



2017 IGA Tournament of Champions

Conducted by the Idaho Golf Association
Blue Lakes Country Club, Twin Falls, ID
October 7-8, 2017



Online registration: www.theiga.org.

Eligibility

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Golfers must have an up-to-date USGA Handicap Index®. A Handicap Index must be issued either from an IGA District I, II, or III member "golf club" (as defined in the "USGA Handicap System Manual") which is licensed to use the USGA Handicap System™. Or, for bona fide residents of the State of Idaho, Panhandle District, have an up-to-date USGA Handicap Index® issued from a WSGA licensed member "golf club."

Players requesting permission to use items on the List of Equipment Permitted Conditionally for Medical Reasons under Exception 1 to Rule 14-3, please refer to www.usga.org/equipment/medical/general_guidelines.html for details.

The IGA may reject an entry application, revoke an accepted application, expel from the Championship and/or suspend a player from future championships if the player engages in conduct detrimental to the integrity and image of the game of golf and/or public confidence in the IGA. Such conduct may include, but is not limited to, damage to the golf course or the player's equipment, verbal or physical abuse of spectators, officials, volunteers, or staff, blatant or excessive profanity, disorderly behavior, failure to abide by club rules or any other unbecoming conduct.

Age: A player is required to list his age and date of birth on all IGA entry forms.

Amateur Status: All players must conform to the "USGA Rules of Amateur Status."

Entries: Form, Fee, Closing Date, Final Field of Players

Each competitor MUST complete an entry application. Golfers are encouraged to file online at the IGA website (www.theiga.org). All entries will be waitlisted (pending) until their eligibility (tournament win) is confirmed.

Entry fee of \$200 must be paid by each competitor. Entry fee will be refunded regardless of reason if the IGA (208-342-4442) is notified before the close of entries. A \$25 service fee will be deducted from all refunds. After the close of entries, fee will not be refunded.

\$200 Entry fee WITHOUT LODGING includes tournament fee only. All golfers are on their own to make lodging arrangements.

If the club champion's entry fee is paid by a home club; that fee (\$200) must be paid directly to the IGA, not to the golfer. A paper entry MUST accompany all such payments. In addition to that, the player's home club may cover up to \$200 in travel and lodging expenses. The \$200 travel and lodging fee may be paid directly to the player, provided it comes from the player's club (men's/women's association or course), AND, the IGA must be notified of such payment at iga@theiga.org. Thus, the home club/course may provide a maximum of \$400 for their club champion.

**ENTRY APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY IGA
NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. ON MONDAY; October 2, 2017**

Entry applications may be filed online at
www.theiga.org

Late applications are not acceptable and will be automatically rejected. Time limit for entries means time of receipt at IGA (not time entry is transmitted to IGA). Entries should be submitted early to allow ample time for delay or error in transmission. The risk of delay or error in transmission lies solely with the entrant and the IGA will have no liability with respect to any such delay or error and the consequences therefrom, including rejection of the entry.

There will be four Divisions within the 2017 IGA Tournament of Champions: Women's Division; Senior Women's Division (must have reached 50th birthday by October 7, 2017); Men's Division; Senior Men's Division (must have reached 55th birthday by October 7, 2017). The Senior Divisions are open to all golfers who meet the age requirement whether their qualifying tournament win was an open event or senior event.

Schedule

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, Practice rounds (provided by IGA):

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 10:00 a.m. shotgun start: First round, 18 holes; Lunch provided by IGA

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 10:00 a.m. shotgun start: Second round, 18 holes; Lunch provided by IGA

Lowest scorer for 36 holes will be Division Champion. In the event of a tie for a Division Championship, a hole-by-hole play-off will be held immediately following play, play will continue until champion is determined. The play-off holes and their order of play will be determined by the IGA.

Practice Privileges: Practice round tee-times will be available on Friday, October 6 (for confirmed competitors in the championship field). Call Blue Lakes Country Club, (208) 733-2337 to make arrangements for a practice round.

Prizes: DIVISION WINNERS: IGA Championship Trophy.

Rules of Golf; Close of Competition: Play will be governed by "The Rules of Golf" as approved by the USGA. Questions will be settled by the on-site Rules Committee, whose decision will be final. The competition in each Division is deemed to be closed when the Championship trophy has been presented in that Division.

Golf Balls; Driver Heads: Only brands of golf balls on the most current USGA List of Conforming Golf Balls and driver heads on the most current USGA List of Conforming Driver Heads may be used. Updated lists may be found on the USGA web site at www.usga.org or by contacting the USGA Technical Department at (908) 234-2300.

Distance Measuring Devices: *A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.*

Caddies: A player may provide his own caddie, but is not required to employ a caddie for the Championship. **Caddies must not ride on any form of transportation during play of a hole during a stipulated round unless authorized by the Committee. The optional condition prescribed in "Appendix I" of "The Rules of Golf will be in effect for caddies, but not for players. A player using a golf cart (automotive transportation) during the stipulated round must not permit a spectator to ride in her/his cart.**

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION:

Stroke play – Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round: Four strokes. In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole. Players permitting use of any unauthorized form of transportation must be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise the player is disqualified.

EXCEPTION: Caddies may ride to the starting hole and from the finishing hole (prior to and following the stipulated round). In addition, caddies may ride between the play of two holes, but NOT during the play of a hole.

Any caddie seeking a golf cart due to a permanent disability as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) should contact the IGA at (208) 342-4442 to obtain information on procedures for submitting such requests. All required information must be submitted to the IGA and be received by the IGA at the time the player's entry is received. Requests due to temporary injuries or impairments will not be granted.

Only caddies who have complied with the above procedures and met all of the IGA requirements to demonstrate a permanent disability that prevents the caddie from walking the course will be permitted the use of a golf cart.

Transportation: Competitors may ride during a stipulated round. No more than two (2) carts per group will be allowed.

Groupings and Starting Times: Starting time will be a 10:00 a.m. shot gun start each day. Groupings will be available online at www.theiga.org, starting Wednesday, October 4th, 2017.

Registration at Blue Lakes Country Club (4:00 – 6:00 p.m., Friday, October 6 or by 9:00 a.m. Saturday, October 7th)

Eligible players must:

1. Register (pick up player packet and photo taken) in person at Blue Lakes Country Club; or
2. Players who fail to register on-site may lose their spot in the Tournament of Champions.

Dress Code: Players must abide by the IGA dress code during practice and championship rounds: Men's shirts must have collars and sleeves (turtle or mock turtle neck - acceptable) and should be tucked in; tailored shorts or trousers, no blue jeans. Dress code will also apply to caddies. Caddies must wear flat soled shoes (no golf shoes with spikes or alternative spikes). Women's attire must be neat in appearance, no blue jeans, no short shorts, no tank tops.

Penalty for breach of IGA dress code – may be expelled from the Championship and/or suspended from future IGA championships.

Lodging: There are a variety of options for lodging in the Twin Falls area during the Tournament of Champions. Players are responsible for making their own lodging arrangements.

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Which event did you win to make you eligible for the T of C? :

Player Information

Name: _____ GHIN #: _____ Current Index: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Email (for confirmation): _____ Phone: _____

Birthdate: ____ / ____ / ____ Home Club: _____

Method of Payment

_____ Check – Make checks payable to IGA

_____ Credit Card # (Visa & MC) _____ Exp. Date: _____

_____ Total Enclosed

By signing and submitting this entry application to the Idaho Golf Association, I acknowledge that I am an IGA member in good standing and have read and fully understand the IGA Championship policies and procedures as set forth by the IGA Championship Committee. For more information visit www.theiga.org or call (208) 342-4442.

Signature (required) _____ Date _____

Mail entry application and appropriate fee to:

Idaho Golf Association
Attn: Genger Fahleson
232 S. Whisperwood Way
Boise, ID 83709

Fax: (208) 345-5959

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Amount Received _____ Date _____ Staff Initials _____