



35th IGA Match Play Championship

conducted by the Iowa Golf Association

Talons Golf, Ankeny

Tuesday-Friday, June 27-30, 2023

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must be an active IGA Member. Individual members are tracked through their enrollment at an IGA Member Club (via GHIN). Eligible entries must be male amateur golfers as defined by the USGA rules. Members of the IGA (thru an IGA Member Club) from out-of-state are eligible to compete.

EXEMPTIONS: The defending champion (Nate McCoy) is exempt from the 18-hole qualifying round. The defending champion may choose to compete in the qualifying round to earn medalist honors but is assured of no lower than the #2 seed in Match Play.

FIELD: The field will be limited to 124 eligible entrants. If less than 32 women enter the IGA Women's Match Play, male players will be added from the waitlist to arrive at a total number of 156 golfers (men + women). Preferred entry will be made available from March 1st- March 31st to individuals who meet the criteria outlined below. Following that period entries will open on April 1st to all eligible IGA members.

Preferred Entry Criteria

1. All former IGA Match Play Champions
2. Round of 32 at 2022 IGA Match Play Championship
3. Top 20 & ties in 2022 Iowa Player of the Year
4. Top 10 & ties in 2022 Senior Player of the Year
5. Top 5 & ties in 2022 Super Senior Player of the Year
6. Top 5 & ties in 2022 Iowa Senior Amateur
7. 2022 Iowa Junior Amateur Champion
8. Top 20 & ties at 2022 Iowa Amateur
9. Top 10 & ties in 2022 Iowa Mid-Amateur

FORMAT: Four-day event. The entire field plays an 18-hole qualifying round at scratch the first day. The low 64 proceed to match play. A playoff will determine the final spot(s) for match play in the event of a tie.

Tuesday, June 27 - 18 Holes Qualifying Round
Wednesday June 28 - morning Round of 64
Wednesday, June 28- afternoon Round of 32
Thursday, June 29 - morning Round of 16
Thursday June 29 - afternoon Quarterfinals
Friday, June 30 - morning Semifinals
Friday, June 30 - afternoon Finals

PAIRINGS, TEE TIMES: Entry confirmation & pairings will be emailed from the IGA office after the entry deadline. Pairing information will NOT be sent via standard mail to those who do not provide an email address. Pairings will also be made available on the IGA website, www.iowagolf.org. Field will be paired at random for the qualifying round.

PRACTICE PRIVILEGES: Practice rounds will not be allowed at this event.

WITHDRAWALS AND REFUNDS: Entry fees will be refunded if the IGA office is notified on or before June 19. After June 19, fees will be refunded only in event of injury or illness. There will be a \$20.00 service charge on all refunds.

ENTRY FORM, FEE, and CLOSING DATE: Entrants are solely responsible for securing fees by the due date. Entries must reach the IGA office by 11:59 P.M., June 19 and must be accompanied by the appropriate fee (\$200). You must enter online using a credit card at www.iowagolf.org up to the deadline or until a field limit is met, whichever comes first. Late, unsigned or incomplete applications are not acceptable and will be returned.

WOMEN'S MATCH PLAY: The IGA will be hosting the Women's Match Play Championship concurrently with the Men's Championship. There is a separate entry link for the Women's Match Play Championship (available at www.iowagolf.org). Depending on the total number of entrants in the Women's Match Play, the IGA will establish a bracket of either 8, 16, or 32. 18-hole stroke play qualifying on Tuesday will determine the seeds for match play.

Assuming a bracket of 32 the format will be as follows:

Tuesday, June 27 - 18 Holes Qualifying Round

Wednesday, June 28 - afternoon Round of 32

Thursday, June 29 - morning round of 16

Thursday, June 29 - afternoon Quarterfinals

Friday, June 30 - morning Semifinals

Friday, June 30 - afternoon Finals

*The IGA reserves the right to alter this schedule depending on the number of entrants and the size of bracket for the Women's Division.

CONDITIONS, SCHEDULES: The IGA reserves the right to alter any of the conditions and schedules herein as needed. This may include, but is not limited to, suspending play to a following day, or canceling current or future rounds. The decision of the Tournament Committee in any matter shall be final. Under any circumstances, all possible attempts will be made to complete the event in the scheduled number of rounds.

GOLF BALLS; DRIVER HEADS

Only brands of golf balls on the most current USGA List of Conforming Golf Balls and driver heads on the most current USGA List of Conforming Driver Heads may be used. Updated lists may be found on the USGA website at www.usga.org or by contacting the USGA Equipment Standards Department at (908) 234-2300.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE: Proper golf attire is mandatory; the committee reserves the right to determine whether this requirement is met. Competitors may be required to change clothing in order to compete. Shorts are permitted, provided they are Bermuda length or longer. T-shirts, tank tops, gym shorts, sweatpants and blue jeans are NOT permitted.

PACE OF PLAY: In accordance with Rule 5.6b(3) the IGA has adopted pace of play guidelines that include the maximum period of time allotted to complete a stipulated round, number of holes and/or strokes. These guidelines and the resulting penalties will be made available to every competitor in advance of the championship.

RULES OF GOLF: Play will be governed by the Rules of Golf. Local rules on scorecards do not apply. Decisions concerning the rules will be settled by the Rules Committee assigned by the IGA and those decisions will be final.