



September 12,13,19 and 20, 2026
CONDITIONS OF THE COMPETITION

The USGA Rules of Golf shall govern all play except as modified by the RGC Local Rules. Copies of the RGC Local Rules are available on the web site, and they are posted in the bathrooms and on the outside bulletin board at the course.

The format is **Match Play**.

Conditions of play are “**Play it as it lies**”.

This tournament is played over a qualification round (**Stroke Play**) and three additional **Match play** rounds.

Method of play for this tournament is a **Match Play** format with both ‘Scratch’ and “Handicap” flights. ***This event is open to all members who meet the qualifications for Major events located at the bottom of the current tournament schedule.***

Competitors in the Handicap flights will be seeded by **highest handicap vs. lowest handicap** in each flight. If there are any byes in the Handicap Flights based on less than a full field, determining which flight gets the bye will be done by random draw. The byes will then be issued **by lowest handicap** in each flight. Once the flights have been established, if there are handicaps that are the same, the seeding ties will be broken by GHIN index.

Championship Flight and Senior Championship flight has a **qualifying round (Stroke Play) the day before Day 1** of the Club Championship.

The previous Club Champion and Senior Club Champion has a bye and is automatically given a number one seed. All other players for the Championship Flight and the Senior Championship Flight are determined by the qualifying round and are seeded by score for that round.

All players in the Championship Flight will be playing from the Blue Tees for Men and White Tees for Women. All players in the Senior Championship Flight will be playing from the Palmer Tees for Men and White for Women.

Any players that do not qualify for the Championship Flight or Senior Championship Flight are put into their respective Handicap Flight.

If there are any byes, based on less than a full field in the qualifying of the Championship Flight, and Senior Championship Flight they will be issued according to seeding beginning with the first seed.

Club Championship payouts for first and second place shall be within \$50. (Not including trophy money)

- Day 1: Match Play. The order is determined by flights (highest to lowest). Winning competitors continue to the next round, while defeated competitors may continue in the stroke play consolation round.
- Day 2: The order is determined by flights (lowest to highest). Winning competitors continue to Day 3.
- Losing competitors are out of the competition.
- Day 3: The order is determined by flights (highest to lowest). The championship and stroke play Consolation Round is completed.

Please see "Standard Playing Procedures" for further details.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MAJOR EVENTS:

You may qualify to win overall or advance to the finals if you meet one of the following:

1) Must have 20 Game NCGA handicap and must have played 5 RGC play dates since June 1st of 2025

2) Must have 20 Game NCGA handicap, and be a member in good standing for the last five consecutive years with a minimum of 10 RGC tournament scores

In match play, the person who is away plays first. No matter if they are on the green and the opponent's ball is off the green. If a player violates this rule, there is no penalty, but the opponent may require that the shot be replayed. Permission can be given to play out of turn.

Winner of Hole

Reckoning of Holes

In match play the game is played by holes. A hole is won by the side which holes its ball in the fewest strokes, except as otherwise provided in the Rules.

In a handicap match the lower net score wins the hole.

The reckoning of holes is kept by the terms: so many "holes up" or "all square," and so many "to play." A side is "Dormie" when there are as many holes up as there are holes remaining to be played.

Halved Hole

A hole is halved if each side holes out in the same number of strokes.

Winner of Match

A match is won by the side which is leading by a number of holes greater than the number of holes remaining to be played.

Concession of Next Stroke, Hole or Match

A player may concede a match at any time prior to the start or conclusion of that match.

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A player may concede his opponent's next stroke at any time, provided the opponent's ball is at rest.

The opponent is considered to have holed out with his next stroke, and the ball may be removed by either side.

A concession may not be declined or withdrawn.

General Penalty

The penalty for a breach of a Rule in match play is loss of hole except when otherwise provided.

Note: In match play, if a player is doubtful of his rights or the correct procedure, he may not complete the play of the hole with two balls.

Men shall play from the **BLUE**, **PALMER**, or **WHITE** tees as previously selected. Women shall play from the **RED** tees

Players should arrive at the 1st tee when called on deck.

Please keep up with the group in front of you.