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21ST OREGON

PUBLIC LINKS CHAMPIONSHIP

OGA GOLF COURSE Woodburn, Ore. August 11 - 12, 2018



PUBLIC LINKS

ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to amateur golfers who, since January 1, 2018, 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 11, 2018.

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 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 2018.

- 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 2018?
- 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

\$145.00 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 25, 2018, 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 and products 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.

TIES

In case of a tie, a hole by hole playoff will determine the gross champion in the Men's Championship and Women's Divisions. A tie of two players for the runner up position in the Men's Championship and Women's Division or either the gross or net champion in the Open Division will result in runner up awards being split and distribution of awards will be decided by lot. However, in the event of a tie of three players or more for the runner up position in any division the USGA recommended scorecard playoff will be used to determine who will receive the runner up awards (Jones Sports Co. product and Trophy).

ENTRY DEADLINE

A mailed entry must reach the OGA office by 5pm on Wednesday, July 25, 2018. 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 Max Murai and Jennifer Krause are eligible for guaranteed entry into the Championship. Exempt players must meet eligibility requirements and must enter by the July 25, 2018 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.

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 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.

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(PREFERRED STARTING TIME REQUESTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.)

Entry Fee: \$145.00

Deadline: July 25, 2018 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 _____

Address _____ Email Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____


Club _____ GHIN# _____ - _____

Player Division: Men's Women's PLEASE RESERVE ME A CART: Yes No

Player Flight: Championship Open

CREDIT CARD (CIRCLE ONE): VISA/MC/AMEX/DISCOVER CARD NUMBER _____ - _____ - _____

CCV* _____ EXPIRATION DATE (MM/YY) _____ CARD HOLDERS NAME _____



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

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.

Signature of Entrant

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

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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 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)

A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc.) the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Players should ensure that any electronic device taken on the course does not distract other players. Refer to OGA Code of Conduct Policy.

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 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 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 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, consuming alcoholic beverages when such consumption is prohibited by the host facility, is offensive to the contestants fellow competitors and/or causes the contestant's behavior to become offensive, 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: 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. 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 (KTSPS)

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 (KTSPS) 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 40 - 80 participants 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 a 36 hole OGA championship with 20 - 39 participants in a division during a two year period will be awarded points accordingly: 1st = 6, 2nd = 4, 3rd = 2. High finishes in any Net portion of a 36 hole OGA championship with 1 - 19 participants in a division during a two year period will be awarded points accordingly: 1st = 4, 2nd = 2. High finishes in any Net portion of an 18 hole OGA competition (OGA Tour - Individual Series) during a one year period will be awarded points accordingly: 1st = 3, 2nd = 2, 3rd = 1. High finishes in any Net portion of an 18 hole OGA competition (OGA Tour - Partner Series) during a one year period will be awarded points accordingly: 1 - 9 teams 1st = 3, 10 - 19 teams 1st = 3, 2nd = 2, and 20+ teams 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. teams 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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