

52nd CoBank Colorado Open

July 21 – 24, 2016

Green Valley Ranch Golf Club, Denver, CO



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COLORADO OPEN

\$250,000 Championship Purse

ELIGIBILITY

This event is open to professionals and amateurs with active USGA Handicap Indexes not exceeding 2.4 at the time of entry. Entries are subject to rejection at any time (including during the Championship) by the Colorado Open Golf Foundation. The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct.

Age: Players are required to list their age and date of birth on all Colorado Open entry forms.

Minors: All players who are under the age of 18 by the date of entry submission must list a parent/guardian with the appropriate phone numbers and the application must be signed by the same parent/guardian. Players subject to these restrictions may file an entry via the Internet, but the Certification of Parent or Guardian portion of the written entry must be submitted before the entry will be processed. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in rejection of the entry.

Amateur Status: All amateurs must conform to the USGA Rules of Amateur Status as specified in the USGA Rules of Golf.

ENTRIES: FORM & FIELD COMPOSITION

The entry forms provided by the Colorado Open Golf Foundation (COGF) (including on-line forms) or photocopies of these entry forms must be used for entry by all players, including those that are exempt. Forms may be obtained from the COGF office or website (www.ColoradoOpen.com). Only one entry may be filed per player. The COGF reserves the right to disqualify anyone who submits more than one entry. Entries received after the deadline are not acceptable and will be automatically rejected. 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. The COGF shall have no liability with respect to any such delay or error and the consequences therefrom, including rejection of the entry. Confirmation of entry will be mailed or emailed after the entry deadline.

Championship Field Limit: The field is limited to **156 players** comprised of place-winners in the qualifying rounds and those exempt. At least 60 spots in the Championship will be awarded to the top finishers from the qualifying rounds.

Qualifying Round Field Limits: Entries are taken on a first-come, first-accepted basis until all four qualifying round fields are filled at **84 players** in each. Amateur applications must undergo verification of Handicap Index before final acceptance.

SCHEDULE & PRIZE PAYOUT

Competition will be in two stages, at stroke play.

1. Qualifying: 18 holes; July 6 at The Inverness Golf Club in Englewood, July 12 at Eagle Ranch Golf Course in Eagle, July 14 or July 18 at Legacy Ridge Golf Course in Westminster. 84 players eligible at each site.

2. Championship: 72 holes; July 21-24 at Green Valley Ranch Golf Club in Denver, Colorado. 156 players eligible. The lowest 60 scorers plus ties after 36 holes of play continue for the final 36 holes on July 23rd and 24th; the remainder of the field is cut.

Purse: The championship purse is \$250,000 (which includes a maximum of \$5,000 in amateur merchandise prizes). Prize money will only be paid to those players that make the 36 hole cut and complete the final round of play. Amateurs will receive their payment in the form of merchandise gift certificates redeemable at Green Valley Ranch Golf Club.

Pro-Ams: Wednesday, July 20: Two corporate Pro-Ams precede the Championship--7:30 am shotgun & 1:30 pm shotgun. Invitations to play in the Pro-Am will be sent to select exempt professionals after the exempt entry deadline of June 16. Spots in the pro-am will be filled on a first come first served basis.

Colorado Open Pro-Junior: Wednesday, July 20: Pros are invited to team up with members of The First Tee to compete in a 9-hole alternate shot tournament on the Par-3 course at Green Valley Ranch Club. Shotgun at 3:30 pm.

Championship Party: Wednesday, July 20 from 6-9pm at Green Valley Ranch All championship contestants, sponsors and volunteers are invited to attend.

ENTRY FEE & DEADLINE

The Colorado Open Golf Foundation office must receive all entry applications with full payment no later than the stated entry deadline.

Exempt Entry Fee: \$400 Amateurs; \$600 Professionals; \$500 CPGA
Entry Deadline: 5:00 P.M. MDT on June 16, 2016

Confirmation of entry will be posted online and emailed by Friday, June 17th. Tee times for the first two rounds of the championship will be posted by Thursday, July 14th on: www.ColoradoOpen.com.

Qualifier Entry Fee: \$250. Entry Deadline: 5:00 P.M. MDT on June 23, 2016.

Confirmation of entry and qualifying date will be emailed by June 24th. Tee times will be posted one week prior to start of event on: www.ColoradoOpen.com. Amateurs who qualify for the Championship will be charged an additional fee of \$150 and professionals that qualify will be charged an additional \$350. This fee must be paid before July 20th to secure a spot in championship.

REFUNDS & WITHDRAWALS

Refunds: A full refund of the entry fee will be issued to all entrants not admitted into an event. There is a \$45.00 service charge for ALL withdrawals prior to the entry deadline. Players who contact the Colorado Open Golf Foundation office to withdraw after the deadline date, but at least by 5:00 P.M. MDT one week prior to the first day of the event, will receive a 50% refund of their entry fee. Unless deemed appropriate by the Committee, players are not eligible for refunds after this cutoff. There are no refunds for non-qualifiers and no refunds will be issued for any reason after the start of the tournament. All refunds are issued to the person listed on the entry form. Please allow up to two weeks for processing refund checks.

Withdrawals: If a player must withdraw from a qualifying round or the Championship once it has begun, he must notify the Colorado Open Golf Foundation office or tournament site as soon as possible with the reason for the withdrawal. "No-Carding," "No-Showing," and withdrawing from an event without a valid excuse is NOT acceptable. All players needing to withdraw from an event must notify a member of the Committee in person and return his scorecard to an official prior to leaving the tournament site. Failure to do so will result in a one-year suspension and loss of any future exemptions from any Colorado Open Golf Foundation event.

PRACTICE ROUNDS

Qualifying: Qualifying round entrants may schedule non-complimentary practice rounds by calling the sites directly: Inverness GC at 303-799-5800, Eagle Ranch GC at 970-328-2882 or Legacy Ridge GC at 303-438-8997.

Championship: Each championship participant will receive one complimentary practice round. Vouchers are issued to confirmed players with their player packet after the entry deadline.

CADDIES & CARTS

Caddies: Caddies are allowed; however, the Colorado Open Golf Foundation is NOT responsible for furnishing caddies and recommends that players bring their own. Players are not required to employ a caddie for the Championship and may carry or push/pull their own bag.

Carts for Qualifying Rounds: Players may ride in the qualifying rounds ONLY--not in the Championship. Cart fees are payable at date of qualifying to the host site.

Carts for Championship: PROHIBITED. All players and caddies must walk. Players are permitted to use push or pull carts--a limited number are available for rent on a first come first served basis from Green Valley Ranch Golf Club.

Disabled Participants & Spectators: The Committee reserves the right to waive the no-cart rule for anyone with a disability as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). All such requests and required supporting information must be submitted in writing with the entry application by the deadline. Requests due to temporary injuries or impairments that do not qualify as a "disability" under the ADA will not be granted. Cart availability for spectators is not guaranteed and riders must provide their handicap parking permit or like written verification of their disability to be eligible to rent a cart. A per rider fee is due to Green Valley Ranch Golf Club.

EXEMPTIONS

Exemption Eligibility

Players in the following categories shall be exempt into the Championship provided that a completed entry, with payment, is received prior to the stated deadline, and he is otherwise eligible. Exemptions reserved for amateurs will be granted only to players who remain amateurs through the duration of the Championship. An amateur who accepts an exemption from qualifying becomes ineligible to compete in the Championship if he becomes a professional before or during the play of the Championship. A complete list of exempt players may be viewed on-line from the 2016 CoBank Colorado Open Championship Information page on www.ColoradoOpen.com.

Exemption Categories

1. 1991 - present Colorado Open Champions
2. Top 30 plus ties (amateur and professional) from the 2015 CoBank Colorado Open Championship
3. The Colorado Section of the PGA has 27 exemptions to use at their discretion
4. The Colorado Golf Association has 15 exemptions to be issued at their discretion to the top Colorado amateurs and in accordance with the amateur eligibility requirements listed above
5. Championship host site professional
6. One returning player of the men's golf team from the following local NCAA Division I programs: Air Force Academy, University of Colorado, Colorado State University, University of Denver, University of Northern Colorado and the University of Wyoming. The Head Coach of each program will determine at his discretion the player to receive the invitation
7. Sponsor Selection—up to 5 exemptions will be granted upon the decision of the Colorado Open Golf Foundation Executive Committee
8. Committee Selection—up to 15 exemptions will be granted by the Tournament Committee. Individuals who desire to apply for one of these exemptions MUST submit an Committee Selection Exemption Application (see back side of entry form) to the Colorado Open Golf Foundation by 5:00 P.M. MDT on June 16, 2016—no other information will be reviewed. Players applying for a Committee Selection exemption are encouraged to submit an entry form complete with payment by the deadline in order to secure a position in one of the qualifying rounds in the event that they are NOT selected for an exemption.
9. Current year's champion of the CoBank Colorado Senior Open

QUALIFYING--at least 60 players will qualify for the Championship

Qualifying Locations & Dates

1. Wednesday, July 6 at The Inverness Golf Club in Englewood, Colorado
 2. Tuesday, July 12 at Eagle Ranch Golf Course in Eagle, Colorado
 3. Thursday, July 14 at Legacy Ridge Golf Course in Westminster, Colorado
 4. Monday, July 18* at Legacy Ridge Golf Course in Westminster, Colorado
- *Out-of-state entrants will have priority for this qualifier*

Play Date Assignment

Each Qualifying Round has a field limit of 84 players. The fields are filled on a first-come, first-accepted basis until full. The number of Championship qualifying spots for each qualifier will be determined by the percentage of players in a qualifier in relation to the total number trying to qualify. Applicants should select an alternate date on their entry in the event that their first choice is full by the time their entry is approved. If a qualifying time has more players than can be accommodated some players may be transferred to another date and time than the original requested time and date. Transfer will be based on the date of receipt of entry application. No qualifying time is final until after entries close.

Alternates

Two players from each qualifier with the lowest scores not qualifying will comprise the Championship alternate list. The eight alternates are ranked in order based on a blind draw of the four Qualifying Rounds, (i.e. 1st & 5th from the first round drawn, the 2nd & 6th from the second round drawn, etc.). In the event that a qualifier participant withdraws from the Championship, the top qualifier alternate will fill the void spot. If an exempt player withdraws from the Championship, alternates may be admitted in rank order.

Tie Breaking

A hole-by-hole playoff will decide ties for the last qualifying position as well as the two alternates. The playoff(s) will be conducted immediately following completion of the Qualifying Round at a hole determined by the Committee.

RULES AND PROCEDURES

Play will be governed by the 2016 Rules of Golf as approved by the USGA. Local rules and conditions of competition will be included in each player's registration packet. The Colorado Open Rules Committee is comprised of staff and volunteer Rules Officials from the Colorado Golf Association, Colorado Women's Golf Association, Colorado Section PGA, and the Colorado Open Golf Foundation. This Committee reserves the right to alter any of the conditions and schedules herein and shall settle all questions and disputes related to the Qualifying Rounds and the Championship—their decision is final.

Player Registration

All participants must register in person at the Player Registration area prior to play each day of the Championship.

Playoffs

For the Championship—Hole-by-hole playoff on hole #18 and continuing on 18 until the Champion is determined.

For Low Amateur—Hole-by-hole playoff on hole #10 and continuing on 10 until the Low Amateur is determined.

Golf Balls & Equipment

Only brands of golf balls listed on the USGA's current List of Conforming Golf Balls and driver heads listed on the Conforming Driver Head List may be used. The optional condition prescribed in Appendix I of the Rules of Golf shall be in effect.

The rules regarding grooves are in effect. The player's clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the 2016 Rules of Golf. Penalty for CARRYING, BUT NOT MAKING STROKE with, club or clubs in breach of condition: Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round - Four strokes. Any club or clubs carried in breach of this condition must be declared out of play by the player to his marker or a fellow competitor in stroke play immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. If the player fails to do so, he is disqualified. Penalty for MAKING STROKE with club in breach of condition: Disqualification.

Dress Requirements

Throughout both stages of the Championship players and their caddies must be neat in appearance with respect to clothing and personal grooming. **Players in the Championship are required to wear collared or mock-neck shirts and LONG PANTS;** however, all players may wear appropriate length shorts during the Qualifying Rounds. During the Championship, caddies are required to wear the provided bib at all times to designate their status as an official caddie. Denim and tank tops are expressly prohibited. The Committee in charge of the competition decides whether or not this requirement has been met and has the authority to withdraw the entry of a player who does not comply.

Footwear

Footwear is required for both players and caddies. Shoes with traditionally-designed spikes (regardless of composition) or spikes, regardless of design, comprised either entirely or partially of metal (if such metal may come in contact with the course) are prohibited during the stipulated round. Penalty for breach: DISQUALIFICATION.

Conduct

Unbecoming conduct by a player or his caddie, reported to the Committee before, during or after a competitor's round, may be cause for rejecting a player's entry or action under Rule 33-7. Objectionable conduct includes club throwing, foul language, abuse of the golf course or course property, abuse of officials, alcohol/drug impaired behavior, or any conduct unbecoming a lady or gentleman. Players may also be suspended from playing in future COGF events.

Cellular Phones and Pagers

The use of cellular phones and or pagers on the competition course is discouraged during the stipulated round, unless authorized by the Committee or in the event of a medical emergency. Use of these devices in a distracting fashion could be deemed a serious breach of etiquette subject to penalty of disqualification under Rule 33-7.

Distance Measuring Devices

Throughout the Championship a player may use a distance-measuring device to obtain distance information ONLY. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3. The penalty for the first breach is TWO STROKES and any subsequent breach will result in DISQUALIFICATION.

Pace of Play Policy

Throughout both stages of the Championship the player must play without undue delay. Individual penalties will be issued to violators. (NOTE: The policy in full detail is available on-line from www.ColoradoOpen.com)

QUESTIONS OR NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Please contact the Colorado Open Golf Foundation at:
303-486-8800 or Info@ColoradoOpen.com

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COMPLETELY EXECUTED ENTRY MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. MDT ON THE DEADLINE (EXEMPT: JUNE 16, 2016; QUALIFIER: JUNE 23, 2016) AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS: Colorado Open Golf Foundation ♦ 20309 E. 48th Place ♦ Denver, CO 80249 ♦ P:(303)486-8800 ♦ F:(303)486-8823 E: Info@ColoradoOpen.com



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APPLICATION FOR CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY

Please print name by which you wish to be identified. Fill in every applicable blank or entry may be rejected.

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Country _____ Zip Code _____

Hometown for display on scoreboard: City _____ State/Country _____

Primary Phone _____ Cell phone _____

Email (If email is listed, entry confirmation will be sent electronically) _____

Date of Birth: Month _____ Date _____ Year _____ Age** _____ Gender: Male Female

** (If under 18 by date of entry submission, parental signature is required below.)

IF EXEMPT, select Player Favor: Hat Visor

Colorado Open Pro-Junior: Would you would like to team up with a member of The First Tee to complete in this alternate shot event on the short course on the afternoon of July 20th? NO thanks YES please

TYPE OF PLAYER—Applicant must check one

I am an AMATEUR golfer. Entry fee: \$400 If checked, the following must be completed for verification of Handicap Index.

Only a handicap computed under the USGA Handicap System is acceptable. A player falsifying his handicap is liable to indefinite disqualification from Colorado Open competitions. Handicap must be verifiable by the COGF office.

My current USGA Handicap Index is _____ and is actively on record at _____ under the following identification number (i.e. GHIN #) _____ (Name of vendor i.e. GHIN, EZlinks)

I am a golf PROFESSIONAL. Entry fee: \$600 The year I turned professional is: _____

Social Security Number _____ (Required in order to receive prize money)

I am a CPGA MEMBER or APPRENTICE. Entry fee: \$500

The year I turned professional is: _____

Social Security Number _____ (Required in order to receive prize money)

CPGA Member Number: _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION—Please check type of payment

Cash—please do not send cash, deliver it in person to the Colorado Open Golf Foundation office

Check or Money Order—Payable to Colorado Open Golf Foundation

Credit Card—All fields below are required in order to process payment

Type of Card: Name as it appears on card _____

VISA Billing Address: _____

Mastercard Account Number _____

AMEX Exp. Date: Month ___ / Year _____ Security Code (on back of card) _____

SIGNATURE —Please read and sign below

By submission of this entry I agree to the following:

- I agree to the Championship regulations included herewith. I have noted requirements for acceptance of places, notices of withdrawal and registration at the Championship site.
- I agree that there are certain risks inherent in the game of golf and accept personal and sole liability for all such risks.
- I have not entered into and will not enter into any arrangement whereby I could have a financial interest in any other player's prize money (such as through prize-splitting or prize money "insurance").
- I agree that this entry is subject to rejection at any time (including during the Championship). The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct.
- I agree that the responsibility for ensuring this application is received by the Colorado Open Golf Foundation by no later than the entry deadline is mine alone and that this application will be automatically rejected if received by the Colorado Open Golf Foundation after such date and time. I agree that the risk of delay or error in transmission lies solely with me and that the Colorado Open Golf Foundation has no liability with respect to any such delay or error and the consequences there from, including rejection of this entry.
- I consent to the use by the Colorado Open, or persons authorized by the Colorado Open, of my name, likeness, voice and references to me and photographs and other images of me and my play connected with my appearance in the qualifiers or Championship, in connection with media promotion or commemoration of current and future Colorado Open Golf Foundation events.
- I consent to the release of my email address to corporate sponsors of the Colorado Open Golf Foundation upon their request.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____ Date _____

**Certification of Parent or Guardian (For entrants who are minors only—under the age of 18)

As a parent or guardian of the applicant, I hereby certify the facts in this entry form and state that I am familiar with his or her plans to participate in the Colorado Open and that he or she does so with my approval and consent. Further, I, for myself and the applicant, hereby release the Colorado Open Golf Foundation, the host club and their respective committee members, officers and employees from any and all liability for any event or consequence whatsoever in any way arising out of or relating to the applicant's entry or participation in this Championship. In case of a medical emergency occurring during the Championship, I authorize a qualified medical doctor to take all necessary measures in the treatment of this applicant.

Name of Parent or Guardian (Please Print) _____ Phone _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ Relation to Applicant _____

Qualifier Applicants

ENTRY FEE \$250

Select your top **two** choices of qualifying dates. Sites are filled on a first-come, first-accepted basis.

1st Choice 2nd Choice
Wednesday, July 6
The Inverness Golf Club, Englewood, CO

Tuesday, July 12
Eagle Ranch Golf Course, Eagle, CO

Thursday, July 14
Legacy Ridge Golf Course, Westminster, CO

Monday, July 18
Legacy Ridge Golf Course, Westminster, CO
(out of state applicants have priority for this qualifier)

Media Information

(If returning player, list updates from previous year)

Birthplace _____

Do you currently or did you play college level golf? YES NO If yes, when? _____
Where? _____

Are you currently, or have you been, a member of a Professional Playing Tour? YES NO
If yes, which one(s)? _____
For how many years? _____

Do you currently have a Tour Card? _____
Have you played in a PGA or USGA Championship? YES NO
If yes, which one(s) and when? _____

Please list the biggest moment in your golfing career (at any level). _____

Please list any golf related awards and/or national rankings that you have earned.

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APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION

All individuals who are not already exempt and desire an exemption into the 2016 CoBank Colorado Open Championship **MUST complete this application ALONG WITH AN ENTRY FORM.** The Tournament Committee of the Colorado Open Golf Foundation is responsible for the selection of the recipients. The Committee will evaluate all applications submitted through June 16th; requests submitted after this deadline shall NOT be considered for any reason. ONLY information submitted on this form and the entry will be shared with the Committee, so please do not submit any additional information or materials. The recipients shall be determined by the Committee at the selection meeting on June 21, 2016 and announced as soon as practical following the meeting.

Player Information--Applicants MUST also complete an Entry Form (all sections other than Qualifier Selection & Payment Information are required.)

Restate Name as listed on Entry: _____

Restate Player Type as listed on Entry:	Professional	Amateur	Amateur for Reinstatement
Will you participate in a qualifier in the event that you are NOT selected for an exemption?	YES	NO	If no, why not? _____
Are you a member of the PGA of America?	YES	NO	If yes, which section _____
Are you a member of the Colorado Golf Association?	YES	NO	
Have you participated in a previous Colorado Open Event?	YES, Championship	YES, Qualifier	NO, this is my first time
Have you applied for an exemption in the past?	YES	NO	
Have you been awarded an exemption in the past?	YES	NO	(NOTE: Limit is 2 exemptions per player unless major event warrants exception)
Which Tours are you actively involved with?	None	NCAA	PGA
		Golden State	SwingThought.com
		Champions	European
		Web.com	Gateway
		All-American	eGolf
		Other	_____

PLAYING RECORD--should ONLY reflect accomplishments for the 3-year period prior to the upcoming championship

List top 5 individual tournament finishes within the past 3 years.

Year	Event	Location	Score	Finish

List top golf awards/honors earned within the past 3 years.

Year	Event	Location	Score	Finish

List other major accomplishments you have achieved throughout your playing career: _____

Why should you receive one of the committee selection exemptions and what do you bring as a player to the championship? _____

What motivates you to apply for this exemption? _____

If you have applied for an exemption in the past, please explain reason for applying again: _____
