

# Welcome to the 98<sup>th</sup> Amateur Championship











#### Dear Participant,

On behalf of the Members and Staff at Golden Ocala Golf & Equestrian Club we would like to welcome and congratulate you on qualifying for this year's State Amateur Championship. We are certainly excited and feel privileged to be hosting this year's prestigious event. We hope you will find the golf course to be in excellent condition and enjoyable to play.

Upon arriving at Golden Ocala Golf & Equestrian Club we ask that you please check in the golf shop. We have yardage books available for purchase. In hosting this event we want to insure that all competitors are familiar with a couple of policies which Golden Ocala Golf & Equestrian Club has in place which we would ask that all players follow:

- 1) Cell phones are prohibited in all areas of the Golf Club with the exception of the Men's Locker Room and back patio.
- 2) Golden Ocala Golf & Equestrian Club does not permit Cargo Pants/Shorts.
- 3) Golden Ocala requires all players to wear collared or mock turtle neck golf shirts.
- 4) Pull carts are not permitted at Golden Ocala.

Please feel free to contact us or any member of our staff with any needs that you may have prior to or during championship week. The phone number to the golf shop is: (352) 671-3933. We would like to wish you the very best throughout the tournament!

Sincerely,

Joe Donnelly Mike Cooney Jack Creveling

General Manager Director of Golf Golf Course Superintendent

### **Championship Information**

#### Memorandum to Contestants

On behalf of the FSGA, congratulations on qualifying for the **98<sup>th</sup> Florida Amateur Championship**. We hope that you enjoy your experience in competing at a State Championship and take many favorable memories from your time at Golden Ocala Golf and Equestrian Club and Ocala National Golf Club.

Please take time to carefully read through this packet of information. There are several important pieces of information contained here, some of which require action by you, by a certain time (e.g. hotel reservations, preregistration, and practice rounds, etc.). If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the FSGA Championship Department at (813) 632-3742 or championships@fsga.org.

#### **Pre-Registration Deadline**

# By 3:30 PM, Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, each player must:

All qualifying players must remit to the FSGA office, \$135 per player for advance payment of Championship fees. Championship fees include tee gift, cart fees, and range balls for all rounds. Players may pay by credit card online through the *My Account* section at <a href="https://www.fsga.org">www.fsga.org</a>. Payment must be received by <a href="https://www.fsga.org">3:30 PM</a>, <a href="https://www.fsga.org">Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup></a>, or you will be withdrawn from the Championship. Exempt players are automatically pre-registered with a complete entry.

#### To pre-register online:

- log on to the FSGA website at www.fsga.org using your email address and password
- click on "My Account" in the upper right hand corner of the homepage
- under "My Tournaments", click on the "Pre-Register" button to the right of the tournament name
- enter your credit card information and then click the "Charge My Card" button on the bottom right hand corner of the page

Failure to meet this deadline will result in withdrawal of your entry. The place will then be offered to an alternate. We stress that all players who qualify must meet the deadline of 3:30 PM, Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Championship Format**

Seventy-two holes of individual stroke play. All players play eighteen holes each at Golden Ocala Golf and Equestrian Club and at Ocala National Golf Club on Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>.

The field will be cut to the low seventy players and ties after thirty-six holes. The final thirty-six holes will be played at Golden Ocala Golf and Equestrian Club. The lowest score for 72 holes will be the Champion.

#### **Tee Times & Groupings**

Tee times and pairings groups will be arranged and posted on the FSGA website at <a href="www.fsga.org">www.fsga.org</a> on or before June 17th. All competitors with a valid email address on file with the FSGA will have a link to the pairings emailed to them.

#### **Practice Rounds & Practice Facilities**

Practice rounds are available starting Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> on a space available basis on both courses. Practice rounds are restricted to after 12:00 PM on the weekend prior to the Championship. Both courses are closed on Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

All players must take a cart and the cost of the practice round, including range balls and cart, is \$30 plus tax. Players are allowed unlimited practice rounds per course at the \$30 plus tax rate. Only exempt and qualifying participants may play practice rounds.

Starting times for your practice round can be arranged by calling the club.

Golden Ocala Golf and Equestrian Club: 352-671-3933

Ocala National Golf Club: 352-629-7980

You may <u>not</u> make your practice round tee time until the clubs receive the tournament fields on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Players will be allowed to practice after their practice rounds and after each competitive round. The practice facilities will close at 7:00 PM each day.

#### **Host Sites Policies & Dress Code**

The membership and management at each facility would like all of you to enjoy your experience during the 98<sup>th</sup> Amateur Championship.

- Gentlemen are required to have shirts tucked in and hats worn properly while on the golf course.
- The wearing of <u>cargo shorts</u> designed for golf are <u>NOT</u> permitted.
- Players are encouraged to use the services of the clubhouse and grill room for food and beverage as well as
  the locker room and its services.
- Gentlemen are prohibited from wearing their hats while in the clubhouse.
- Each club <u>strictly prohibits</u> the use cell phones, ear pieces & blackberry's etc, on the golf course and in the club house. Leave your cell phone in your car.

Remember that you are guests of Golden Ocala Golf and Equestrian Club and Ocala National Golf Club and entries are subject to rejection or withdrawal at any time (including during the event). The reason for withdrawal may include improper attire and/or unbecoming conduct.

## Food & Beverage

Players are not allowed to bring product on property. Please support the club and purchase your food and beverage at the club. Breakfast will not be available at the club, please plan accordingly.

A beverage cart will NOT be on the course during the championship.

#### **Hotel Arrangements**

For each hotel, to receive the reduced rate, you must make your reservation by June 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Courtyard by Marriott - Ocala is offering a rate of \$89 per night plus tax. When making your reservations please identify yourself as a <u>Florida State Golf Association Competitor</u>. (352) 237-8000

The **Residence Inn by Marriott – Ocala** is offering a rate of \$89 per night plus tax. When making your reservations please identify yourself as a **Florida State Golf Association Competitor**. (352) 547-1600

#### Pace of Play

In order to accommodate 168 players, it is essential that the game be played at a brisk pace which may be defined as 4:15 in groups of three during the Championship rounds. If and when it should become necessary to give players in each group a penalty for slow play, we hope they will react with the understanding that we do it in the best interest of the Championship and the other players. The pace of play for the Championship will be posted on the Notice to Players. <u>FSGA Pace of Play Policy</u>.

The FSGA Pace of Play Policy utilizes a two checkpoint system.

- Players will NOT receive warnings.
- Each group is responsible for monitoring their own pace.
- To avoid penalty, groups must complete each checkpoint hole:
  - 1. Within 15 minutes of the group ahead, or
  - 2. Under the allotted time.
- Checkpoints on each course will be on holes #9 and #18.
- All players in a group in breach are subject to penalty.

#### **Carts & Caddies**

All players **must** ride during the Championship rounds. Only players are allowed to ride in carts. If a player employs a caddie, the caddie **MUST** walk and the player's clubs must remain on the golf cart.

#### Player Check-In (Wednesday & Thursday)

Player check-in will be at Golden Ocala on Wednesday 10:00 - 4:00 and again Thursday morning before the first round at both clubs.

#### **Charges**

Golden Ocala Golf and Equestrian Club accepts Visa/Mastercard and American Express as forms of payment. However, Golden Ocala does not accept cash.

Ocala National Golf Club accepts cash, and major credit cards for payment.

#### Golden Ocala Golf & Equestrian Club

8300 Northwest 31<sup>st</sup> Lane Road Ocala, Florida 34482 (352) 671-3933

#### **Ocala National Golf Club**

4782 Northwest 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue Ocala, Florida 34482 (352) 629-7980



# Approximate Championship Yardages



Golden Ocala G & EC			Ocala National Golf Club			
1	4	396		1	4	341
2	4	451		2	5	573
3	4	391		3	4	314
4	3	128		4	5	624
	5	570		5	3	163
5 6	3	179		6	4	470
7	5	546		7	4	417
8	4	404		8	3	202
9	4	444		9	4	<u>489</u>
		3,509			3,59	3
10	4	437		10	4	412
11	3	160		11	3 5	167
12	5	491		12	5	550
13	4	470		13	4	459
14	4	400		14	3	241
15	3	203		15	5	541
16	4	383		16	4	479
17	4	416		17	4	410
18	5	<u>555</u>		18	4	<u>512</u>
		3,515				<u>3771</u>
		7,024				7,364

