



## 2022 United States Golf Challenge™ National Qualifier Overview

National Qualifiers are one-day, 18 hole events. Two-person teams compete in Best-Ball stroke play using NET Scoring. The top 33% and ties earn invitations to the **USGC King's Cup National Championship** at the Hermitage Golf Club in Nashville, Tennessee, September 26-28, 2022.

### Format

18-hole two-player team Best-ball competitions using NET scoring.

### Participating Sites

We are currently accepting Host Sites for 18-hole 2022 National Qualifiers.

### Entry Fees

The entry fee for National Qualifiers \$50 per player plus green fees. Host course sets green fees and will receive 100% of green fees.

### Registration

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

### Tournament Dates

National Qualifiers should be scheduled between February 1, 2022 and August 31, 2022. The **USGC King's Cup National Championship** will be played September 26-28, 2022 at Hermitage Golf Course, in Nashville Tennessee.

### Prizes

Teams are competing for the opportunity to qualify for the **USGC King's Cup National Championship**. The top 1/3 of the field and ties will earn invitations to the **USGC King's Cup National Championship**.

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

The USGC will purchase **\$10 per player** from the course pro shop to be used for a prize pool.

The host course may choose to add to the prize pool or add F+B in the green fee. Cash side games are permitted.

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. 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 King's Cup 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.

## **Host 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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