

61st New England Women's Golf Association Championship

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Hop Meadow Country Club
85 Firetown Road
Simsbury, CT 06070

Monday - Wednesday, July 10-12, 2017

Eligibility: A contestant may be any amateur woman golfer with a USGA handicap index of 17.4 or lower (by June 15 revision) who is an active member of one of the NEWGA member state associations or is a legal resident of one of the six New England States. NEWGA associations may invite non-members who are residents of their state and have handicaps that meet the entry requirements to apply.

A junior is any girl who is a resident of an eligible state and has not reached her 19th birthday by the opening day of the tournament. An 18-year-old junior is eligible only if she has not yet begun her first semester of college. A junior does not have to be a member of a NEWGA member club, but she must have a USGA handicap index of 19.0 or lower. Parents and guardians are NOT allowed to caddy for juniors. Financial assistance is available from the WMSGGA for junior participants; please contact Micki Meggison (information provided below) for more information.

Seniors must be 50 years old by the opening day of the tournament.

Legends must be 65 years old by the opening day of the tournament.

Entries: Open May 1, 2017 and close June 23, 2017. Handicap revision wait list date is June 15, 2017.

Entry Fee: \$186 per player includes carts, tee gift, range balls, administration fee, and competitors' barbecue following play on Tuesday, July 11.

Brief Description of Tournament/Format: A 54-hole stroke play event, open to 108 players from CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT. Each state has a quota of 18 players. After 36 holes of play, the field is cut to 70 players (lowest scores, including ties) for the final round of play. Any player within 10 shots of the leader in the player's respective age division also qualifies for the final round. A cut may be determined by the field size.

Players are chosen based on handicap index as of the USGA revision, effective June 15, 2017. A Wait List is created when more than 18 applicants from a state apply for participation. The list records player names and handicap indexes for each state after all states have entered their player lists. If a state is unable to fill its allotted positions, the unused positions will be divided equally among the states with players on the waiting list.

Prize Structure: SUBJECT TO CHANGE. Prizes will be awarded to approximately one third of the field, beginning with the top 20 gross or 20% of the field, not to exceed 20 positions. Universal pro shop certificates will also be awarded to the 6 lowest net winners. No duplicate winners for gross and net. Additional prizes along with certificates will be awarded to the Champion, Runner-Up, Junior, Senior, and Legend winners. The gift certificates can and must be redeemed at any New England pro shop by July 1, 2018.

Withdraw/Refund Policy: A full refund, minus a \$5 administration fee, may be issued on or before June 29. After this date, no refund will be awarded for a withdrawal.

Practice Round: Competitors and their guest will be allowed to play a practice round after June 26 by calling the pro shop at 860.651.0686. The cost of this practice round is \$40, which includes the cart fee.

Measuring Device: The use of distance measuring devices will be allowed in this championship by local rule.

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Registration: Register online at www.wmsga.org. A mail-in application is available on the WMSGGA website. Your mailed entry and check payable to WMSGGA must be postmarked no later than June 23, 2017. All entrants will be wait listed until the team is selected.