

COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS & GCAC QUALIFYING

MANAKIKI – JULY 9 & 10
 BIG MET – JULY 9 & 10
 SLEEPY HOLLOW – JULY 16 & 17
 SENECA – JULY 23 & 24
 SHAWNEE HILLS – JULY 30 & 31



A World Amateur Golf Ranking Event

CHAMPIONSHIP

54 HOLE STROKE PLAY
 At Sleepy Hollow

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12
 SATURDAY, AUGUST 13
 SUNDAY, AUGUST 14



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 RANKING

Enter the 2022 Greater Cleveland Amateur Championship, to be played at Sleepy Hollow Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 12, 13 and 14. 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, Big Met and Seneca golf courses. The 36-hole Course Championships will be conducted on weekends in July. Each Championship is limited to the first 60 players entered. The top 15% of the non-exempt players and ties will advance to the GCAC. Alternates will be reserved to fill the GCAC field if necessary. The committee reserves the right to adjust the numbers of qualifying position (up or down) based on the field size at each course. Maximum GCAC field is 72 players.

Championship Schedule

The GCAC will be contested over 54 holes at stroke play. All players will play Friday and Saturday with tee times starting at 12:30 p.m. Friday and 7:30 a.m. Saturday. Sunday's final round field will be cut to the low 50% + ties. Tee times will start at 7:30 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 the Course Championships are

\$110. All players who earn their entry into the Championship through one of the qualifiers must pay a \$15 fee and **confirm with Brad Ruminski that they will be playing in the GCAC.** For exempt players, the entry for the Championship proper is \$125, 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 approximately 85% of the black tee distance as listed on the course's scorecard.

Entry

To enter one of the Course Championships, go to clevelandmetroparks.com. Exempt players entering directly into the GCAC should contact Brad Ruminski. Deadline to enter is the Sunday before each course championship **or when the field is full**, exempt players not playing in the course championships entry deadline is August 8th **or when the field is full.**

Additional Information

Please read the back of this form for additional tournament info. Questions? Contact Brad Ruminski at 440-526-2745.

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Please enter me in the 2022 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.

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

- Big Met.....\$110
- Sleepy Hollow....\$110
- Manakiki.....\$110
- Shawnee Hills.....\$110
- Seneca.....\$110

I am exempt via:
 _____ \$125

Name: _____

Address: _____

City,State,Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

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

Eligibility

Contestants must have current USGA approved amateur status. A handicap index of 7.4 or less is expected 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 has a "distance only" function. If a player uses a distance measuring device that is designed to measure other conditions that might affect his play (gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.), that function must be 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. 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 cancelled, rescheduled or reduced to 18 holes and the Greater Cleveland Amateur Championship reduced to 18 or 36 holes.

Championship Committee

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Transportation

Rental carts are available for use during the tournament. Players must share carts when asked. 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. All spectators must sign a waiver before being allowed onto the course. 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 2021 Championship. Past 5 Senior Champions, and the top five finishers from the 2022 Senior Championship. The 2021 Cleveland Metroparks Course Championship winners.
- 2) Players ranked in the top 1500 of the World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR) as of July 1, 2022.
- 3) Individual stroke play winners of Cleveland Metroparks Player of the Year Series since the 2021 GCAC. 2022 Northern Ohio Golf Association and the Akron District Golf Association stroke play winners.
- 4) 2022 Northern Ohio Golf Association club/course champions. (2021 champion eligible if the 2021 champion has not been determined by July 1, 2022).
- 5) The 2021 & 2022 winners and runners-up of the Northeast Ohio Amateur, the Ohio Amateur, and the Summit County Amateur.
- 6) Top 3 on the 2021 CMP POY list. Current top 5 on the CMP POY points list and top 3 on the CMP Senior POY list and top 3 of the Northern Ohio Golf Association POY list as of July 1, 2022. Top 10 All-Time CMP POY points list.
- 7) 2021 ADGA and NOGA Player of the Year.
- 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 plus ties will be awarded prizes. 1st Place will be win \$1,000. 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.

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