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2021 United States Golf Challenge™ – National Qualifier Overview

Format

National Qualifiers are 18-hole or 36-hole, two-player team Best-ball competitions using NET scoring.

Participating Sites

We are currently accepting Host Sites for 18-hole 2021 National Qualifiers.

Registration

Teams will register on the USGC™ website for tournament entry fees. The USGC will pay course fees directly to the course..

Entry Fees

The host course will set the price for the green fees and will receive 100% of that price. Additionally, the USGC fee, prize fund and F&B will be added. The host course may elect to add other amenities that may increase the total entry fee price.

Tournament Dates

National Qualifiers should be scheduled between February 1, 2021 and September 6, 2021. The **USGC National Championship** will be played October 11-13, 2021 at Hermitage Golf Course, in Nashville Tennessee.

Prizes

Teams are ultimately competing for the opportunity to qualify for the USGC National Championship. The top 30% teams and ties in the field will earn invitations to the USGC National Championship.

A TBD dollar amount, negotiated with each host, per team entry will be paid to the host course for purchasing gift cards from their pro shop. These gift cards will be used for a prize pool and distributed as the host course chooses. The host course may choose to add to the prize pool. Cash side games are permitted.

National Qualifiers

Most National Qualifiers are two-day, 36-hole tournaments. Two-person teams compete in Best Ball stroke play using NET Scoring. The top 30% and ties in both 18-hole and 36-hole events earn invitations to the USGC National Championship at the Hermitage Golf Club in Nashville, Tennessee, October 11-13, 2021.

For 36-hole events, there are two divisions, Open and Senior (55+). These two divisions will NOT compete against each other. Within these two divisions, there will be two flights in each. Open

Championship flight will be combined with Open A flight. Open B flight will be combined with Open C flight. The Senior Division will combine teams identical to the Open Division, ultimately creating four separate competitions using NET scoring. The winning team in each of those four competitions will receive a FREE team entry into the USGC National Championship worth \$1,150. If any of the four competitions have 20+ teams, an additional FREE team entry will be added for that group. All teams must fit into one of the USGC Divisions and Flights listed under Divisions.

For 18-hole events, there are no Divisions or Flights until there are 24 teams. At that point, the field is split in half by team index. For every 12 teams in the field (above 24) a new flight will be created. The winning team in each flight (12 team min.) will receive a FREE team entry into the USGC National Championship worth \$1,150. A minimum of 8 teams are required to host a National Qualifier.

Divisions

There are two age divisions in the USGC. The **Open** Division is for teams with at least one player under 55 years of age. The **Senior** Division is for teams with both players over 55 **at the time of the National Qualifier**. A senior player may compete in the Open Division. Once qualified for the USGC National Championship, a Senior team cannot choose to play in the Open Division.

While there is not a separate Women's Division, women will compete from a yardage, as near as possible, from which their handicap index was established.

Flights

Both the Open and Senior Divisions have the same 4 flights based on the **Team Index** as follows:

Championship – under 5.0

A Flight – 5.0-9.9

B Flight – 10.0-14.9

C Flight – 15.0 and above

The official USGA handicap indexes of both players are added together and divided by two. The resulting number is their Team Index and places them within a flight in their age division. The USGC recognizes any official USGA index that is current and verifiable online.

No team can have a handicap index differential greater than 8, i.e. a player with a 10.0 can play with a player that's a 24.0, but in calculating their Team Index, the 24.0 must be reduced to 18.0 and the Team Index would be 14.0. 85% of a player's course handicap will be used to determine their event handicap. The USGC will verify the index of each player 7 days before the event, unless the host uses different parameters.

Host Registration

Courses wishing to participate as a National Qualifying Host Site may register using our online registration form at www.usgolfchallenge.com.

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