

**COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS  
& GCAC QUALIFYING**

**JULY 13 & 14  
MANAKIKI  
SENECA**

**JULY 20 & 21  
SLEEPY HOLLOW  
SHAWNEE HILLS**



A World Amateur Golf Ranking Event

**CHAMPIONSHIP**

**54 HOLE STROKE PLAY  
AT MANAKIKI**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 9  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 10  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 11**



Enter the 2019 Greater Cleveland Amateur Championship, to be played at Manakiki, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, August 9, 10, and 11. This 54-hole stroke play tournament will be contested at scratch, and is open for qualifying to amateur golfers of any age, gender, or residence. Contestants are expected to have a current handicap index of 7.4 or less in order to reasonably compete for a qualifying spot. USGA rules govern play.

**Course Championships/GCAC Qualifying**

Entry into the Greater Cleveland Amateur Championship is through earning an exemption (see reverse side) or by qualifying through the course championships at Sleepy Hollow, Manakiki, Shawnee Hills and Seneca golf courses. The 36-hole Course Championships will be conducted on Saturday July 13 and Sunday July 14 or Saturday July 20 and Sunday July 21. Each Championship is limited to the first 60 players entered. 20% of the non-exempt players and ties will advance to the GCAC. The committee reserves the right to adjust the numbers of qualifying position (up or down) based on the field size at each course. Maximum GCAC field is 72 players.

The field at each Course Championship will be cut after the first round to all players within 15 shots of the last qualifying position.

**Championship Schedule**

The GCAC will be contested over 54 holes at stroke play. All players will play Friday teeing off between 12:30 and 2:30 p.m., and Saturday teeing off between 8 and 10 a.m. A cut will be made after the second round of The Championship to the low 50% of the field and ties, plus all additional players within ten shots of the lead. Sunday's final round will begin teeing off at 8 a.m. with the leaders in the last group.

**Fees**

All players, including those who are exempt, shall enter using an official entry form. Entry fees for the Course Championships are \$130. All players who earn their entry into the Championship through one of the qualifiers must pay a \$20 fee to confirm they will be playing in the GCAC. For exempt players, the entry for the Championship proper is \$150, which includes all green fees. Carts are optional and not included in the entry fee. Caddies and spectators are welcome. In all rounds, male contestants will play from the black tees, females will play from gold tees.

**Entry**

To enter one of the Course Championships, or to enter as an exempt player, please mail or deliver the entry form below. Entries may be delivered at any of the four qualifying sites. Deadline to enter is July 8<sup>th</sup> for Manakiki and Seneca and July 15<sup>th</sup> for Sleepy Hollow and Shawnee Hills or when the field is full, exempt players not playing in the course championships entry deadline is August 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Additional Information**

Please read the back of this form for additional tournament info. Questions? Contact John Fiander at 440-526-4285.

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**Please enter me in the 2019 Greater Cleveland Amateur Championship.** I have enclosed the appropriate payment to enter the Course Championship at the site checked below, or I am an exempt player, with my exempt status described below.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City,State,Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Handicap Index: \_\_\_\_\_ (note: index is not mandatory)

**I wish to enter the Course  
Championship & GCAC Qualifier at:**

- Sleepy Hollow.....\$130 TEGC1
- Manakiki.....\$130 TEGC2
- Shawnee Hills.....\$130 TEGC3
- Seneca.....\$130 TEGC4
- I am exempt via:  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$150 TEGC5

Make checks payable to Cleveland Metroparks.

## **Eligibility**

Contestants are expected to have a current handicap index of 7.4 or less, in order to reasonably compete for a qualifying spot. A USGA handicap index is not required for entry to this event.

Entries are subject to rejection at any time (including during the Championship and Qualifying) by the Tournament Committee. The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct.

## **Rules of Golf; Close of Competition**

Play will be governed by the Rules of Golf as approved by the USGA. Questions will be resolved by the Tournament Committee, whose decision will be final. The competition shall be deemed to have closed when the Championship trophy has been presented.

## **Golf Balls; Driver Heads**

Only brands of golf balls on the current USGA List of Conforming Golf Balls and driver heads on the most current USGA List of Conforming Driver Heads may be used. This list may be found on the USGA website at [www.usga.org](http://www.usga.org). The so-called "One-Ball Rule", the optional condition prescribed in Appendix I of the Rules of Golf, shall **not** be in effect.

## **Distance Measuring Devices**

During a stipulated round of this competition a player may obtain distance information by using a device that has a "distance only" function. If a player uses a distance measuring device that is designed to measure other conditions that might affect his play (gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.), that function must be turned off.

The distance between any two objects on the course is considered public information and not advice.

## **Tee Times/Time of Starting**

Players should contact the course starting the Wednesday before play to obtain tee times.

## **Caddies**

Competitors may provide their own caddie. No caddies are available at the course. Caddies may rent a golf cart. A player is not required to employ a caddie for any stage of the Championship.

## **Weather**

In the event of inclement weather, the Course Championships/Qualifiers may be shortened to 18 holes and the Greater Cleveland Amateur Championship to 36 holes.

## **Championship Committee**

### **Manakiki Golf Course**

Brad Smith, PGA  
35501 Eddy Rd  
Willoughby Hills, OH 44094  
440-942-2500

### **Sleepy Hollow Golf Course**

John Fiander, PGA  
9445 Brecksville Rd  
Brecksville, OH 44141  
440-526-4285

## **Transportation**

Rental carts are available for use during the tournament. Players must share carts when asked. Players within a group must decide the users of any carts. A caddie or spectator may pay to ride in a cart if the players are not using it.

## **Spectators**

During the tournament spectators are welcome. All spectators must sign a waiver before being allowed onto the course. Spectators are responsible for their own safety while on the golf course.

## **Exemptions from Qualifying**

Players in the following categories will be eligible for exemption from qualifying:

- 1) Past Champions, and the top ten finishers from the 2018 Championship. Past 5 Senior Champions, and the top five finishers from the 2018 Senior Championship. The 2018 Cleveland Metroparks Course Championship winners.
- 2) Players ranked in the top 1500 of the World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR) as of July 1, 2019.
- 3) Individual stroke play winners during the 2019 calendar year from the Cleveland Metroparks, Northern Ohio Golf Association and the Akron District Golf Association.
- 4) 2019 Northern Ohio Golf Association club/course champions. (2018 champion eligible if the 2019 champion has not been determined by July 12, 2019).
- 5) The 2018 & 2019 winners and runners-up of the Northeast Ohio Amateur, the Ohio Amateur, and the Summit County Amateur.
- 6) Top 3 finishers in 2018 Cleveland Metroparks POY.
- 7) 2018 ADGA and NOGA Player of the Year.
- 8) Players ranked in the Top 5 of the CMP POY points list and top 3 on the CMP Senior POY list. Top 3 of the Northern Ohio Golf Association POY list as of July 1, 2019.
- 9) The Tournament Committee may issue additional exemptions to golf associations and tournaments, as it deems appropriate.

## **Prizes**

The GCAC champion and runner-up will be awarded trophies. The top 15 finishers plus ties will be awarded merchandise credit. 1<sup>st</sup> Place will be win \$750. In the event of ties, a sudden death playoff will be held to determine the Champion; all other prize amounts will be split among the ties.

## **Shawnee Hills Golf Course**

Ryan Short  
18753 Egbert Rd  
Bedford, OH 44146  
440-232-7184

## **Seneca Golf Course**

Geoff Koller, PGA  
975 Valley Parkway  
Broadview Heights, OH 44147  
440-526-0043