



24th Women's Ohio State Senior Amateur

September 12 and 13, 2022

Ashland Golf Club

1333 Center Street, Ashland, OH 44805 2021 Champion • Suzi Spotleson • Canton

FORMAT

The Championship is a 36-hole individual stroke play championship.

Flights: Flights shall be determined by handicaps.

Field: The field is limited to 80 players.

ELIGIBILITY

Invitations are extended to amateur female golfers who (1) maintain a residence in Ohio and (2) have a current GHIN Handicap Index[®] not exceeding 25.0 at a WOSGA member club or a public course, or a non-member course. The event is an invitational.

Age: The player must have reached their 50th birthday by September 12, 2022. The Player's date of birth and age are required on all WOSGA entry forms.

Amateur Status: All players must conform to the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by the United States Golf Association and The R&A. If the player is receiving expenses from sources other than family members to participate in this competition, please refer to Rule 4.

Handicap/Priority/Field Size: A player's eligibility is determined by their GHIN Handicap Index[®] in effect on the date their entry is submitted. Entries of members of dues-paying clubs shall have priority acceptance until July 1, 2022. After priority entry, all other entries will be first come, first served. If the field is full before the closing date, entrants will be placed on the Alternate List kept by WOSGA. WOSGA reserves the right to change field size at any time and select players based on GHIN Handicap Index[®].

Code of Conduct: The WOSGA 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 Club or member confidence in the WOSGA. Such behavior 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, violation of the WOSGA's Sportsmanship Policy or any other unbecoming conduct. See WOSGA Conditions of Competition and Local Rules, effective March 31, 2022.

Corrections: Under Rule 20.2, if a player is found to be ineligible before, during, or after the competition is final, the competition results will be corrected. There will be no time limit on correcting the competition results when a player who has competed in the competition is found to be ineligible.

Equipment Used for Medical Reasons: WOSGA adheres to the USGA's Equipment Permitted for Medical Reasons. Players who wish to request permission to use a medical device due to a medical condition or injury and proceed under Rule 4.3b(1) of the Rules of Golf must submit their request via email to contact@wosga.org. The request must be dated no later than three days after the player's entry form and fee are postmarked. WOSGA must be notified of later diagnosis as soon as possible before the event.

Gender Policy: The WOSGA follows the USGA's Gender Policy. Documentation must be submitted in triplicate via overnight mail in an envelope marked "Confidential" and addressed to WOSGA Chief Legal Officer, Debra J. McNichols, 887 S High Street, Columbus, OH 43206, and be received by WOSGA Counsel no later than three (3) days after the close of entries for the specific championship.

Completion of Play: The competition shall be deemed to have closed when the Championship trophy has been presented or the scores have been certified by the WOSGA Executive Committee.

Withdrawal from the Championship: Players must contact the WOSGA Tournament Directors Debra J. McNichols at (614) 989-0959 or Nancy Battista-Allen at (614) 208-6464 to withdraw from the Championship. After the start of the Championship, a player must have the consent of the WOSGA Tournament Directors or a designated WOSGA committee member to withdraw from the Championship. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from future WOSGA competitions. Do not contact the host club personnel to withdraw.

ENTRIES: FORM, FEES, CLOSING DATE, and REFUNDS

Players must apply on the WOSGA entry form, a copy thereof, obtainable from the WOSGA or the WOSGA website (www.wosga.org). The entry form is attached to this Application. Acknowledgment of acceptance of entry will be sent via email after entries close. WOSGA will have no liability with respect to errors in the delivery of applications and the consequences thereof, including rejection of the entry. No entries or entry fees will be taken at the tee.

\$250 for Private Club Players from 2022 WOSGA Member Clubs

\$275 for All Other Players

The entry fee includes cart fees and green fees for the practice round, tournament play, range balls, bag storage on Monday night, prizes, and the Player's Dinner on Monday and Award's Luncheon on Tuesday.

ENTRY FORM MUST BE POSTMARKED BY August 29, 2022

Entry forms are considered complete when full payment is received by WOSGA.

Late applications are not acceptable and will be automatically rejected.

Refunds: A \$15.00 processing fee is deducted from all refunds. After entries close, the entry fee will be refunded, minus the processing fee, for injury or illness if requested by 11:59 P.M. EST on September 6, 2022. For 2022, refunds will be issued based upon a diagnosis of COVID-19 up to and including September 11, 2022. Participants must present proof by email to d-desanto@desanto-mcncihols.com for a refund. Any entry fee paid by an alternate with a position on the official Alternate List who is not accepted into the Championship will be refunded in full. Notify the WOSGA Tournament Directors to withdraw from the tournament.

SCHEDULE

The competition is a 36-hole stroke play event.

Sunday, Sept. 11 Practice Round starting at 1:00 P.M. from #1 tee

Monday, Sept. 12 Check-in with the starter at least 20 minutes and no more than 40 minutes before tee time

*First Round. 18 holes, tee times beginning at 8:30 A.M. from #1 tee**

Tuesday, Sept. 13 Second Round. 18 holes, shotgun, tee time to be announced on Monday

*Due to weather conditions, tee times may change, and/or the tournament format/length may be modified at the Tournament Director's discretion. Tee times available on-site or online at www.wosga.org.

UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

If unforeseen circumstances prohibit tournament play, the WOSGA reserves the right to modify the event's format, duration, and play dates solely at their discretion and without considering the impact on the field. No refunds shall be issued for shortened or modified events due to unforeseen circumstances, including canceled or incomplete rounds or meals.

PLAYER'S DINNER; CLOSING LUNCHEON

The WOSGA invites all contestants to a reception and dinner on Monday, September 12, 2022. Social Hour with a cash bar begins at 6:00 P.M., followed by dinner at 7:00 P.M. The Closing Luncheon is held immediately following play on Tuesday, September 13, 2022. Prizes will be awarded at the closing luncheon. Contestants are guests of the WOSGA. Guests may attend the Player's Dinner for a fee of \$TBD/person. Players with guests should contact the Tournament Directors before entries close to provide guests' names and arrange for payment.

PRIZES – Changes for 2022

The following prizes will be awarded based on gross scores:

- The **overall champion, runner-up, 3rd and 4th place regardless of flight**. The competitor with the lowest score for 36 holes will be the overall champion
- **No flight prizes will be awarded in the championship flight**
- Flight winner and 2nd place in the First Flight and higher
- Super Senior flight winner and 2nd place

Overall prize winners through 4th place are not eligible for flight prizes. WOSGA reserves the right to modify the number of prizes awarded based on field size and for weather-shorten events.

RULES OF GOLF; CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION; SCHEDULES; DECISIONS

Play will be governed by The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and R&A Rules Limited. Questions will be settled by the on-site Rules Committee or WOSGA Executive Committee, whose decision will be final. WOSGA's Conditions of Competition and Local Rules are in effect and available at <https://www.wosga.org/policies>. The WOSGA Executive Committee reserves the right to alter any of the Conditions, Local Rules, Provisions, and Schedules herein, available at www.wosga.org, or provided as supplemental information for the Championship.

PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION; BROADCASTING

I understand that the WOSGA or its designees, may record, film, photograph, or otherwise capture my likeness, image, voice, biography, references to me, my quoted statements, and my play in the Championship (the foregoing, together with my name, my "Appearance"). In consideration of the opportunity to participate in the Championship, by submitting this Application, I grant (and/or have the authority to grant to the WOSGA in the case of a parent/guardian of a minor or other authorized representative submitting the Application on my behalf) to the WOSGA, and its licensees, successors and assigns, the perpetual, transferable, assignable, worldwide, royalty-free, irrevocable right to use my Appearance, in whole or in part, in all manner (including exhibition, distribution, reproduction, publication, display, broadcast, transmission or otherwise), and media now known or hereafter invented or discovered, and for any purpose whatsoever. The rights granted herein include, without limitation, the right to use the Appearance, or portions thereof, in promotion of the Championship and future championships through any of the foregoing means of distribution, as well as in the design, manufacture and distribution of merchandise related to the Championship or other championships, that include elements of my Appearance. The WOSGA is not obligated to use my Appearance in any matter, and materials embodying any aspect of my Appearance do not need to be submitted to me for approval. I release and discharge the WOSGA, its licensees, successors and assigns from any claims arising from use of my Appearance, including claims for misrepresentation of me, my character, or my person by any means. As between the WOSGA and me, the WOSGA shall own all right, title and interest, including the copyright(s), in and to any works created by the WOSGA, its licensees, successors and assigns, that include all or a portion of my Appearance. This grant shall be binding on my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, and the successors and assigns of the WOSGA. I hereby waive all privacy, publicity, defamation, libel, and proprietary rights relating to the Appearance as used by the WOSGA in conjunction with these terms.

Players are required to cooperate with representatives of the media; however, no pre-Championship activities outside of those activities which are part of the Championship will be required. Authorized representatives of the media will not interfere with the player's Championship play in an unreasonable manner.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION

Registration is on Monday, September 12, 2022, at the first tee. Please check in with the starter at least 20 minutes and no more than 40 minutes before your tee time. Players who do not show up for their tee time forfeit their entry fee and will be ineligible to play in WOSGA events for one year. If a player must withdraw on the day of the championship, please leave a voicemail for Deb McNichols at (614) 989-0959 or Nancy Allen (614) 208-6464.

PRACTICE PRIVILEGES

Practice rounds are available on Sunday, September 11, 2022, beginning at 1:00 P.M. Contact the pro shop at (419) 289-3767 beginning on Friday, August 19, 2022, to schedule a practice round tee time. All contestants must call the course to arrange their practice round. Any contestant living within 60 miles of Ashland Golf Club is encouraged to arrange their practice round before September 11, 2022.

AUTOMOTIVE TRANSPORTATION; WALKING

Automotive transportation is required. The player is prohibited from using a caddie or carrying their bag during the stipulated round.

BAG STORAGE

Bag storage is not available. Please arrive early on Tuesday to allow adequate time for Ashland to place bags on cart for the shotgun start.

DRESS CODE

Players shall abide by the host club's dress code. Failure to do so may result in a player's inability to be present on the property, which may lead to disqualification.

FOOTWEAR

It is a condition of the competition that shoes with traditionally-designed spikes (regardless of composition, *i.e.*, ceramic, plastic, etc.) or spikes, regardless of design, comprised either entirely or partially of metal are prohibited. Penalty for breach of this condition is disqualification.

TIES

In case of a tie for the lowest score for the Championship, the winner shall be determined immediately by a sudden-death playoff. All other ties are broken by comparison of the scorecard determining the winner based on the score for the last nine holes, last six holes, last three holes, and finally the 18th hole. If there is still a tie, then the last six holes, three holes, and the final hole of the first nine holes will be considered in turn. If this process does not result in a winner, the winner will be chosen by chance (such as tossing a coin). If a multi-tee start is used, then the last nine holes, last six holes, etc." are holes 10-18, 13-18, etc. If the round is less than 18 holes, the number of holes used in matching scores may be adjusted. For weather-shortened events, the total number of holes played may be modified.

SUBSTITUTIONS; ALTERNATE'S LIST

Substitutions: If a player withdraws before or on the first day of the Championship before playing their first stroke, substitution is allowable. The WOSGA keeps a list of alternates (Alternate List). Vacancies in the field are offered to an alternate in order of GHIN Handicap Index[®]. Any tie for the last spot in the field by an alternate is settled by chance, using a drawing of the lot.

ACCEPTANCE INTO THE CHAMPIONSHIP

WOSGA may reject, at their discretion, an entry application, revoke an accepted application, expel from the Championship, or suspend a player from future championships for any reason including, improper withdrawal from the Championship, failure to provide requested information such as proof of your state of residency or club affiliation, or unbecoming conduct. See WOSGA *Conditions of Competition and Local Rules*, effective March 31, 2022. All entries are subject to acceptance by the WOSGA. WOSGA may reject an entry without reason and shall not be required by the applicant to provide a cause.

PAYMENT; FOOD SERVICE

Ashland Golf Club will accept cash and credit card for other goods and services not included in the Championship's entry fee. No personal checks will be accepted.

CHAMPIONSHIP CONTACTS

For questions about the championship, contact Debra J. McNichols at (614) 989-0959 or ddesanto@desanto-mcnichols.com or Nancy Battista-Allen at (614) 208-6464 or nbattistaa@aol.com. The Women's Ohio State Senior Amateur is hosted by the Women's Ohio State Golf Association. Visit our webpage www.wosga.org.

NOTICE REGARDING COVID

WOSGA is undertaking all possible measures to limit the exposure of players to COVID-19. Each player is responsible for understanding and complying with any travel restrictions and quarantine requirements and recommendations before registering for a specific championship and at the time of the competition. Please familiarize yourself with the requirements and guidelines for any county you may be traveling to or from.

Site Protocols Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic:

The WOSGA may implement one or more of the following protocols at a Championship to safely conduct the event for all players and volunteers.

- Limited or no practice rounds due to local/state regulations or host facility regulations.
- Temperature check and/or screening questions upon arrival at the host club.
- Social distancing may be required.
- A specified arrival time and/or limited use of the practice facility before starting your round and after play.
- Single carts requests may require additional costs incurred by the player not included in the entry fee.
- Spectators may be prohibited or limited.
- Bottled water and Food & Beverage may not be available.
- Limited or no access to clubhouse or locker room.
- Electronic distribution of paperwork such as local rules, notice to players, etc.
- Not providing hole location sheets.
- Verbal confirmation of scores; not requiring scorecards to be signed.
- Requesting players to use rules apps or document rulings during play.
- A local rule for disturbed areas in bunkers where the use of bunker rakes may be prohibited.
- Require the flagstick to remain in the hole or prohibit players' touching the flagstick.
- Modifications to the hole such as a PVC insert or pool noodle.
- Follow all rules and regulations of the Host Club.

Players, caddies, and spectators attending may be required to wear a mask in public areas, at registration, at the starting tee, in the scoring area, and any other areas dictated by the WOSGA. Players, caddies, and spectators may also be required to sign a waiver as dictated by the WOSGA.

Failure to adhere to guidelines published by the WOSGA conducting the Championship may result in the withdrawal of the players' entry and removal from the course. Withdrawal fees or loss of entry fee will apply, dependent on the situation.

All players accepted into the field will be required to follow all mitigation measures implemented by WOSGA concerning COVID-19. These requirements are a Condition of Competition for all players. In particular, players and others attending a WOSGA championship may be required to follow on-site protocols established by the WOSGA and comply with limitations set by the WOSGA on allowing guests at the tournament.



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Entry deadline: Postmarked by Monday, August 29, 2022

Mail completed Entry Form and Fee to Debra J. McNichols, 887 S. High Street, Columbus Ohio 43206

Make check payable to Women's Ohio State Golf Association. Do not send cash.

APPLICATION FEE FOR ENTRY

\$250 for Private Club Players from 2022 WOSGA Member Clubs

\$275 for All Other Players

Print the name by which you wish to be identified. Complete all applicable blanks, or your entry may be rejected.

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Age _____
(age as of 12:01 A.M on Sept. 12, 2022)

Street _____ City, State and Zip _____

Cell Phone (____) _____

E-mail Address _____

Club _____

Dinner Preference: Regular Vegetarian Gluten-free

If a meat option, then temperature: Rare Medium Well-Done

Do you want your email address to appear on the roster of competitors? Yes No

CERTIFICATION OF HANDICAP

GHIN # of the above player is _____ GHIN Handicap Index[®]: _____

If no GHIN #, provide the following information:

Club Name _____ Handicap: _____

Handicap Chairperson/Golf Professional _____ Phone (____) _____

I have read and agree to the Championship regulations attached hereto and posted on the Women's Ohio State Golf Associations (WOSGA) website, www.WOSGA.org. I have read and agree to registration requirements at the Championship site and the Conditions of Competition, Local Rules, Pace of Play, Sportsmanship Policy, and Code of Conduct. By entering a WOSGA event, the participant and any spectators associated with a participant understands and agrees that there are known risks involved with the participation in a golf event, including but not limited to being struck by lightning, being struck by a golf ball or golf Club, suffering from heat exhaustion, incurring a severe health problem like a heart attack or stroke, being injured by uneven terrain, being injured while riding in a golf cart or by a golf cart, or maybe exposed to COVID-19, all of such risks participant assumes and solely accepts, and waives all claims of injury to body or property against the WOSGA. Furthermore, the participant agrees that while on the premises of all WOSGA events, the participant, any spectators/guest associated with the participant, shall be present at their own risk and that the WOSGA shall not be liable for any claims for injuries or damages whatsoever to person or property of that participant or associated person arising out of or in connection with the participation in the WOSGA event or presence at the WOSGA event. I, and my associated persons, assume full responsibility for all my or their acts, whether said acts are deemed to be intentional, negligent or otherwise, and hold harmless the WOSGA, its committee members, tournament directors, officers, executive committee, and host club from any and all liability for any event or consequence relating to entry or participation in this event. I agree to have my name and hometown posted on the website and for the publication of results. I hereby grant permission to the WOSGA to use my name, image, likeness, and sound of my voice as recorded on audio or video devices without payment or any other consideration and understand that my image may be edited, copied, exhibited, published or distributed and waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product wherein my likeness appears. Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of my image or recording. I agree that this entry is subject to rejection at any time (including during the Championship) by the WOSGA.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Amount Included: \$ _____