



**2019 Bermuda Golf Association
Amateur Four-Ball Championships**
Hosted by Port Royal Golf Course



Terms of Competition

ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to all members in good standing of the Bermuda Golf Association and any overseas visitors to Bermuda, with an up-to-date handicap index. All entrants must conform to the R&A and USGA Rules of Amateur Status.

Note: Bermuda Junior Golf Association (BJGA) members must be aged 12 or older, and in the White or Blue TP group, upon the date of submission to be eligible for entry.

FORMAT

The Championship is a four-ball stroke play event for teams of two, played at 85% of course handicap. Teams can choose to compete in one of three divisions:

- i) **Men's Championship (36 holes)** - Blue tees (6,401yds; 71.1 / 128)
- ii) **Men's Senior Championship (36 holes)** - White tees (5,894yds; 68.8 / 124)
-- **Eligibility:** Both players must be 55 on or before February 1st, 2020
- iii) **Ladies Championship (36 holes)** - Red tees (5,176yds; 69.4 / 122)

Note: Only teams entered in the Men's and Ladies Championships are eligible to receive Order of Merit points.

SCHEDULE

Saturday, Feb. 1st 1st Round, All divisions; Play will begin off 1st tee at 8:00am

Sunday, Feb. 2nd Final Round, All divisions; Play will begin off 1st and 10th tees at 7:30am

** If it is not possible to complete the specified number of holes in the period in which the Championships are scheduled, the competition shall not be extended beyond the last scheduled day.

ENTRIES: FORM, FEE, CLOSING DATE

All teams must complete an entry form. Teams can file online at the BGA website, or return a copy to the BGA Office via email, fax, or by hand. Entries by telephone will not be accepted. The entry fee is \$340 per team, or \$170 per person, inclusive of cart. Port Royal and BJGA members are offered a reduced fee of \$120 per person.

APPLICATIONS FOR ENTRY MUST BE RECEIVED BY NO LATER THAN 5:00PM ON MONDAY, JANUARY 27TH, 2020.

All entries are subject to the approval of the Championship Committee, which reserves the right to accept or refuse any entry application without giving a reason for its decision.

STARTING FIELD

The starting field will be limited to 50 total teams. If the Championships are oversubscribed, date of receipt of entry will be one of the factors used to determine the final field, with preference given to those who submit their applications first.

REFUND POLICY

Entry fees will be fully refunded, regardless of reason, if the BGA is notified before the close of entries. After the close of entries, a \$25 per person service charge will be deducted from all refunds. In the event that the Championship is shortened due to weather, no partial refunds will be provided.

WINNER AND PRIZES

The men's and women's teams with the lowest gross scores will be champions. Net prizes will also be awarded. In the event of a tie for first in any division, a hole-by-hole playoff will be held immediately following the conclusion of play. Competitors will play the 18th hole until a winner is determined. All other ties will be broken by the R&A and USGA

approved method of matching scorecards, starting with the best score for the last nine holes of the final round. Trophies and/or gift certificates will be awarded to the top gross and net finishers in all three divisions.

RULES OF GOLF; CLOSE OF COMPETITION

Play will be governed by the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Limited and USGA, and such Local Rules, Terms of Competition, and Regulations as specified by the Championship Committee. Questions will be settled by the on-site Rules Committee, whose decision shall be final. The competition is deemed to be closed when the Championship trophies have been presented.

REGISTRATION

All teams are asked to register at the BGA Tournament Desk in the Port Royal clubhouse prior to the start of their first round; failure to do so may result in the team forfeiting their place in the starting field.

PRACTICE PRIVILEGES

Each player is entitled to one practice round the week of Monday, January 27th, subject to course availability. The cost of the round is \$75, inclusive of cart. Players are encouraged to contact the Port Royal Golf Shop in advance to book a tee time on a first-call basis, and should identify themselves as a "BGA Four-Ball" participant.

PRACTICE GROUND

Defined as the putting green and driving range adjacent to the clubhouse. Players are permitted to practice on these designated areas prior to and after their rounds on both competition days (Rule 5.2 applies).

TIME OF STARTING / REPRESENTING THE SIDE

Players are encouraged to be at their starting tee at the assigned time. However, in Four-Ball format, a side may be represented by one partner during all or any part of the round. It is not necessary for both partners to be present, or if present, to both play on each hole. If a player is absent and then arrives to play, they may only play between two holes (Rule 23.4 applies).

PACE OF PLAY POLICY

All players must play without undue delay. The Championship Committee will utilize a check-point system to monitor each group's pace of play during the competition. All groups will be required to play at no more than a **4-hour 15-minute** pace for each 18-hole round. The maximum allowable time may be adjusted at any stage of the competition.

SCORING AREA; SCORE CARD RETURNED

The scoring area for this Championship shall be defined as the George Wardman Room; however a team is deemed to have officially returned their score card when it has been dropped in the "scoring box," regardless of whether or not they have left the immediate area.

HANDICAPS

Handicaps for the entire competition will be based on the next revision immediately following the close of entries.

FOUR-BALL STROKE PLAY SCORING

There is no requirement for both players to hole out, but the gross score must be correctly assigned and clearly identifiable to the player who made the score; otherwise, the team is disqualified (Rule 23.2 applies).

** Players are encouraged to review Rule 23 – Four-Ball Stroke Play in advance of the Championship.

CONDITIONS; SCHEDULES

The Championship Committee/on-site Rules Committee reserves the right to alter any of the conditions, provisions and/or schedules herein. The decision of either Committee in any matter shall be final.