Entries are open to amateur golfers who, since January 1, 2016, have been bona fide public course players and have not held a membership at any course which does not extend playing privileges to the general public or membership with any private club maintaining its own course. Entries in the Men’s Division is limited to golfers with USGA Handicap Indexes of 36.4 and less. Entries in the Women’s Division is limited to golfers who are female with USGA Handicap Indexes of 40.4 and less. Course Handicaps will be determined using the August 1 Handicap Index revision. All entrants must be members in good standing of a public OGA Member Club. All contestants must be at least 13 years of age as of August 13, 2016.

EXCEPTIONS
A bona fide public course player may hold incidental privileges of a course not open to the public when such privileges are provided by:

- An educational institution at which he is a student, this includes members of a golf team when privileges are awarded at private facilities, the entire team on an equal basis, and are only available during the traditional school year/competitive golf season (including post season play which may include Conference, State and National Competitions."
- A federal armed service of which he is a member or retired member; or
- An educational institution at which he is a student; this includes members of a golf team when privileges are awarded at private facilities, the entire team on an equal basis, and are only available during the traditional school year/competitive golf season (including post season play which may include Conference, State and National Competitions."
- An industry by which he is employed or from which he is retired.

The following eligibility questions serve as a guideline for players applying to enter the Oregon Public Links Championship. Please respond to all of the following as it relates to 2016.

- Yes  No  Private Course Access – Outside of the above listed exceptions, have you held membership or privileges at a private course not open to the general public every day and you are not an employee or caddie of said course?
- Yes  No  Private Course Access – Outside of the above listed exceptions, have you held membership or privileges at a private course which allows public play, but limits the number of times an individual can play each year and you are not an employee or caddie of said course?
- Yes  No  Social Memberships – Have you held a social membership at a private course that allows you to play the course sometime during the year?
- Yes  No  Dependents of Members – Has your spouse, parent, or guardian held membership at a private course which grants playing privileges to family members?
- Yes  No  Golf Course Employees & Caddies – Have you been an employee or caddie of a private course where you were permitted to play golf more than one day per week?
- Yes  No  Resort Courses – Have you held membership or privileges at a resort that restricts ‘which days resort guests can play’?
- Yes  No  Scholastic Golf Team Members – If you have been, or are currently a member of a scholastic golf team, were you allowed to play a private course not owned by the school at times other than the traditional golf season/school year including playoffs and championships? (i.e. the traditional out of school summer months)
- Yes  No  USGA Handicap Index – Do you have a USGA Handicap Index from a private course/club during the active season of 2016?
- Yes  No  University, Military or Corporate Membership – Have you held privileges more than one day per week at a Private University, military, or corporately owned course and you are not a respective student, military personnel or corporate employee?

If you answered “YES” to any of the previous questions, you are not eligible for this year’s Oregon Public Links Championship. Please contact the OGA if you need further clarification.

ENTRY FEE
$140.00 entry fee must accompany entry and will include 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 July 27, 2016, except for documented medical reasons. All refunds are subject to a $20.00 administrative fee.

FORMAT AND PRIZES
36-hole stroke play competition. Gross and Net prizes will be awarded to top finishers in each flight. Prizes from Jones Sports Co. will be awarded to the Champions. Players have their choice of entering either the “Championship” or “Open” flights.

Championship Flight: Players entering the Championship Flight will play from a separate set of tees, at a slightly longer yardage. Scores will count toward OGA performance points.

Open Flight: Players entering the Open Division will play from a separate set of tees, at a slightly shorter yardage.

ENTRY DEADLINE
A mailed entry must reach the OGA office by 5pm on Wednesday, July 27, 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.

EXCEPTIONS
Defending Champions Hogan Arey and Sarah Archuleta are eligible for guaranteed entry into the Championship. Exempt players must meet eligibility requirements and must enter by the July 27, 2016 deadline.

FIELD LIMIT
Field will be limited to the first 36 qualified women and the first 108 qualified men entrants. Entries will be accepted according to the lowest USGA Handicap Indexes as of the entry deadline.

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 in your entry, tournament information will NOT be sent via U.S. Mail.

TIES
In the event of a tie for Men’s or Women’s Gross Champion in either flight, the winner will be decided immediately by a hole-by-hole playoff.

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.
19TH OREGON PUBLIC LINKS CHAMPIONSHIP

Entry Fee: $140.00
Deadline: July 27, 2016 Paper Entries - 5pm
Online entries are accepted until midnight at www.oga.org.

Contestant’s Name
Address
City __________ State __________ Zip __________
Daytime Phone ________________________________ Date of Birth ______/_____/_____

Deadline: July 27, 2016 Online entries are accepted until midnight at www.oga.org.

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.

Fee: $140.00

I would like to make a tax-deductible donation to OREGON JUNIOR GOLF. Enclosed is my donation for the amount of:

Enter Online at www.oga.org

MAKE 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 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 using a non-conforming driving 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)
This Equipment is 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 unkempt clothing of any kind. Neat and clean pants, skirts, slacks, cords, or appropriately hemmed, tailored shirts no more than 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 the condition of this competition that contestants in the Oregon Public Links 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 other soft sole 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 unprofessional behavior (cheating, damaging the golf course, during or after any property, using loud abusive language, or using profanities, 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, it becomes impossible to complete the round on the same day: If all players in the field/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 cancelled. 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.

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OGA NET PERFORMANCE POINTS SYSTEM (KTPS)
The OGA Tournament Committee has instituted a policy by which they reserve the right to adjust the Course Handicap of any competitor in future competitions. This policy is based on a modification of the Knuth Tournament Performance Points System as licensed from Dean Knuth. A reduction of a competitor’s Course Handicap will be based on the following criteria. High finishes in any Net portion of a 36 hole OGA championship with 81 participants or more in a division during a two year period will be awarded points accordingly: 1st=12, 2nd=10, 3rd=8, 4th=6, 5th=4. High finishes in any Net portion of a 36 hole OGA championship with 80 participants or less in a division during a two year period will be awarded points accordingly: 1st=8, 2nd=6, 3rd=4, 4th=2. High finishes in any Net portion of an 18 hole competition (OGA Tour) during a one year period will be awarded points accordingly: 1st=3, 2nd=2, 3rd=1. Any contestant who accumulates 17 points over the stated period may have their Course Handicap reduced by 1 stroke for use during the competition. Any contestant who accumulates more than 17 points during the stated period will have their Course Handicap reduced an additional 1 stroke for each additional two points accumulated.

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