

HOST SITE

The 2026 Women's Eastern Golf Association (WEGA) Championship will be held at the Occano Golf & Boat Club in Merry Hill, North Carolina.

Touted as the 'Jewel of the Inner Banks,' Occano's Arnold Palmer Signature Golf Course was named one of the Top 3 semiprivate courses for Eastern North Carolina and is in the Top 10 for the state-by the North Carolina Golf Panel for 2025.

This challenging Championship venue features 11 holes paralleling the majestic Albemarle Sound and scenic Salmon Creek and has hosted several Mid-Atlantic Junior Girls' Challenge Matches, most recently in 2025. Detailed information, including Occano lodging and amenities, is available at www.occano.com.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

This prestigious Championship is open to female amateur golfers who satisfy two requirements: (1) the player must have a certified handicap index of 11.5 or less **and** (2) the player must be affiliated with a WEGA Member Club or School that has paid the **nonrefundable** 2026 WEGA dues of \$35 by close of Registration on June 8th. Clubs/schools in all states in the United States are eligible to join WEGA.

The \$35 annual WEGA dues may be paid by the player for her club/school if the club/school is not on the list that already paid the dues. Please refer to the WEGA Membership section for a list of clubs/schools that have paid 2026 dues.

Annual WEGA dues may be paid by:

PayPal (in the Membership section) or

Check made payable to WEGA & mailed to:

Jan Sutherland
240 River Oak Drive
Danville, VA 24541

For any questions about eligibility, contact either Shelley Savage (President) at 571-236-7551 or Jan Sutherland (Vice-President) at 434-489-4497.

ENTRY DEADLINE AND SIZE OF FIELD

Entries will open on April 1, 2026.

Entries will be accepted in the order received as long as the registration form, handicap information (including GHIN #) and \$325 tournament entry fee (paid via PayPal) are complete.

Deadline: Entries will be accepted until Monday, June 1st at 5 PM.

The field is limited to 80 players. Entries over 80 will be placed on the waiting list. If the field isn't full by June 1, entries will stay open for a few more days.

The Committee has sole discretion in accepting or rejecting contestants, as well as in assigning a position on the waiting list.

HOW TO COMPLETE YOUR ENTRY

1. **Registration form:** Submit the registration form online. Fill out all of the fields and submit your completed application.

Click [here](#) to access the online registration form

2. **Pay entry fee:** Pay the \$325 entry fee via PayPal. The entry fee includes (i) cart fees and range balls for the three days of the Championship (which applies even if a contestant chooses to utilize a pull cart or carry her golf bag); (ii) the Player Dinner; and (iii) a Long Drive Contest.

The entry fee **does not** include a practice round (\$40) which may be made by calling the Ocano Pro Shop at 252-482-5300 and paid at the time of play.

Membership dues (\$35) are separate from the entry fee.

[Click here to Pay](#)

CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY

If you must cancel please do so promptly.

Cancellations received **on/before Monday, May 11th**: Full Refund minus \$25 processing fee.

Cancellations received between **May 12th – 24th**: \$100 Refunded

On or after **May 25th**: No Refund

Those on the waiting list who do not gain entry into the tournament will receive a full refund.

FORMAT AND CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

The Amateur Championship is a 54-hole Stroke Play tournament.

Play will follow **THE RULES OF GOLF.**

Distance measuring devices are allowed but slope adjustment must be turned off.

The new groove specification is NOT in effect for this championship.

Carts are included in the entry for the 3-day tournament; caddies are not permitted.

Spectators may not use golf carts for viewing play but personal scooter carts for those with disabilities are permitted.

Players and spectators are expected to abide by the dress code of the Host Club. Please do not wear tank tops, tee shirts or denim on golf course property.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, June 8, 2026:

- **8 AM – 1:30 PM:** Registration at the Occano Pro Shop
- **5:30 PM:** Welcoming Remarks, Rules Discussion, Announcement of Osgood Shield Teams & Round 1 Tee Times
- **6:00 PM:** Long Drive Contest (weather permitting)
- **6:30 PM:** BBQ Dinner

Tuesday, June 9, 2026:

- **1st Round** Starting Times from the 1st tee

Wednesday, June 10, 2026:

- **2nd Round** Starting Times from the 1st tee

Thursday, June 11, 2026:

- **3rd Round** Starting Times from the 1st and 10th tees depending on the size of the field.
- **Prize** presentation following play.

REGISTRATION AND LATE ARRIVAL

All contestants **must register** on Monday, June 8th between **8 AM – 1:30 PM** at the Occano Golf Club Pro Shop – or notify the Committee of late arrival by **phone only**.

Emails or calls to the Club are **not acceptable**.

Failure to register may forfeit your spot with no refund.

Late arrivals: Call Jan Sutherland **(434-489-4497)** or Shelley Savage **(571-236-7551)**.

PRIZES

Championship Prizes: Prizes are awarded based on the 54-hole total gross scores. The Champion will receive a commemorative medal and her name will be engraved on the permanent trophy.

Other prizes will be gift cards.

Junior Champion: A Junior Champion will be awarded.

Osgood Shield: The Osgood Shield team stroke play event is held concurrently with the Championship. Teams are announced at the Monday evening Player Dinner. The team with the lowest aggregate score after Rounds 1 & 2 wins the Osgood Shield. Prizes are awarded to the winning team members and their names will be engraved on the permanent Shield.