28TH OREGON MID-AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

PUMPKIN RIDGE GC
North Plains, Ore.
July 9 - 10, 2016

ELIGIBILITY

WOMEN: Entries are open to female amateur golfers with USGA Handicap Indexes™ of 22.4 or less. The field will be limited to the 21 entrants with the lowest USGA Handicap Indexes at the entry deadline. In the event that the Women’s Division does not reach its field limit, the remaining spots will be transferred to the Men’s Division.

MEN: Entries are open to amateur golfers with USGA Handicap Indexes™ of 10.0 or less. The final Championship field will include exempt players as well as those that advance from the additional 18-hole stroke play qualifying stage.

All contestants must be members in good standing of an OGA Member Club and be at least 25 years of age as of July 9, 2016.

ENTRY FEE

$155 (Non-exempt players in the Men’s Division must pay $55 for the qualifying stage. Those advancing to the Championship will be charged the remaining $100). Applicable entry fee must accompany entry form and includes three rounds of golf (one practice round and two competitive rounds), an OGA hosted lunch on Saturday and tee prizes. Refunds are NOT available after the closing date of June 15, 2016 except for documented medical reasons. All refunds are subject to a $20.00 administrative fee.

FORMAT AND PRIZES

36-hole stroke play competition. Prize awards will be made on the basis of GROSS finish. Merchandise certificates will be awarded to top finishers in each division. Special awards from Jones Sports Co. will be issued to the low Gross Champions in each division. In the event of a tie for the Gross Championship in either division, the winner shall be decided immediately by a hole-by-hole playoff.

ENTRY DEADLINE

Entries must reach the OGA office by 5pm on Wednesday, June 15, 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.

EXEMPTIONS

WOMEN: Last 10 years Oregon Mid-Amateur Champions and all eligible past Oregon Amateur Champions.

MEN: Last 10 years Oregon Mid-Amateur Champions; all eligible past Oregon Amateur Champions, the top 50 eligible players on the OGA Men’s Performance Points List, the top 25 players on the OGA Men’s Mid-Amateur Performance Points List and the top 3 golfers on the OGA Senior Men’s Performance Points list (Points Lists are published on www.oga.org); winners of the following championships and special exemptions*.

Last two years eligible champions from the following:

• OGA Tournament of Champions
• Oregon Public Links
• Oregon Men’s Stroke Play - Open Division
• Oregon Senior Amateur

Previous year’s champion from the following:

• Oregon Men’s Stroke Play - Master 40 Division
• Oregon Men’s Stroke Play - Senior Division

*The OGA Tournament Committee reserves the right to award a position into the tournament proper to any player(s) who has performed exceptionally well in state, regional and/or national competitions who is otherwise qualified but not exempt. Such awards will be made by invitation of the OGA Tournament Committee at their discretion.

All exempt players must meet eligibility requirements and must file an entry by the deadline.

FIELD LIMIT

The Men’s Division will be limited to 63 men consisting of exempt players and those advancing from qualifying. The Women’s Division will be limited to 21 women with the lowest USGA Handicap Indexes at the entry deadline (the lowest 20 entrants and the defending champion). In the event that the Women’s Division does not reach its field limit, the remaining spots will be transferred to the Men’s Division.

STARTING TIMES & PRACTICE ROUNDS

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

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 caddy.

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.oregonmidam.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.

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Entry Fee: $155.00 (Non-exempt Men must pay $55 for qualifying stage and will be charged the remaining $100 upon advancing to the Championship.)

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Contestant’s Name
Address
City State Zip
Daytime Phone
Date of Birth
Club GHIN#
Player Division: Men’s Women’s Exempt
Credit Card (Circle One): VISA/MC/AMEX/DISCOVER
Card Number
Expitation Date (MM/YY)
Card Holders Name

I have noted the requirements for acceptance into this Championship. I am qualified by the rules of eligibility and agree to abide by the Championship regulations. I have noted the Dress Code and Code of Conduct and understand that entries are subject to approval or rejection at any time (including during the Championship) by the OGA, at its discretion, and by the Host Club. The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct.

I would also like my info via U.S. Mail

Signature of Entrant

MAK E CHECKS PAYABLE TO "OGA" AND MAIL WITH ENTRY TO:
Oregon Golf Association - 2840 Hazelnut Drive - Woodburn, OR 97071

GOLF EQUIPMENT

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 for making a stroke with a non-conforming club in match play, at the conclusion of the hole at which the breach is discovered, is one stroke for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum deduction of two holes. The penalty for making a stroke with a non-conforming golf 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, sweatshorts, tank tops, tee shirts, denim of any kind or color, or unkempt 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 with a minimum of three pockets are acceptable as are sweaters, sweatshirts and golf shirts with collars. 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 Mid-Amateur Championship will not be permitted to wear metal spikes 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 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 this 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 cancelations can be obtained by contacting the OGA.

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