INAUGURAL OREGON
FOUR-BALL
CHAMPIONSHIP
EAGLE CREST RESORT
RIDGE COURSE
Eagle Crest, Ore.
AUGUST 27 - 30, 2016

ELIGIBILITY

OPEN: Entries are open to amateur golfers with USGA Handicap Indexes™ of 10.0 or less. The Men’s Division is limited to the first 48 sides, age 13 or older as of August 27, 2016.

WOMEN: Entries are open to female amateur golfers with USGA Handicap Indexes™ of 36.4 or less. The Women’s Division is limited to the first 24 sides, age 13 or older as of August 27, 2016.

SENIOR MEN: Entries are open to amateur golfers with USGA Handicap Indexes™ of 15.1 or less. The Senior Men’s Division is limited to the first 24 sides, age 50 or older as of August 27, 2016.

Entries will be accepted according to the lowest USGA Handicap Indexes™ as of the entry deadline.

ENTRY FEE

$300.00 entry fee must accompany each entry and includes one practice round and one guaranteed round of competition and tee prizes. Refunds are NOT available after the closing date of August 10, 2016, except for documented medical reasons. All refunds are subject to a $20.00 administrative fee.

FORMAT

Four-Ball: A competition in which two competitors play as partners, each playing his/her own ball. The lower score of the partners is the score for the hole. If one partner fails to complete the play of a hole, there is no penalty.

OPEN: The low 32 sides from stroke play qualifying will advance to single elimination match play.

WOMEN: The low 16 sides from stroke play qualifying will advance to single elimination match play.

SENIOR MEN: The low 16 sides from stroke play qualifying will advance to single elimination match play.

ENTRY DEADLINE

A mailed entry must reach the OGA office by 5pm on Wednesday, August 10, 2016. Entries by telephone, FAX, or email must accompany payment. Online entries are accepted until midnight at www.oga.org. Late entries will be accepted and placed on an alternate’s list to fill spots if they become available up until a time that the OGA Staff establishes. Late entries will not be accepted unless they are accompanied by the correct entry fee, plus an additional fee of $25. Contestants must contact the OGA in order to submit a late entry.

SCHEDULE OF PLAY

SATURDAY, AUG. 27: 18-Hole Qualifying Round
SUNDAY, AUG. 28: (a.m.) Open Round of 32
(p.m.) Women and Senior Round of 16
MONDAY, AUG. 29: (a.m.) Women/Senior Quarterfinals
(p.m.) Open Quarterfinals
(p.m.) Women/Senior Semifinals
TUESDAY, AUG. 30: (a.m.) Open Semifinals
(a.m.) Women/Senior Finals
(p.m.) Open Finals
(Awards Reception and Ceremony immediately following play)

STARTING TIMES & PRACTICE ROUNDS

Starting times, pairings, and practice round information will be forwarded via email. Complete tournament information will be at www.oga.org. Unless you specify on your entry, tournament information will NOT be sent via U.S. Mail.

TIES

A tie for medalist or the final qualifying spot shall be decided immediately by a hole-by-hole playoff. In the event of a tied match, the stipulated round is deemed to extend to as many holes as are required for a match to be won.

AUTOMOTIVE TRANSPORTATION & CADDIES

Contestants may use automotive transportation and fees must be paid by the contestant to the club at the time of rental. A maximum of two carts is allowed per group. Spectator carts are not allowed. Official carts are not allowed without prior approval of the committee in charge of the competition. Contestants may use a caddie.

RULES

USGA Rules of Golf will govern all play except for those conditions modified by Local Rules which will be published prior to the start of the Championship on www.oga.org. All questions will be resolved by the committee in charge of the competition, whose decision shall be final.

GOLF BALLS

Only brands of golf balls on the most current USGA List of Conforming Golf Balls shall be used. THE SO-CALLED “ONE-BALL RULE” SHALL NOT BE IN EFFECT. The optional conditions prescribed in Appendix I (Part C 1-b) of The Rules of Golf shall be in effect.

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www.oga.org
for more Championship information
and by the Host Club. The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct.

the Dress Code and Code of Conduct and understand that entries are subject to approval

I have noted the requirements for acceptance into this Championship. I am qualified by

Club______________________________________________________GHIN# ___ ___ ___ ___ - ___ ___ ___

City __________________________________________________________________ State__________ Zip

Online entries accepted until midnight at www.oga.org

Deadline:   August 10, 2016, Paper Entries - 5pm

Entry Fee:  $300.00

INAUGURAL OREGON FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

GOLF CLUBS

Golf clubs on the latest list of USGA Non-Conforming Driving Clubs will be prohibited from all OGA Championships. A copy of the USGA Non-Conforming Driving Clubs list will be available at the starter's table prior to each round. The penalty for carrying but not making a stroke with a non-conforming club in stroke play is two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty of four strokes. The penalty in match play, at the conclusion of the hole at which the breach is discovered, the state of the match is adjusted by deducting one hole for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum deduction of two holes. The penalty for making a stroke with a non-conforming driving club is DISQUALIFICATION. The penalty for using a non-conforming tee or any other object to raise the ball off the ground is DISQUALIFICATION.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES (DMD)

The use of conforming DMD are permitted during the competition. The Local Rule as prescribed by Appendix I will be in effect at the Championship. All devices must conform as described in Appendix IV.

RESTRICTIONS ON OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES

To avoid distractions the use of cell phones, iPods, iPads, tablets and other similar electronic devices for communication purposes will be prohibited during OGA tournament play. Multifunctional devices may be used as a DMD or as otherwise provided under the Rules. Clarifications and special requests regarding this condition should be directed to the committee in charge of the competition.

DRESS CODE

Suitable attire must be worn at all times. Suitable attire does not include spandex body wear, cutoffs, running shorts, running suits, short-shorts, tank tops, tee shirts, denim of any kind or color, or unempt golf clothing of any kind. Neat and clean pants, skirts, slacks, cords, or appropriately hemmed, tailored shorts no more than six (6) inches above the knee (men's shorts must have a minimum of three pockets) are acceptable as are sweaters, sweatshirts, and golf shirts (men's shirts must have collars), women's golf shirts and golf blouses. Shoes must be worn at all times. Contestants failing to meet the OGA Dress Code will not be permitted to play.

SPIKELESS SHOES

It is a condition of this competition that contestants in the Oregon Senior Amateur Championship will not be permitted to wear metal on their golf shoes during Championship play. Contestants may wear golf shoes with any of the alternative “spikeless” products, or any golf teaching shoes, tennis shoes, sneakers or any other hard or soft soled shoes that will not penetrate or damage a soft putting green.

UNOFFICIAL WITHDRAWAL

Entrants who unofficially withdraw without an acceptable reason and without notifying the OGA will not be granted entry into any future OGA events for a minimum of one year.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Contestants are expected to (1) know and play by the Rules of Golf, (2) conduct themselves at all times in a sportsmanlike manner, (3) respect the golf course and the rights of other contestants, (4) fulfill their playing obligations and (5) know and abide by the OGA Pace of Play Policy. If the Committee considers that a player is guilty of a serious breach of etiquette, including but not limited to unsportsmanlike conduct (cheating, damaging the golf course, defacing club property, using loud obscene language, throwing clubs, etc.), it may impose a penalty of DISQUALIFICATION and possible suspension from future play in OGA Championships. Any disciplinary actions imposed on a contestant by the OGA may be formally communicated to a representative of the contestant's club and/or to any other allied golf association that the OGA deems appropriate.

CONDITIONS & SCHEDULES

The OGA assumes no liability for any conditions of the competition. Upon submitting an entry and subsequently playing in this competition, players agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the OGA and its respective affiliates directors, officers, employees, agents, and assigns from and against any and all claims, damages, liabilities and losses, including, without limitation reasonable attorney’s fees and costs and expenses of litigation, arising out of any negligent act or omission of the indemnifying party in connection with the conditions herein. The committee in charge of the competition reserves the right to alter any of the conditions and schedules herein. The decision of the Committee in any matter shall be final.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

The OGA will make every effort to complete the scheduled number of rounds of the tournament. As a general policy, in circumstances under which the final round is suspended due to inclement weather and it becomes impossible to complete the round on the same day: 1) If all players in the field flight/division have not completed at least 9 holes, the results of the Championship will be determined by reverting to the previous round's totals and the suspended round will be canceled, or 2) If all players have completed at least 9 holes of the final round, every effort will be made to finish the final round on the following day. All decisions to suspend or resume play will be at the discretion of the Committee. Any additional information regarding guidelines for suspensions and cancellations can be obtained by contacting the OGA.