



21st MINNESOTA WOMEN'S STATE MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

July 25-27, 2016

Monticello Country Club

1209 Golf Course Road, Monticello, MN 55362

Clubhouse/Golf Shop – (763) 295-4653

ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to amateur female golfers who meet the requirements stated under Handicap Regulations and Limitations, and who are in good standing with the MWGA. Qualified entrants may enter the Open or Senior Division.

- a) Open Division – Open to all who meet the eligibility requirements listed above.
- b) Senior Division – Open to those who are 50 years of age by July 25, 2016 and who meet the eligibility requirements listed above.

Entrants must commit to the possibility of three days of play.

HANDICAP REGULATIONS AND LIMITATIONS

1. Only a USGA Handicap Index computed under the MGA Handicap Program is acceptable.
2. The handicap as of the July 1 revision date will be used for tournament eligibility.
3. A player's handicap index shall not exceed 36.0 for the Open Division and 39.0 for the Senior Division.
4. A non-MWGA Open Division player's handicap index shall not exceed 5.9. A non-MWGA Senior Division player's handicap index shall not exceed 8.9.

FIELD LIMITATION

The field will be limited to the 64 Open Division players and 64 Senior Division players with the lowest handicap indexes. If the field is oversubscribed or incomplete, (not divisible by flights of eight), entries will be accepted to complete full flights from applicants with the lowest handicap indexes. Any ties in handicap for the last position will be settled by blind draw. Players in the complete flight will be placed on an alternate list in case openings occur in the last flight due to withdrawals prior to the pairings being released. Applicants will be notified if they are put on the alternate list or if the field is oversubscribed.

FORMAT CHANGES

These format changes were implemented in 2013. All players are guaranteed a minimum of two rounds; there will be a consolation bracket in all flights. Championship Flight Open Division and Championship Flight Senior Division matches will be played gross; all other flights will be played gross, except in flights that have a difference in Handicap Index of more than 5 strokes. See next page for further details.

SCHEDULE

- PRACTICE ROUND:** Contact the golf shop for availability.
- MON-JULY 25:** Match Play – all divisions, all flights.
Reception, compliments of the MWGA, to follow a.m. play
- TUES-JULY 26:** Quarter-final and semi-final matches in Open Division
Championship Flight and Open Division Championship
Flight Consolation bracket. Semi-final matches and
consolation matches in all other flights.
- WED-JULY 27:** Final Championship and consolation matches in all flights.
Awards ceremony to follow play.

STARTING TIMES

Starting times for tournament play will be mailed electronically to entrants and posted on the web site by the Tuesday preceding the tournament.

ENTRIES

- FORM:** Members and non-members may use this official entry form or register online at www.mwga-online.org
- FEE:** \$100.00 for MWGA members. (\$130.00 for non-MWGA members).
Checks payable to MWGA Match Play.
- MAIL TO:** MWGA Match Play
6550 York Ave South, Suite 211
Edina, MN 55435
- TIME LIMITS:** **Entries must be received no later than Monday, July 11.** Entries that are received late or incomplete may be accepted on a best efforts basis.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

****Please note the tournament format was changed in 2014****

LENGTH OF TOURNAMENT – 3 DAYS

OPEN DIVISION

Players with the 16 lowest handicap indexes shall be placed in the Championship Flight and play from the MWGA blue tee markers. The players who do not qualify for the Championship Flight will be placed in flights according to their handicap index and will play from the MWGA white tee markers. If there is a tie in handicap indexes for the last position in any flight there will be a blind draw. In the Championship Flight, the first round matches will be played on Monday. The quarter-final and semi-final matches in the Championship Flight **AND** Championship Flight consolation will be played on Tuesday. The final Championship Flight and Championship Flight consolation match will be played Wednesday. All other flights will have a consolation bracket and will play one match per day until eliminated.

All matches will be gross except in non-Championship Flights with a handicap index range that exceeds 5 strokes. In these flights, to make competition as fair as possible, the matches will be played allowing the higher-handicapped player the full difference between the Course Handicaps of the two players; the lower handicapped player shall play from scratch. (e.g. A player with a Course Handicap of 17 shall receive four strokes from a player with a Course Handicap of 13. She receives them on the holes allocated as the first four handicap-stroke holes.)

SENIOR DIVISION

Players with the 8 lowest handicap indexes shall be placed in the Championship Flight. The players who do not qualify for Championship Flight will be placed in flights according to their handicap index. Play is from the white MWGA tee markers. If there is a tie in the handicap indexes for the last position in any flight, there will be a blind draw. **Each flight will have a consolation bracket and play one match per day from the MWGA white tee markers.**

All matches will be gross except in non-Championship Flights with a handicap index range that exceeds 5 strokes. In these flights, to make competition as fair as possible, the matches will be played allowing the higher-handicapped player the full difference between the Course Handicaps of the two players; the lower handicapped player shall play from scratch. (e.g. A player with a Course Handicap of 17 shall receive four strokes from a player with a Course Handicap of 13. She receives them on the holes allocated as the first four handicap-stroke holes.)

MATCH PLAY

General numerical draw will be used. Contestants shall discontinue play when the match is decided. In the event of a tied match, the winner shall be determined immediately by a hole by hole playoff starting at hole #1 with the Stipulated Round being extended to as many holes as are required for the match to be won. **There will be consolation brackets in Championship and all other flights.**

TROPHIES AND PRIZES

The Champion in each division will be presented a trophy that shall be in her possession for the ensuing year, with the stipulation that the trophy shall remain in the State of Minnesota.

Medals will be awarded to the Champion and runner-up with gift certificates awarded to the Champion, runner-up, and semi-finalists in the Championship Flight, and to the winner, runner-up and consolation winner in all remaining flights.

****MWGA DRESS CODE WILL BE ENFORCED****

**PLEASE FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THIS POLICY PRIOR TO
TOURNAMENT**

Tournament entries are subject to approval or rejection at any time (either before or during the tournament) by The Committee at its discretion. All play is in accordance with the USGA Rules of Golf. All decision by The Committee in any matter concerning this tournament shall be final.

For further information, contact the MGA Women's Golf Manager at (952) 345-3961.



OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM
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ENTRY CLOSING DATE: Monday, July 11
MAIL TO: MWGA Match Play
6550 York Ave S, Suite 211
Edina, MN 55435

You may also register online at www.mwga-online.org.

FEE: \$100.00 MWGA members (\$130.00 Non-MWGA members). Check payable to MWGA – Match Play. Please print and complete each line.

DIVISION CHOICE: Open Division _____ Senior Division _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ **GHIN** _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE _____

TELEPHONE (AC) _____ **E-MAIL** _____

MEMBER CLUB _____

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WWW.MWGA-ONLINE.ORG

I have reviewed the MWGA policies under which the competition will be conducted (posted on the MWGA web site under "Tournament Player's Information.") I understand that neither the MWGA nor the Host Club is responsible for any injury sustained during the playing of this event.

Entrant's Signature

Date