2016 WOMEN’S STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

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Gearhart, Ore.
August 9 - 10, 2016

ELIGIBILITY
Entries are open to amateur golfers who are female with USGA Handicap Indexes™ of 22.4 and less, and are members in good standing of an OGA Member Club. The Women’s Division will be limited to the first 96 qualified entrants who must be at least 13 years of age as of August 9, 2016. The Senior Women’s Division will be limited to the first 48 qualified entrants who are at least 50 years of age or older as of August 9, 2016. Course Handicaps will be determined using the July 15 Handicap Index revision. Entries will be accepted according to the lowest USGA Handicap Indexes™ as of the entry deadline.

ENTRY FEE
$135.00 entry fee must accompany your entry and includes three rounds of golf (one practice round and two competitive rounds), an OGA hosted lunch each day and tee prizes. Refunds are NOT available after the closing date of July 20, 2016, except for documented medical reasons. All refunds are subject to a $20.00 administrative fee.

FORMAT AND PRIZES
36-hole stroke play competition. Merchandise certificate awards will be given to top finishers and products from Jones Sports Co. will be awarded to the Champions in each division.

ENTRY DEADLINE
A mailed entry must reach the OGA office by 5pm on Wednesday, July 20, 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
Defending Champions Gigi Stoll and Anita Wicks will be eligible for guaranteed entry into the Championship (in their respective divisions only). Exempt players must meet the eligibility requirements and must enter by 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 on your entry, tournament information will NOT be sent via U.S. Mail.

TIES
In the event of a tie for the gross champion in either division, the winner will be decided immediately by a hole-by-hole playoff.

AUTOMOTIVE TRANSPORTATION & CADDIES
Contestants in the Women’s Division must walk at all times during stipulated round. Contestants in the Senior Division may use automotive transportation. For Senior Division contestants, 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.

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 making a stroke with a non-conforming club in match play is four strokes. The penalty for using a non-conforming club in match play 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.

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Entry Fee: $135.00
Deadline: July 20, 2016 Paper Entries - 5pm
Online entries are accepted until midnight at www.oga.org.

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

Contestant’s Name ____________________________________________ Email Address ________________________________

Address ____________________________________________________________ State _______ Zip _______________

City ____________________________________________ Date of Birth ______/____/_____

Daytime Phone ____________________________________________________ Date of Birth ______/____/_____

Club ____________________________________________ GHIN# ___________ ___________ ___________

Player Division: Women’s __ Senior Women’s __ Exempt ____________

PLEASE RESERVE ME A CART: (Senior Division Only) __ Yes __ No ______

Credit Card (Circle One): VISA/MC/AMEX/DISCOVER __________ Card Number ____________________ __________

Card Number ____________________ __________

Expiration Date (MM/YY) __________ Card Holder’s 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.

PLAYER DIVISIONS

Women’s: Birth date 12/31/1981 or earlier

Senior Women’s: Birth date 12/31/1951 or earlier

Spouse of Senior Women: Birth date 12/31/1956 or earlier

Junior Women: Born 12/31/2000 or later

JUNIOR GOLF

Enclosed is my donation for the amount of: $__________

I would like to make a tax-deductible donation to OREGON JUNIOR GOLF.

Signature of Entrant ____________________________

Mailing Address:

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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO “OGA” AND MAIL WITH ENTRY TO:

Oregon Golf Association - 2840 Hazelnut Drive - Woodburn, OR 97071

Enter Online at www.oga.org

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 shorts no more than six (6) inches above the knee are acceptable as are sweaters, sweatshirts, 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 Women’s Stroke Play 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 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 this entry form 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/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.

OGA NET PERFORMANCE POINTS ADJUSTMENT (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 (KTPS) 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 an 18 hole competition (OGA Tour) during a one 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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