

42nd The Northern Amateur Golf Championship
July 19 – July 21, 2017 Sand Creek Country Club, Chesterton, IN

Entries Open Monday, March 20, 2017 - Entries Close 5pm (CDT) Friday June 2, 2017

ELIGIBILITY — The Northern Amateur Golf Championship is open to male amateur golfers with a handicap index not to exceed 1.4 strokes. The Northern Amateur Tournament Committee shall, at its sole discretion, make exceptions to the requirements by issuing special invitations. All entries are subject to acceptance or rejection by the Northern Amateur Tournament Committee at any time.

FIELD — The field may be limited by the Northern Amateur Tournament Committee to 90 Players.

ENTRY PROCEDURE

1. Complete pages 3 and 4 of the application form. NOTE: We anticipate the tournament filling up quickly and encourage applicants to apply early in the process. Once we establish a full field with a sufficient waiting list, the Northern Amateur Tournament Committee may close the application process before the deadline.
2. Prepare a check for \$280 payable to The Northern Amateur, and mail with the application forms to: The Northern Amateur Golf Championship, c/o Sand Creek Country Club, 1001 Sand Creek Drive South, Chesterton, IN, 46304. Envelope must not be postmarked before March 13, 2017. Your check will not be cashed until you are confirmed into the championship. Late, incomplete, or inaccurate forms may not be accepted. If your application is not accepted, your check will be returned following the event.
3. If a Player has been accepted into the field and withdraws before 5 p.m. (CDT) on June 16, 2017, a refund of \$250 will be issued following the tournament (\$30 administrative fee applies). Refunds WILL NOT be issued to a Player who withdraws for any reason after 5 p.m. (CDT) on June 16, 2017. If you are unable to compete and do not officially withdraw prior to the tournament, you will be considered a “no-show” and may be excluded from future Northern Amateur Tournaments.

SCHEDULE — Sand Creek Country Club (Marsh/Creek rotation, 7,112 yards par 72)

Tuesday July 18, - Registration (12-5 pm) & Practice Round (all day)

Wednesday July 19, - Round 1 – 18 holes starting at 7am

Thursday July 20, - Round 2 – 18 holes starting at 7am – players repaired for final round, no cut

Friday July 21, - Final Round 3 – 18 holes starting at 7am

AWARDS — The name of the champion will be engraved on the Arthur J. Ellis trophy in addition to receiving an award. An award will also be given to the runner up(s).

PRACTICE — Each Player shall be allowed one (1) practice round playing one (1) ball in order for the club to accommodate all Players. Sand Creek Country Club will be available for a practice round on Tuesday July 18, 2017. Other days may be available as an option especially for those who are local to the area. You must call in advance to schedule your practice round by contacting the Sand Creek Country Club Golf Shop at 219-395-5210. Sand Creek Country Club has outstanding practice facilities with a double tee driving range, pitching area, sand bunkers, chipping green and a large putting green. Practice facilities will be available to Players throughout the championship.

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STARTING TIMES — Pairings and starting times for the first two rounds of play will be available at registration. Play each day shall begin with a double tee start at approximately 7:00 am.

ACCOMMODATIONS (HOTELS) — Players need to make their own reservations for hotel accommodations. Preferred hotels shall be posted on the website.

ACCOMMODATIONS (PRIVATE HOUSING) — Players who desire to stay in private housing should make that request on the application form. Private housing is extremely limited and if available, will only be provided for the Player. Caddies, family members and other individuals will need to find their own accommodations.

HEADQUARTERS — Inquiries should be submitted to the Tournament Director at rickgrassel@comcast.net.

CADDIE POLICY — A Player may carry his own clubs, use a pull/push cart or use a Caddie. Caddies may carry the clubs or use a pull/push cart. Neither Players nor Caddies may transport the clubs via a golf cart. Sand Creek Country Club does not have a Caddie program. Depending on demand, Caddies may be available from local high school golf teams. If you need assistance with finding a Caddie, please indicate your request on the application.

DRESS CODE — Players, Caddies and Spectators must follow the Sand Creek Country Club dress code. Shirts must be collared (mock collar is allowed) and tucked in. Golf/Bermuda style shorts are allowed. Hats if used must be worn with the bill facing forward. Denim is not permissible.

FOOTWEAR — It is a condition of the competition at Sand Creek Country Club that shoes with metal or traditionally designed spikes are prohibited. Penalty for breach of this condition = Disqualification.

RULES OF PLAY — The USGA Rules of Golf, as modified by local rules established by the Northern Amateur Tournament Committee will be used. The Northern Amateur Tournament Committee reserves the right to alter any of the conditions and schedules herein. Changes in tournament format caused by force majeure shall be at the sole discretion of Northern Amateur Tournament Committee. The decision of the Northern Amateur Tournament Committee in any manner shall be final.

- **The “One-Ball Rule” WILL be in effect.** During a stipulated round, the golf balls a Player uses must be of the same brand and model as detailed on the most current list of conforming golf balls. Penalty = 2 strokes for each hole where the violation occurs, maximum penalty per round is 4 strokes.
- **Distance Measuring Devices that show yardage only, WILL be allowed.** Using a device that shows more than yardage (such as elevation or wind direction) is not allowed: Penalty = Disqualification.

The Northern Amateur Tournament Committee

Tournament Directors – Rick Grassel, Kelly Grassel

NIJGA – Bob Jacobs

Sand Creek – Kyle Lundy

Advisors – Mary Grassel, Bob Herrod, Eric Kroeger, Scott Vidimos



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Application & Player Information (Please Print Neatly)

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____

Zip/Postal Code _____ Country _____

Email Address _____

School _____ Graduation Year _____

Telephone (Home) _____ - _____ - _____ Telephone (Mobile) _____ - _____ - _____

Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ Age _____

Players up-to-date Handicap Index is ____ . ____ and is on record at (note Course, City, State and phone number):

Scratch Players Amateur Ranking – put NA if no ranking _____

Other Amateur Ranking and source – put NA if no ranking. _____

List Top 3 Golf Accomplishments to evaluate your application and communicate to the media. This can include tournaments won, top finishes, scores, awards, team membership, etc.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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Name _____

Private Housing Request not guaranteed, note date arriving) _____

Caddie Request (if desired, note dates needed) _____

Hometown Newspaper (if desired), Sportswriter & Contact Information (phone & email) _____

By submitting this application, the Player agrees to the following:

1. I agree to the Championship regulations included herewith.
2. I affirm that I understand the Rules of Amateur Status and that I will be an amateur golfer on all of the dates of the competition.
3. I agree there are certain inherent risks in the game of golf and accept personal and sole liability for all such risks, including, but not limited to, any health-related risks. I agree to release the Northern Amateur Tournament Committee and Volunteers, Sand Creek Country Club and the Northwest Indiana Junior Golf Association from any and all liability whatsoever in any way arising out of or relating to the Player's entry or participation in the Northern Amateur.
4. I agree that this entry is subject to rejection at any time (including during the Championship) by the Northern Amateur Tournament Committee. The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct.
5. I agree that the responsibility for ensuring that this application is received on time is mine alone.

Signature of Player _____ Date _____

Certification of Parent or Guardian (For Players who are minors only)

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____

Relation to Player _____

Payment amount \$280. Note you will not be charged until you are accepted into the tournament.

Make check payable in the amount of \$280 to The Northern Amateur. Check # _____

Mail to:

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