



100th Women's Ohio State Amateur

July 24th – July 27th 2023 • Scioto Country Club • 2196 Riverside Dr, Columbus, OH 43221

2022 State Amateur Champion • Jenn David, Hudson

FORMAT

The Championship is individual match play events with 18 holes of stroke play qualifying.

Field: The entire field is limited to 96 players.

Entry Priority: Priority entry will be given to 1) past WOSGA State Amateur Champions and 2) players who have competed in 2021 or 2022 WOSGA events in order of their GHIN Index until April 15, 2023. After April 15, 2023, entry priority will be by GHIN Index only. Entries are subject to rejections at any time (including during the Championship), by the WOSGA Tournament Committee.

Club Mixer and Practice Rounds. A Club Mixer for the top 54 players entered in the event is scheduled for July 23rd, 2023. The event will include up to three WOSGA players and one Scioto Club Member. Players will be selected on handicap index. This event will serve as a practice round for those players. Other players will contact the club to schedule a practice round after July 7 and arrange their practice round between July 8 and July 22, 2023. Players will be notified by July 7 if they are expected to participate in the mixer.

Wait List. If the field is full before the closing date, entrants will be placed on the Wait List.

Field Size. Limited to 96 players.

Handicap Limit: The player must have an individual up-to-date GHIN Handicap Index® not exceeding 18.0.

ELIGIBILITY

Invitations are extended to amateur female golfers who (1) are members of a 2023 Women's Ohio State Golf Association (WOSGA) member club, or (2) maintain a GHIN Handicap Index® at an Ohio public course or a non-WOSGA member Ohio private club and are Ohio residents, and (3) meet the handicap requirements. A player's eligibility is determined by their GHIN Handicap Index® in effect on the date their entry was received. The event are invitationals. WOSGA reserves the right to reject any entry.

Amateur Status: All players must conform to the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by the United States Golf Association and The R&A. If the player is receiving expenses from sources other than family members to participate in this competition, please refer to Rule 4.

Code of Conduct: The WOSGA may reject an entry application, revoke an accepted application, expel from the Championship, and/or suspend a player from future championships if the player engages in conduct detrimental to the integrity and image of the game of golf and/or club or member confidence in the WOSGA. Such behavior may include, but is not limited to, damage to the golf course or the player's equipment, verbal or physical abuse of spectators, officials, volunteers, or staff, blatant or excessive profanity, disorderly behavior, failure to abide by club rules, violation of the WOSGA's Sportsmanship Policy or any other unbecoming conduct. See WOSGA Conditions of Competition and Local Rules, effective January 1, 2023.

Corrections: Under Rule 20.2, if a player is found to be ineligible before, during, or after the competition is final, the competition results will be corrected. There will be no time limit on correcting the competition results when a player who has competed in the competition is found to be ineligible.

Equipment Used for Medical Reasons: WOSGA adheres to the USGA's Equipment Permitted for Medical Reasons. Players who wish to request permission to use a medical device due to a medical condition or injury and proceed under Rule 4.3b(1) of the Rules of Golf must submit their request via email to contact@wosga.org. The request must be dated no later than three days after the player's entry form and fee are postmarked. WOSGA must be notified of later diagnosis as soon as possible before the event.

Cart Request. This is a walking event. Players requesting an exemption must file a cart request with the WOSGA Committee. See the WOSGA website for a Cart Exemption Form.

Gender Policy: The WOSGA follows the USGA's Gender Policy. Documentation must be submitted in triplicate via overnight or first-class mail in an envelope marked "Confidential" and addressed to WOSGA Chief Legal Officer, 48 W. Whittier, Columbus, OH 43206, and be received by WOSGA Counsel no later than three (3) days after the close of entries for the specific championship.

ACCEPTANCE INTO THE CHAMPIONSHIP

WOSGA may reject, at their discretion, an entry application, revoke an accepted application, expel from the Championship, or suspend a player from future championships for any reason including, improper withdrawal from the Championship, failure to provide requested information such as proof of your state of residency or club affiliation, or unbecoming conduct. See WOSGA *Conditions of Competition and Local Rules*, effective January 1, 2023. All entries are subject to acceptance by the WOSGA. WOSGA may reject an entry without reason and shall not be required by the applicant to provide a cause. WOSGA reserves the right to modify field size at any time and select players based on GHIN Handicap Index®.

SUBSTITUTIONS; WAIT LIST

If a player withdraws before or on the first day of the Championship before playing their first stroke, substitution is allowable. The WOSGA shall maintain a list of alternates (Wait List). Vacancies in the field will be offered to an alternate based on the WOSGA policy under Entry Priority. Any tie for the last spot in the field by an alternate will be settled by chance (drawing of the lot). WOSGA reserves the right to modify the selection process at any time.

ENTRIES: PROCEDURE & FORM, REFUNDS, FEE, and CLOSING DATE

Entry Procedure: Contestants can apply online at www.wosga.org or www.ohiogolf.org or the official WOSGA entry blank. Entry fee refund available only for medical reasons after deadline date, May 8, 2023, 11:59 p.m. All refunds are subject to a \$15 service fee. Late or incomplete applications not accepted. No telephone or fax entries. Any entry fee paid by a participant on the Wait List who is not accepted into the Championship will be refunded in full. All entries shall be deemed by invitation and are subject to WOSGA Executive Committee acceptance.

Withdraw: Online withdraw through www.wosga.org or www.ohiogolf.org or for a player with paper entry, contact a WOSGA Tournament Director or OGA office to withdraw from the Championship. No voicemails will be accepted.

Online Application Questions: Online registration is hosted by the Ohio Golf Association (OGA), 614-698-0014.

ENTRY FEES

\$325 for Players with active WHS (GHIN) from 2023 WOSGA Member Clubs

\$350 for All Other Players; Must be a Legal Ohio Resident

The entry fee includes driving range balls, players dinner, lunch while a contestant still playing in the event, tee gift, and prizes.

ENTRIES CLOSE on JULY 13, 2023, 11:59 P.M.

Paper entries will be accepted and must be received by July 13, 2023.

RULES OF GOLF; CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION; SCHEDULES; DECISIONS

Play will be governed by The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and R&A Rules Limited. Questions will be settled by the on-site Rules Committee or WOSGA Executive Committee, whose decision will be final. WOSGA's Conditions of Competition and Local Rules are in effect and available at <https://www.wosga.org/policies>. The WOSGA Executive Committee reserves the right to alter any of the Conditions, Local Rules, Provisions, and Schedules herein, available at www.wosga.org, or provided as supplemental information for the Championship.

SCHEDULE/TIES

The competition will be in two stages:

(A) Stroke Play: 18 holes of stroke play to determine flights for (B) match play.

B) Single elimination match play. The 32 low qualifiers comprise the Championship and the First flight. All other flights shall consist of 16 or 8 players. Should the returning Champion not claim the #1 seed, then a tie for medalist will be broken immediately by a sudden-death play-off. A tie for the last place in the Championship Flight shall be determined immediately by a sudden-death playoff. All other ties are broken by comparison of the scorecard determining the winner.* If there is an insufficient number of players to fill a flight, the flight may be played as a stroke play event and/or a combination of stroke and match play, at the discretion of the WOSGA.

**Scorecard playoff: the winner is based on the score for the last nine holes, last six holes, last three holes, and finally the 18th hole. If there is still a tie, then the last six holes, three holes, and the final hole of the first nine holes will be considered in turn. If this process does not result in a winner, the winner will be chosen by chance (such as tossing a coin). If a multi-tee start is used, then the last nine holes, last six holes, etc." are holes 10-18, 13-18, etc. If the round is less than 18 holes, the number of holes used in matching scores may be adjusted.*

COMPLETION OF PLAY

The competition shall be deemed to have closed when the Championship trophy has been presented or the scores have been certified by the WOSGA Executive Committee.

PRIZES

Prizes shall be awarded to the overall champion, runner-up, and semifinalists. Flight winners and runners-up receive prizes. The medalist is the competitor(s) with the lowest score for Qualifying. The medalist will receive an award; co-medalists are possible. WOSGA reserves the right to modify the number of prizes awarded based on field size and for weather-shortened events. Skills contest winner will receive prizes.

UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

If unforeseen circumstances prohibit tournament play, the WOSGA reserves the right to modify the event's format, duration, and play dates solely at their discretion and without considering the impact on the field. No refunds shall be issued for shortened or modified events due to unforeseen circumstances, including canceled or incomplete rounds or meals.

CLUB RULES

Cell Phone Use: The audible use of mobile devices (making and receiving calls) is prohibited except in an approved club area. An approved club area includes the inside of an automobile, next to a land line, or on the course in a shelter.

Practice On the Course: A player may not practice on the competition course before or between rounds. Penalty for breach of Local Rule, see Rule 5.2."

Practice Range and Facilities: The practice range and Club practice facilities including the putting green and pitching/ short game area will be available to players before their practice round and tournament tee times. Additional practice at the range and facilities, including after your round, must be approved by Scioto's Head Golf Professional. Once you are eliminated from the championship, you are not permitted to use any Club facilities for practice.

Players shall abide by the host club's rules. Failure to do so may result in a player's inability to be present on the property, which may lead to disqualification.

PLAYER FOOD AND BEVERAGE

The Player's dinner is on Sunday a July 23rd at approximately 6:30 PM. All players are encouraged to attend. Scioto can accommodate one additional guest for a fee of \$65. If you are not attending the dinner or are bringing a guest, please indicate your choice on the entry form. Lunch is available for players during the event while a contestant.

CHAMPIONSHIP WEEK SUMMARY

The summary assumes a full field. The schedule is subject to change based on field size.

100 th Women's Ohio State Golf Association State Amateur						
Scioto Country Club						
Day	Event	Time/Location	Practice Facilities Hours	Food & Beverage		Cell Phone Usage
Non-Mixer Practice Rounds						Silent Mode unless in Club Approved Area
July 8 – July 22	42 Players Not in the Sunday Mixer Contact the Pro Shop	Club Decision	Club Arranged	On Your Own Off Site		
Registration/Mixer/Skills Content/Player's Dinner						
Sunday, July 23rd	Registration	11:00AM - 3:00PM	~1:00 PM	~6:30PM		
	Member Mixer 54 Players with the lowest Handicaps	1:00 PM	Before Mixer for Included Players	All Players to Attend Dinner. Players can bring one (1) guest for \$65		
	Skills Contests/ Putting and Permission Driver	Noon –5:00 PM	Putting Green and Range			
	Players' Dinner	~6:30	Clubhouse			
Qualifying Round						
Monday, July 24th	18-Holes Stroke Play	#1 Tee	Before Round	Water and snacks on course for players only	Box lunches for all players	
Match Play						
Tuesday, July 25 th	Champ and First (R of 32) 2 nd and 3 rd R of (16)	Matches begin on #1 Tee	Before Round	Water and snacks on course for players only	Box lunches for all players	
Wednesday, July 26 th	AM Champ and First (R of 16) 2 nd and 3 rd R of (8) PM Champ and First (R of 8) 2 nd and 3 rd (Semis)	Matches begin on #1 Tee	Before Round		Box lunch if you are a contestant in the event (<i>i.e.</i> scheduled in match)	
Thursday, July 27th	AM Champ and First (Semis) 2 nd and 3 rd (Finals) PM Champ and First (Finals)	Matches begin on #1 Tee	Before Round		Box lunch if you are a contestant in the event (<i>i.e.</i> scheduled in match) PM – Member Social	

PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION; BROADCASTING

I understand that the WOSGA or its designees, may record, film, photograph, or otherwise capture my likeness, image, voice, biography, references to me, my quoted statements, and my play in the Championship (the foregoing, together with my name, my "Appearance"). In consideration of the opportunity to participate in the Championship, by submitting this Application, I grant (and/or have the authority to grant to the WOSGA in the case of a parent/guardian of a minor or other authorized representative submitting the Application on my behalf) to the WOSGA, and its licensees, successors and assigns, the perpetual, transferable, assignable, worldwide, royalty-free, irrevocable right to use my Appearance, in whole or in part, in all manner (including exhibition, distribution, reproduction, publication, display, broadcast, transmission or otherwise), and media now known or hereafter invented or discovered, and for any purpose whatsoever. The rights granted herein include, without limitation, the right to use the Appearance, or portions thereof, in promotion of the Championship and future championships through any of the foregoing means of distribution, as well as in the design, manufacture and distribution of merchandise related to the Championship or other championships, that include elements of my Appearance. The WOSGA is not obligated to use my Appearance in any matter, and materials embodying any aspect of my Appearance do not need be submitted to me for approval. I release and discharge the WOSGA, its licensees, successors and assigns from any claims arising from use of my Appearance, including claims for misrepresentation of me, my character, or my person by any means. As between the WOSGA and me, the WOSGA shall own all right, title and interest, including the copyright(s), in and to any works created by the WOSGA, its licensees, successors and assigns, that include all or a portion of my Appearance. This grant shall be binding on my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, and the successors and assigns of the WOSGA. I hereby waive all privacy, publicity, defamation, libel, and proprietary rights relating to the Appearance as used by the WOSGA in conjunction with these terms

Players are required to cooperate with representatives of the media; however, no pre-Championship activities outside of those activities which are part of the Championship will be required. Authorized representatives of the media will not interfere with the player's Championship play in an unreasonable manner.

DRESS CODE

Players shall abide by the host club's dress code. Failure to do so may result in a player's inability to be present on the property, which may lead to disqualification.

FOOTWEAR

It is a condition of the competition that shoes with traditionally designed spikes (regardless of composition, *i.e.*, ceramic, plastic, etc.) or spikes, regardless of design, comprised either entirely or partially of metal are prohibited. Penalty for breach of this condition is disqualification.

PAYMENT; FOOD SERVICE

Scioto will have limited food and drinks available for non-players. The host club will accept cash for on food and beverage on the golf course or reciprocal club charges at the bar.

CHAMPIONSHIP CONTACTS

The State Amateur is hosted by the Women's Ohio State Golf Association (WOSGA): Alison Cress and Kaye Julian. For questions please contact Shirley Vaughn at (330) 639-8274/contact@wosga.org. Online registration is hosted by the Ohio Golf Association (OGA), 614-698-0014.

NOTICE REGARDING COVID

WOSGA is undertaking all possible measures to limit the exposure of players to COVID-19. Each player is responsible for understanding and complying with any travel restrictions and quarantine requirements and recommendations before registering for a specific championship and at the time of the competition. Please familiarize yourself with the requirements and guidelines for any county you may be traveling to or from. Failure to adhere to guidelines published by the WOSGA conducting the Championship may result in the withdrawal of the players' entry and removal from the course. Withdrawal fees or loss of entry fee will apply, dependent on the situation. All players accepted into the field will be required to follow all mitigation measures implemented by WOSGA concerning COVID-19. These requirements are on the WOSGA website (wosga.org) and are a Condition of Competition for all players.

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ENTRY FORM

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ENTRY FEE:

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\$350 for All Other Players; Must be a Legal Ohio Resident

ONLINE APPLICATION: www.wosga.org or www.ohiogolf.org

MAIL PAPER APPLICATION AND CHECK TO: OGA, 4354 Tuller Rd. Dublin, Ohio 43017

Make check payable to Women's Ohio State Golf Association. Do not send cash. Include guest fees for player's dinner with payment.

Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____

Street _____ City _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone (_____) _____

Email Address _____

Club _____

What is your legal state of residency? _____

Lunch Preference Regular Vegetarian Gluten-free

CERTIFICATION OF HANDICAP

GHIN # of the above player is: _____ GHIN Handicap Index®: _____

CADDY FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP (Select One)

This is a walking event. To help the Club plan for caddies, the following information is collected about your intention use a club caddy during the championship. Caddy fees are per round and include gratuity. **Caddy fees are not included in the entry fee.**

Caddy Yes No If yes, please indicate you caddy preference. Note, this is not a guarantee of a caddy for the event. A Caddy will be scheduled directly through Scioto County Club.

If yes, Circle One

Honors = \$120/round

A = \$60/round

B = \$40/round

Dinner. I am attending the dinner Yes No

Dinner Guest. I will bring one (1) guest for \$65 (Limit one guest per contestant) Yes No

Sunday Mixer. If selected, I am available to play in the Sunday Mixer with a Scioto Member Yes No

I have read and agree to the Championship regulations attached hereto and posted on the Women's Ohio State Golf Associations (WOSGA) website, www.WOSGA.org. I have read and agree to registration requirements at the Championship site and the Conditions of Competition, Local Rules, Pace of Play, Sportsmanship Policy, and Code of Conduct. By entering a WOSGA event, the participant and any spectators associated with a participant understands and agrees that there are known risks involved with the participation in a golf event, including but not limited to being struck by lightning, being struck by a golf ball or golf club, suffering from heat exhaustion, incurring a severe health problem like a heart attack or stroke, being injured by uneven terrain, being injured while riding in a golf cart or by a golf cart, or maybe exposed to COVID-19, all of such risks participant assumes and solely accepts, and waives all claims of injury to body or property against the WOSGA. Furthermore, the participant agrees that while on the premises of all WOSGA events, the participant, any spectators/guest associated with the participant, shall be present at their own risk and that the WOSGA shall not be liable for any claims for injuries or damages whatsoever to person or property of that participant or associated person arising out of or in connection with the participation in the WOSGA event or presence at the WOSGA event. I, and my associated persons, assume full responsibility for all my or their acts, whether said acts are deemed to be intentional, negligent or otherwise, and hold harmless the WOSGA, its committee members, tournament directors, officers, executive committee, and host club from any and all liability for any event or consequence relating to entry or participation in this event. I agree to have my name and hometown posted on the website and for the publication of results. I hereby grant permission to the WOSGA to use my name, image, likeness, and sound of my voice as recorded on audio or video devices without payment or any other consideration and understand that my image may be edited, copied, exhibited, published or distributed and waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product wherein my likeness appears. Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of my image or recording. I agree that this entry is subject to rejection at any time (including during the Championship) by the WOSGA.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

(Player and parent/guardian signatures required if the contestant is under 18)

Amount Included: \$ _____

Entry fee plus one dinner guest (if applicable)

Notice of acceptance and required attendance at the Sunday Mixer will be sent to applicants by email after the deadline. The player's name and hometown may be listed on the WOSGA's website.