



# Girls Golf Team Championship & Academy

## June 9-12, 2013

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### Team Championship

Entries for the Team Championship will be open to Girls Golf members, ages 10-17 who are, or have been Girls Golf members in good standing for at least two years (including current season). Playing ability is not a criterion for choosing which teams play in the Championship and teams will be placed in flights based on playing ability. Team entries will be accepted on a first come, first served basis and will be limited to the first 36 teams to apply. **Note:** A state and site may be represented by multiple teams in the Championship.

**Q: What will the format be for the Team Championship?**

**A:** A **Four-Ball Stroke Play** format will be used during both 18-hole rounds of the Team Championship. In Four-Ball Stroke Play, two competitors play as partners, each playing her own ball. The lower score of these partners is the score for the hole.

**Q: If I don't have a partner can I get paired up with another girl who is my age/ability and play in the team event?**

**A:** Yes, we would prefer that you are already paired, but if you don't have someone at your site, we paired many teams together last year, and with enough notice, we can find you a suitable partner.

**Q: What will the yardage be for competition?**

**A:** Yardages in each flight will vary based on ability, from 3,800 for those who are fairly new to playing 18 holes to 5,300 yards for the championship flight. Additionally, a volunteer will be assigned to each group of younger and newer 18-holers to assist with scoring, rules assistance, etc.

**Q: Can Team Championship players have caddies during the tournament rounds?**

**A:** Caddies are not permitted during the Team Championship

**Q: What is the Kiawah Island Club's River Course like?**

**A:** The River course is similar to the *Cassique* Course utilized last year - both are challenging and beautiful and lend themselves to a fun and exciting competition.

**Q: Will there be a 9-hole division this year?**

**A:** This year, all Team Championship participants will play 18 holes. We recommend that those who do not feel ready to compete in two days of 18-hole rounds consider applying to attend the Academy.

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**Q: Will the players be required to walk during the tournament rounds?**

**A:** Yes, but each group will have a volunteer who is assigned to drive their clubs around the course during the practice round and competition.

## Academy

The Academy consists of three days of hands-on instruction by LPGA and PGA professionals, including skill-based rotations, strategy, rules and etiquette with a focus on the **Five E's of Girls Golf: Empower, Enrich, Engage, Exercise and Energize.**

Entries for the Girls Golf Academy are open to Girls Golf members, ages 8 – 17, who are or have been Girls Golf members for at least two years (including current season). Golfing ability is not a criterion for selecting participants. Entries will be accepted on a first come, first served basis and are limited to the first 60 applicants.

**Q: What are the hours of the Academy?**

**A:** The first two days will run from 9am-3pm, final day schedule is 9am-1:30 pm, followed by lunch and awards

**Q: What golf skills will be covered during the Academy?**

**A:** Academy participants will be treated to three days of hands-on instruction, which will cover the short-game and full-swing, practice techniques and drills, golf fitness, video swing analysis, the rules of golf, and more.

**Q: What is the level of the player at the Academy?**

**A:** Typically the Academy has beginners and intermediate players. Most of the advanced players will participate in the Team Championship.

## Grants

To assist with covering travel expenses for girls with limited economic resources who might not otherwise be able to participate, the LPGA Foundation is offering a limited number of grants. Site Directors will have the opportunity to nominate Girls Golf members during the application period.

**Q: Will the grant process be similar to last year?**

**A:** Yes, although we will be weighting grants much heavier on financial need and priority will be given to girls who have not yet attended and/or received grants to attend this event.

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**Q: If I received a grant last year will I be eligible to apply again this year?**

**A:** You are eligible, but applicants who have **not** received assistance will receive priority. We suggest local fundraising to assist with covering expenses.

**Q: What is the typical amount of funding awarded to each grant recipient?**

**A:** This will vary between the Academy and Team Championship. Grant Recipients to the Academy will receive entry fee (which includes food/beverage), while the teams will receive grants that vary from entry to entry and a small stipend for travel. All recipients of grants will be eligible for housing.

## Meals and Housing

Private housing will be provided for participants receiving grants for arrivals starting Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> and departures on Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Only those with 3+ hour flights or those with extreme exceptions will be permitted to stay any additional days in housing. Advanced notice is required to accommodate these requests.

**Q: Will a meal plan be available for parents and guests for the week?**

**A:** Yes, guests will have the opportunity to purchase meal plan tickets, which will cover breakfast, lunch and dinner on certain days of the week and during evening functions. Parents and participants will be able to eat breakfast and lunch together and not worry about paying for each event. The price for the meal plan will be \$100 and it will cover most meals with the exception of dinner one of the evenings.

**Q: Will private housing be available if I am not determined to be need based?**

**A:** Priority will be given to those who show financial need and be determined based on several criteria (distance traveled, representation from a particular site etc.)

**Q: How many chaperones will housing recipients be able to bring?**

**A: Housing recipients will be permitted to bring one (1) chaperone to stay in private housing with them.**

No exceptions will be made for extra family members. The housing committee will be the **ONLY** point of contact regarding any "special" requests relating to housing. Please do not ask for exceptions to this as it puts our generous housing volunteers in a difficult situation.

**We hope to see you at  
Kiawah Island Club  
June 9-12, 2013!**

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