



TO: MGA Senior Competitors
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RE: MGA Senior Amateur Championship (Sept 9-11, Edina CC)

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After reviewing the entry process for the MGA Senior Amateur Championship over the past three years, and the need to use a lottery system to select the players for the final field, the Rules and Competitions Committee has decided to adopt a Qualifying Process on a trial basis. It will be patterned after the Qualifying process used for the MGA Amateur as well as the three match play championships. However, Qualifying will be used for the **Senior and Master Divisions ONLY**. In the beginning, it will offer fewer sites until it is determined additional sites are necessary. The Grand Master Division will remain on a first-come basis with 12 players.

Here are the details:

1. There will be three (3) qualifying sites: NORTH, CENTRAL and SOUTH METRO. We recognize these may not be convenient for all players, but most players who want to play will have reasonable access to a qualifier.
 - a. The sites and dates are:
 - i. Tuesday, Aug 6 Wapicada Golf Club (Sauk Rapids)
 - ii. Wednesday, Aug 7 Tianna Country Club (Walker)
 - iii. Wednesday, Aug 14 Heritage Links Golf Club (Lakeville)
2. They have been scheduled on different days to provide as many options as possible.
3. Each site will be limited to 84 players.
4. Eligibility remains the same. Entry is open to MGA Associate Members who are at least 55 years of age as of the first day of the Championship (Sept 9) with an active Handicap Index® at an MGA Member Club not exceeding 7.4 at the time of registration. Players are placed in a division based on their age as of the first day of the event.
5. The number of available spots at each site will be determined the number of players at a site relative to the overall number of players attempting to qualify. This percentage will then be the percentage of the available spots for that site. For example, if a site has 40% of the overall entries, it will have 40% of the available spots. The overall field is 132 players (144 – 12 Grand Master players).
6. Considering the existing Exemption List (which will remain unchanged for this year from what has been published), there will be approximately 70-80 spots available through the Qualifying Process.
7. In the event the total number of players attempting to qualify is less than 125% of the available spots, all entered players will be arranged by Handicap Index® from lowest to the highest. The field will be filled from the list. In the event there is a "tie" at the same index for the final spot, all players at that index will be arranged according to the date and time their entry was received by Golf Genius. The remaining players on the list will become the Alternate List.
8. Entry for Qualifying is \$110 (the same as the Amateur and match play events)
9. There will be an additional Championship Fee of \$105 for the successful qualifiers.
10. Registration for the Qualifying Process will open on **Monday, April 15, 8:30 am** using the Golf Genius online registration system. The deadline for all entries will be **Monday, July 22, 11:59 pm for ALL PLAYERS (including Grand Master)**.

The Committee and Staff will review the process at the end of the year and make any necessary adjustments to improve the system going forward. Feel free to pass along any comments to me (Doug@mngolf.org) for consideration. Thank you for your participation and continued support of the MGA and our Championship Program!