



# USGC<sup>®</sup>

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## 2020 United States Golf Challenge™ – National Qualifier Overview

### Format

National Qualifiers are two-player, 18-hole Best-ball competitions with Net scoring.

### Participating Sites

We are presently accepting Host Sites for 2020 National Qualifiers.

### Registration

Teams will register on the USGC™ website for tournament fees and green fees. USGC will pay green fees to course.

### Entry Fees

The entry fee for the National Qualifiers is \$90 per team plus green fees. Host Course sets green fees and will receive 100% of Green Fees.

### Tournament Dates

National Qualifiers should be scheduled between February 1, 2020 and August 9, 2020. The **USGC National Championship** will be played September 10-12, 2020 at Legends Resort, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

### Prizes

Teams are 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.

Winning teams at a National Qualifier with at least 12 teams will earn a **free** entry into the USGC National Championship. Every 12 teams will create a new flight and another **free** entry into the USGC National Championship.

\$20 per team entry will be allocated to purchasing gift cards from the host course pro shop. These gift cards will be used for the prize pool and distributed as the host course chooses. The host course may add to the prize pool or add F+B in the course fee. Cash side games are permitted. (Minimum 8 teams)

## **National Qualifier Format**

National Qualifiers are one-day 18-hole tournaments. Two-person teams compete in Best Ball stroke play with Net Scoring. The top 30% of the field and ties earn invitations to the USGC King's Cup National Championship at Legends Resort, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

There are no flights at the National Qualifier level, unless 24 or more teams are entered. However, each team must conform to one of the Divisions and Flights below.

See below for the USGC Divisions and Flights at the USGC National Championship.

### **Divisions**

There are two age divisions in the USGC. The **Open** Division is for teams with a 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 the same tees from which their 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 with 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

### **Course Registration**

Courses wishing to participate as a National Qualifying Host Site may register using our online registration form at [www.usgolfchallenge.com](http://www.usgolfchallenge.com).

### **Contact**

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