

**COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS
& GCAC QUALIFYING**

**JULY 14 & 15
MANAKIKI
SHAWNEE HILLS**

**JULY 21 & 22
SLEEPY HOLLOW
BIG MET**



CHAMPIONSHIP

**54 HOLE STROKE PLAY
AT SLEEPY HOLLOW**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 10
SATURDAY, AUGUST 11
SUNDAY, AUGUST 12**



A World Amateur Golf Ranking Event

Enter the 2018 Greater Cleveland Amateur Championship, to be played at Sleepy Hollow on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, August 10th, 11th, and 12th. This 54-hole stroke play tournament will be contested at scratch, and is open for qualifying to amateur golfers of any age, gender, or residence. Contestants are expected to have a current handicap index of 7.4 or less in order to reasonably compete for a qualifying spot. USGA rules govern play.

Course Championships/GCAC Qualifying

Entry into the Greater Cleveland Amateur Championship is through earning an exemption (see reverse side) or by qualifying through the course championships at Sleepy Hollow, Manakiki, Shawnee Hills and Big Met golf courses. The 36-hole Course Championships will be conducted on Saturday July 14th and Sunday July 15th or Saturday July 21st and Sunday July 22nd. Each Championship is limited to the first 72 players entered. The top 25% and ties of the non-exempt players of each field will advance to the GCAC, with the top 15 and ties being the maximum. The committee reserves the right to extend more qualifying spots to fill out GCAC field if needed. Maximum GCAC field is 78 players.

The field at each Course Championship will be cut after the first round to the low 50% of the field plus all players within 15 shots of the last qualifying position.

Championship Schedule

The GCAC will be contested over 54 holes at stroke play. All players will play Friday teeing off between 12:30 and 2:30 p.m., and Saturday teeing off between 8 and 10 a.m. A cut will be made after the second round of The Championship to the low 50% of the field and ties, plus all additional players within ten shots of the lead. Sunday's final round will begin teeing off at 8 a.m. with the leaders in the last group.

Fees

All players, including those who are exempt, shall enter using an official entry form. Entry fees for all Course Championships is \$110. All players who earn their entry into the Championship through one of the qualifiers must pay a \$10 fee to confirm they will be playing in the GCAC. For exempt players, the entry for the Championship proper is \$120, which includes all green fees. Carts are optional and not included in the entry fee. Caddies and spectators are welcome. In all rounds, male contestants will play from the black tees, females will play from the gold tees.

Entry

To enter one of the Course Championships, or to enter as an exempt player, please mail or deliver the entry form below. Entries may be delivered at any of the four qualifying sites, or mailed to: 2017 GCAC, c/o Cleveland Metroparks Golf, 9445 Brecksville Rd., Brecksville, OH 44141. Deadline to enter is July 7th for Manakiki and Shawnee Hills and July 14th for Sleepy Hollow and Big Met or when the field is full, exempt player entry deadline is August 3th.

Additional Information

Please read the back of this form for additional tournament info. Questions? Contact Sleepy Hollow Proshop at 440-526-4285.

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Please enter me in the 2017 Greater Cleveland Amateur Championship. I have enclosed the appropriate payment to enter the Course Championship at the site checked below, or I am an exempt player, with my exempt status described below.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Handicap Index: _____ (note: index is not mandatory)

**I wish to enter the Course
Championship & GCAC Qualifier at:**

- Sleepy Hollow.....\$110 TEGC1
- Manakiki.....\$110 TEGC2
- Shawnee Hills.....\$110 TEGC3
- Big Met.....\$110 TEGC4
- I am exempt via:
_____ \$120 TEGC5

Make checks payable to Cleveland Metroparks.

If special accommodations are needed, please submit your request 2-14 days before event begins.

Eligibility

Contestants are expected to have a current handicap index of 7.4 or less, in order to reasonably compete for a qualifying spot. A USGA handicap index is not required for entry to this event.

Entries are subject to rejection at any time (including during the Championship and Qualifying) by the Tournament Committee. The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct.

Rules of Golf; Close of Competition

Play will be governed by the Rules of Golf as approved by the USGA. Questions will be resolved by the Tournament Committee, whose decision will be final. The competition shall be deemed to have closed when the Championship trophy has been presented.

Golf Balls; Driver Heads

Only brands of golf balls on the current USGA List of Conforming Golf Balls and driver heads on the most current USGA List of Conforming Driver Heads may be used. This list may be found on the USGA website at www.usga.org. The so-called "One-Ball Rule", the optional condition prescribed in Appendix I of the Rules of Golf, shall **not** be in effect.

Distance Measuring Devices

During a stipulated round of this competition a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If a player uses a distance measuring device that is also capable of measuring other conditions (gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc) the player must have all other features turned off.

The distance between any two objects on the course is considered public information and not advice.

Tee Times/Time of Starting

Players should contact the course starting the Wednesday before play to obtain tee times.

Caddies

Competitors may provide their own caddie. No caddies are available at the course. Caddies may rent a golf cart; however only two carts will be permitted on the course with each group. Players have priority on using a cart. A player is not required to employ a caddie for any stage of the Championship.

Weather

In the event of inclement weather, the Course Championships/Qualifiers may be shortened to 18 holes and the Greater Cleveland Amateur Championship to 36 holes.

Manakiki Golf Course

TBA
35501 Eddy Rd
Willoughby Hills OH 44094
440-942-2500

Sleepy Hollow Golf Course

John Fiander, PGA
9445 Brecksville Rd
Brecksville OH 44141
440-526-4285

Transportation

Rental carts are available for use during the tournament. Only two carts are permitted for each group. Players within a group must decide the users of any carts. A caddie or spectator may pay to ride in a cart if the players are not using it.

Spectators

During the tournament spectators are welcome. Spectators are responsible for their own safety while on the golf course.

Exemptions from Qualifying

Players in the following categories will be eligible for exemption from qualifying:

- 1) Past Champions, and the top ten finishers from the 2017 Championship. Past 4 Senior Champions, and the top five finishers from the 2018 Senior Championship. The 2017 Cleveland Metroparks Course Championship winners.
- 2) Players ranked in the top 1500 of the World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR) as of July 1, 2018.
- 3) Individual stroke play winners during the 2018 calendar year from the Cleveland Metroparks, Northern Ohio Golf Association, and the Akron District Golf Association.
- 4) 2018 Northern Ohio Golf Association club/course champions. (2017 champion eligible if the 2018 champion has not been determined by July 1, 2018)
- 5) The 2017 & 2018 winners and runners-up of the Northeast Ohio Amateur, the Ohio Amateur, and the Summit County Amateur.
- 6) Top 3 finishers in the 2017 Cleveland Metroparks Player of the Year. 2017 ADGA Player of the Year.
- 7) Players ranked in the Top 5 of the Player of the Year points and Top 3 on the Senior Player of the Year point list of the Cleveland Metroparks. Players ranked in the Top 3 of the Northern Ohio Golf Association. As of July 1, 2018.
- 8) The Tournament Committee may issue additional exemptions as it deems appropriate.

Prizes

The GCAC champion and runner-up will be awarded trophies. The Top 15 finishers and ties will be awarded merchandise credit prizes. First place will win \$750 with 15th place awarded \$50. Each course championship will award the Top 5 and ties with merchandise credit ranging from \$250 to \$75. In the event of ties, a sudden death playoff will be held to determine the Champion; all other prize amounts will be split among the ties.

Shawnee Hills Golf Course

Ryan Short
18753 Egbert Rd
Bedford OH 44146
440-232-7184

Big Met Golf Course

TBA
4811 Valley Parkway
Fairview Park OH 44126
440-331-1070

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