



Ohio Golf Association



2026

Ohio Amateur Championship

The Virtues GC
Nashport, Ohio
July 20-24



FORMAT

- 72-hole stroke play with a Monday practice round & a cut following Round 2 & Round 3.
 - Round 1 – Tuesday, July 21
 - Round 2 – Wednesday, July 22 - Field cut to low 60 & ties following round completion
 - Round 3 – Thursday, July 23 - Field cut to low 40 & ties following round completion
 - Round 4 – Friday, July 24
- Championship field size is 144 Players
- There will be six (6) sectional qualifiers prior to the Championship listed on the final page & online.
 - Approximately 105 players will qualify
 - **Entrant may only enter one qualifier**

ENTRY FEE & PROCEDURE

- \$215 Entry Fee for all entries
- Practice round, range use, & buffet lunch included for Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday
- No refunds after the deadline unless submitted with a medical excuse, all refunds are subject to a \$15 service fee.
- All contestants, including exempt players, shall apply online at **OhioGolf.org** before the deadline.
- Qualified and exempt players are required to register at The Virtues GC on Monday, July 20
 - Players may contact the OGA to pre-register. If a player fails to register, their spot may be given to an alternate.

****All entries shall be deemed an invitation and are subject to board approval****

Deadline for application is May 17, 2026 at 11:59 PM

ENTRY EXEMPTIONS

- All former Ohio Amateur Champions
 - Low 20 finishers and ties in the 2025 Ohio Amateur
- 2021 through 2025 Ohio Mid-am Champion
 - Top 10 and ties from 2025 Ohio Mid-Am
- 2022 through 2026 Ohio Junior Amateur Champions
- 2022 through 2026 Ohio Senior Amateur Champions
- 2023 through 2025 Ohio Four-Ball Overall Gross Champions
- 2026 GCCA Met Champion, 2025 & 2026 MVG Metro Men's Champion, 2026 NEOA Champion (Amateur only), 2025 COGA Amateur Champion
- Low 1000 and ties from the last World Amateur Golf Rankings of week 52, 2025 who meet Ohio residence requirements

ELIGIBILITY

- All entrants must have an active WHS handicap index of 5.4 or better.
- Must be (1) a resident of the state of Ohio or in the case of a minor, attending college or university in Ohio, active military based in Ohio, or parent/legal guardian must be a resident. (2) Must have an active GHIN account at a golf club in Ohio (3) Determined by exemptions listed elsewhere in this application
- A resident is defined as meeting four (4) of the following nine (8).
 1. Ownership or leasing Ohio residence
 2. Proof of payment of utilities of property where residency is being claimed
 3. Ohio homestead exemption declared on residence
 4. Place of employment in Ohio
 5. Ohio driver's license
 6. Ohio vehicle registration
 7. Ohio address listed on federal income tax
 8. Voter registration in Ohio

Future Exemptions

- 2026 Ohio Amateur Champion will be exempt into the 2026 U.S. Amateur
- Top 5 finishers & ties will be locally exempt for the 2027 U.S. Amateur

Caddies, & Transportation

- Caddies are permitted. A player may not have another player who has or will compete in the same round as his or her caddie during the round.
 - Breach of Local Rules result in the general penalty for each hole during which the player is helped by such a caddie. If the breach occurs between holes, the player gets the general penalty for the next hole. See Model Local Rule H-1.2
- Players may not ride on any form of motorized transportation during a stipulated round except as authorized by the committee. See Model Local Rule G-6

Shoes & Specifications of Club & Ball

- Players must not wear the following shoes.
 - Traditional spikes having single or multiple points designed to penetrate deeply into the surface of the ground, regardless of material.
 - Spikes of any design that are entirely or partially made of metal, if such metal may come in contact with the course. Rule 4.3. Model Local Rule G-7.
- List of conforming driver heads: Local Rules as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Local Rule G-1.
- List of conforming golf balls: Local Rules as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures in in affect. Local Rule G-3.

2026 Sectional Qualifiers

• **NCR CC (South) – Dayton, Ohio – May 26**

- Max field size is 144 players.
- Practice rounds are limited to players only and availability is based off club availability.
- Tee times may be made 2 days in advance of desired play date. No Tee times will be available on May 25th.
Times available week prior (May 19-24) will likely be after 2:00 p.m.
- Participants will be paired together in threesomes if possible.
- Practice round fee is \$100 including cart. Carts are required for pace of play.
- Please email gip.hoagland@ncrcountryclub.com

• **Fairlawn CC – Fairlawn, Ohio – May 26**

- Max field size is 84 players.
- Practice round fee is \$90 with cart. Cash only. Contact club for availability. 330-836-2121

• **Stone Ridge GC – Bowling Green, Ohio – May 28**

- Max field size is 84 players.
- Practice round fee \$30 on weekdays, \$40 Fri-Sun after 12:00 PM. Carts are \$20 per person.
Contact the club for availability. 419-353-2582

• **Oberlin GC – Oberlin, Ohio – June 1**

- Max field size is 84 players.
- Practice round fee is \$80 with cart. Contact club for availability. 440-774-3923

• **Denison GC – Granville, Ohio – June 2**

- Max field size is 144 players.
- Book practice round through clubs online booking system or by calling the golf shop at 740-587-0843. Normal rates apply.

• **Losantiville CC – Cincinnati, Ohio – July 2**

- Max field size is 84 players.
- \$67 – weekday or after 3pm weekend walking
- \$93 – weekend walking between 12pm-3pm
- \$122 – weekend prior to 3pm with cart
- \$97 – weekday or after 3pm weekend with cart
- No credit cards. Contact club for availability. 513-366-4080

Host clubs are only asked to permit ONE practice round per entrant at a time that is available through the host club's tee sheet.