the qualifying date).

**Paper Entries Available Online for Club Events:** Entries for all club events can be printed
from our website: 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:** All mailed entries should be addressed to: NCGA Tournaments, 3200
Lopez Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953.

**Online Registration:** Available for all events at [www.ncga.org](http://www.ncga.org). When registration is
completed, the player's or club official's credit card will be charged the full entry fee.
Registration closes at 11:59 p.m. on the day the event closes.

**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.

**Online Withdrawals:** Players who enter online may also withdraw online by 11:59 pm on the
day the event closes. After that, players must contact the NCGA directly as stated above.

**Refunds:**
- Prior to the closing date – Full refund less $10.00.
- Closing date to 48 hours prior to the event – Full refund less $60 per player.
- Inside 48 hours prior to the event – NO REFUNDS. Exceptions due to significant distress
  (work conflicts do not qualify) may be requested Prior to the start of the event.
Substitutions: Prior to qualifying or championship without qualifying - substitutions permitted up to 48 hours prior to the event. For a club event, substitutions must be made with the formal approval of a club official. Inside 48 hours, substitutions will only be accepted in the event of injury or illness with notification prior to the player's start time. Players arriving at the starting tee without notifying the NCGA of a substitution will not be eligible to compete. After qualifying – No substitutions will be permitted between qualifying and the Championship Proper. Exception: in the Zone and Associate Club Championships (4-player teams), substitutions will be permitted after qualifying in accordance with the above policy.

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). 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.

No Shows: A player who does not show up and does not notify the NCGA shall receive a ONE-YEAR SUSPENSION FROM ALL NCHA EVENTS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR FOLLOWING THE INFRACTION. This includes team/club events. NO SHOWS also include a player who starts and withdraws prior to the close of the competition and has not personally turned in his scorecard to a tournament official. Failure to comply will result in the same one-year suspension.

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 Based on Performance in Net Championships/Qualifying: The NCGA reserves the right to adjust a player's Handicap Index prior to or during 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. Only two carts are permitted per group.

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.

NCGA Women Competitors: Net Competitions: When men and women compete in the same NCGA net competition, women will compete from forward tees. Scratch Competitions: When men and women compete in the same NCGA scratch competition, they will play from the same tees.

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.
Playing in Multiple Qualifiers: Players may only compete at one qualifying site. In Zone Championships, a player may represent two different teams in different Zones, however, if both teams advance, a player may only represent one team at the championship proper. This clause does not prevent a player from representing different teams in different championships, such as the Four-Ball Net and Associate Club Four-Ball Net Championships.

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.

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 (Championship Flight)
Senior Championship
2020 INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT ENTRY INFORMATION – (NON-CLUB)

REGISTER FOR ALL TOURNAMENTS ONLINE AT www.noga.org

MIXED TEAM SPRING CHAMPIONSHIP
Championship Site: Poppy Hills GC. Entry Fee: $380 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. Handicap information will be posted in the player information sheet.

SENIOR FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP
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 55th or 65th (super seniors) birthday on or by March 30, 2020 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
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**
Championship Site: Poppy Hills GC. Entry Fee: $135.
Eligibility: Players must have reached their 55th birthday on or by June 1, 2020 and have a numeric Handicap Index 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 95% of Course Handicap.
Flights: Sectional qualifying is not flighted. 96 Players will be divided into three flights for the Championship Proper. Handicap information will be posted in the player information sheet.

**MID-AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP**
Entry Fee: $135. Exempt players $165.
Eligibility: Players must have reached their 25th birthday on or by June 13, 2020. 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).

**WOMEN’S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP**
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**
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 50th birthday on or by July 6, 2020.
Format: 36 holes stroke play (18 holes per day).
AMATEUR STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP
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. 84 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 33 players and ties. Automotive transportation is prohibited for all players and caddies.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP
Format: 18 holes qualifying. 96 players, (including exemptions) will participate in the Championship. The Championship will consist of 54 holes; 36 holes on the first day, 18 holes on the second day. Automotive Transportation and caddies are prohibited. Push carts are allowed.

PUBLIC LINKS CHAMPIONSHIP
Championship Site: Poppy Hills GC. Entry Fee: $135. Exempt players $165
Eligibility: All players must be bona fide Public Links golfers, defined as a player holding no privileges at a private facility through membership. Any player listed on a private facility roster is deemed ineligible for the Public Links Championships. SCATCH: Players must have a numeric index listed on their club’s master roster of 5.4 or less on the date of registration. NET: Players must have a numeric index listed on their club’s master roster on the date of registration.
Format: 18 holes qualifying. 96 players including exemptions will advance to championship. Net division will be divided into three flights. Handicap information will be available in the player information sheet. Qualifying players will advance to the championship proper for 36 holes (18 holes per day) of play at 95% of Course Handicap.
AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP
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.

SENIOR AMATEUR MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP
Eligibility: Players must have reached their 55th birthday on or by August 10, 2020 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 10th 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
Eligibility: Players must have reached their 65th birthday on or by August 10, 2020 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 10 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.

WOMEN’S NET AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP
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. Handicap information will be available in the player information sheet.
Format: 36 holes stroke play (18 holes per day). Play will be at 95% of Course Handicap based on August 15th Handicap Index.
VALLEY AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP
Entries Close: August 9, 2020. Championship Date: August 31- September 1, 2020. Championship Site: Schaffer's Mill Club. Entry Fee: $150. Eligibility: Field is limited to the first 104 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: August 9, 2020. Championship Date: August 31- September 1, 2020. Championship Site: Schaffer's Mill Club. Entry Fee: $150. Eligibility: Field is limited to the first 104 players, including the regular division. Players must have reached their 55th birthday on or by August 31, 2020 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 CHAMPIONSHIP
Entries Close: July 26, 2020. Qualifying Date: August 19-21, 2020. Qualifying Sites: Haggin Oaks GC 8/19, Baylands GL 8/20, Sunnyside CC 8/20, Callippe Preserve 8/21. Championship Dates: September 23-25, 2020. Championship Site: Poppy Hills GC. Entry Fee: $155 per player. Exempt players $185. Eligibility: Players must have reached their 55th birthday on or by September 23, 2020 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 13, 2020. Championship Dates: October 5-6, 2020. Championship Site: Poppy Hills GC. Entry Fee: $280. Field limited to the first 48 teams. Eligibility: Players must have reached their 25th birthday on or by October 5, 2020 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).
ASSOCIATE CLUB NET AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP
Entries Close: August 16, 2020. Qualifying Date: September 9-12, 2020. Qualifying Sites: Ancil Hoffman GC 9/9, Callippe Preserve GC 9/9, Monarch Bay GC 9/10, Rancho Solano GC 9/11, Coyote Creek GC 9/11, Del Monte GC 9/12. Championship Dates: October 5-6, 2020. 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 reached their 18th birthday on or before October 5, 2020 and have a numeric Handicap Index listed on their club’s Master Report on date of registration. 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 95% of their Course Handicap at all levels of play. Flights: Qualifying rounds are not flighted. Players will be divided into three flights at the championship proper.

NET AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP
Entries Close: August 30, 2020. Qualifying Date: September 23-26, 2020. Qualifying sites: Poppy Ridge GC 9/23, Crystal Springs GC 9/24, Haggin Oaks GC 9/24, Metropolitan GL 9/24, Crazy Horse Ranch 9/25, Peach Tree CC 9/25, Reserve at Spanos Park 9/25, Oakmont GC 9/25, Hiddenbrooke GC 9/26. Championship Dates: October 12-13, 2020. 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 reached their 18th birthday on or before October 12, 2020 and have a numeric Handicap Index listed on their club’s Master Report on date of registration. 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 95% of their Course Handicap at all levels of play. Flights: Qualifying rounds are not flighted. Players will be divided into three flights at the championship proper based on October 1 Index.

SUPER SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP
Entries Close: September 20, 2020. Championship Dates: October 12-13, 2020. Championship Site: Los Altos GCC. Entry Fee: $150. Field limited to the first 96 players. Eligibility: Players must have reached their 65th birthday on or by October 12, 2020 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
Championship Site: Poppy Hills GC. Entry Fee: $380 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: 52 teams will be divided into three flights for the Championship. Handicap information will be posted in the player information sheet.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WOMEN’S FOUR-BALL NET CHAMPIONSHIP
Championship Site: Poppy Hills GC. Entry Fee: $400 per team includes cart, range balls, and luncheon on November 18th. Field limited to the first 56 teams.
Eligibility: Open to all Women NCGA 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 85% of the player's Course Handicap.

TWO-PERSON SCRAMBLE CHAMPIONSHIP
Championship Site: Poppy Hills GC. Entry Fee: $350 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.
2020 CLUB TOURNAMENT ENTRY INFORMATION

- All entries are available to the club officials at 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.

REGULAR (GREEN GRASS) CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Four-Ball Net
Zone
Team Match
Senior Four-Ball Net
Cal Scratch League

FOUR-BALL NET CHAMPIONSHIP
Championship Dates: June 22-23, 2020. 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. Players must have reached their 18th birthday on or before June 15, 2020 and have a numeric Handicap Index listed on their club’s Master Report on the date of registration.
Number of entries: All clubs may send up to 3 teams.
Format: Four-Ball net stroke play. 18 holes qualifying. 48 teams will advance to championship. The championship proper will be 36 holes stroke play (18 holes per day). Play will be 85% (men and 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.
ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Regional Dates: See chart below.
Regional Sites: See chart below.
Regional Zone qualifying will play one round at Carmel Valley Ranch 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 31 - September 1, 2020.
Zone Championship Sites: Poppy Hills GC & 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. Players must have reached their 18th birthday on or before August 31, 2020 and have a numeric Handicap Index listed on their club's Master Report on the date of registration.

Format: Best two balls of four net. Play will be 85% (men and 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.

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TEAM MATCH CHAMPIONSHIP
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).

SENIOR FOUR-BALL NET CHAMPIONSHIP
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 55th birthday on or by September 14, 2020 and have a numeric Handicap Index listed on their club’s Master Report on the date of registration. Note: SIRS – Each club may send entries based on their membership.
Number of Entries: Clubs may send 3 teams. Format: Four-Ball net stroke play. 18 holes qualifying. 48 teams will advance to championship. The championship proper will be 36 holes stroke play (18 holes per day). Play will be 85% (men and 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.

CAL SCRATCH LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP
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**

**Associate Club Championship**

**Senior Four-Ball Net**

**ASSOCIATE CLUB FOUR-BALL NET CHAMPIONSHIP**


Championship Site: Poppy Hills GC. Entry Fee: $270 per team. Eligibility: NCGA Associate Club members only. Multi-members can only represent one club. Players must have reached their 18th birthday on or before June 15, 2020 and have a numeric Handicap Index listed on their club’s Master Report on the date of registration. Number of Entries: Clubs may have 3 teams. Format: Four-Ball net stroke play. 18 holes qualifying. 48 teams will advance to championship. The championship proper will be 36 holes stroke play (18 holes per day). Play will be 85% (men and 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.

**ASSOCIATE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**


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. Players must have reached their 18th birthday on or before August 31, 2020 and have a numeric Handicap Index listed on their club’s Master Report on the date of registration.

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 85% (men and 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: August 2, 2020. Qualifying Date: August 24-29, 2020. Qualifying Sites:
Cameron Park CC 8/24, Santa Rosa CC 8/24, Crystal Springs GC 8/27, Metropolitan GL 8/27,
Peach Tree CC 8/27, Del Monte GC 8/28, Hiddenbrooke GC 8/28, Ancil Hoffman GC 8/29,
Championship Site: Poppy Ridge GC. Entries: Clubs may send 3 teams. Entry Fee: $270 per team. Eligibility: All NCGA member clubs. Multi-members can only represent one club. Players must have reached their 55th birthday on or by September 14, 2020 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. Number of Entries: Clubs may send 3 teams. 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 85% (men and 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.
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 2020. 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 2021. Women attempting to qualify will play the same yardage as the men.

CALIFORNIA SENIOR WOMEN’S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP
Qualifying is available statewide for both NCGA and SCGA players
Register online at www.ncga.org or www.scga.org
Championship Dates: April 6-8, 2019. Championship Site: La Cumbre CC
Entry Fee: All players will pay $250. The entry fee includes green fees, cart fees, range balls, player gift and breakfast and lunch each day. Eligibility: The championship is open to female amateur golfers who have an established current Handicap Index of 18.4 or below as of the time of registration. Entrants must have reached their 50th birthday by April 6, 2020.
Format: 84 players, comprised of exempt players followed by those registered with the lowest Handicap Indexes as of March TBD, 2020, will compete in the championship. The championship will be contested over 54 holes of stroke play with the low 30 players and ties advancing to the final round after a 36-hole cut. Additionally, the super senior (age 65 or older) contestant with the low 36-hole total will also be awarded. If two or more super seniors advance to the final round, their 54-hole total will determine the winner.
CALIFORNIA AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP
Qualifying is available statewide for both NCGA and SCGA players
Register online at www.ncga.org or www.scga.org
Entries Open: January 8, 2020
Entries Close: April 19, 2020

Northern qualifying sites:          Southern qualifying sites:
5/4       Merced CC           5/4       Shadowridge GC
5/11      Peach Tree GCC       5/16      S at Rancho Mirage
5/19      Baylands GL           5/18      Bernardo Heights GC
5/26      Riverside GC         5/18      Oaks Club at Valencia
5/26      San Jose CC          5/19      El Niguel GC
                                      5/27      Goose Creek
                                      5/27      La Purisima GC

Championship Sites: Torrey Pines GC, La Jolla, 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: This championship is open to amateur golfers who have an established current
index of 4.4 or below as of the time of registration and are members in good standing of the
Northern California Golf Association and/or Southern California Golf Association. PLAYERS
MAY ATTEMPT TO QUALIFY ONCE.
Format: One 18-hole qualifying round will determine the championship qualifiers. 156 players,
including exempts, will advance to the championship. If necessary, a playoff will determine the
final position(s) at each qualifying site. The championship field will play 36 holes of stroke play.
The top 32 players will advance from stroke play to single elimination Match Play beginning
Wednesday and concluding with the 36-hole final match on Saturday. Note: Carts are not
permitted for the championship proper. The CGA will use United States Golf Association guidelines in
determining cart exemptions for ADA-approved disabilities.
CALIFORNIA WOMEN’S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP
Qualifying is available statewide for both NCGA and SCGA players
Register online at www.ncga.org or www.scga.org
Entry Fee: All players will pay $250. The entry fee includes greens fees, practice balls before the rounds, breakfast and lunch each day and Awards Ceremony. Eligibility: Open to female amateurs with a current handicap index not exceeding 7.4 as of July 6, 2020 USGA Handicap Index Revision. A current index issued from an international body of golf that would be equivalent to a USGA Handicap Index within the prescribed limit for entry into the Championship will be accepted. Field Size: Field limited to the 84 players, including exempt players with the lowest July 6th Handicap Indexes for stroke play qualifying and the field will be cut to 32 for match play. Format: 36 holes of stroke qualifying, 18 holes a day, low 32 players will advance to single elimination match play. A tie for the last qualifier’s place will be decided immediately after play on Wednesday, July 22nd with a hole-by-hole play-off.

CALIFORNIA SENIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP
Qualifying is available statewide for both NCGA and SCGA players
Register online at www.ncga.org or www.scga.org
Entries Open: January 8, 2020
Entries Close: September 13, 2020

Northern qualifying sites: Southern qualifying sites:
9/28 Poppy Ridge GC 10/5 El Camino
10/7 Reserve at Spanos Park 10/6 Soule Park
10/12 Springs Valley Lake

Championship Site: Wilshire CC
Entry Fee: All players will pay $150. There is no additional championship fee.
Eligibility: Players must have reached their 55th birthday on or by November 9, 2020 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: Qualifying – 18 holes. 84 players, including exempts, will advance to the championship proper. Championship – 54 holes of stroke play (18 holes per day). After 36 holes are completed, the field is cut to the low 33 players and ties for the final 18 holes.
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.