

## 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 in 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 Championship venue features 11 holes paralleling the majestic Albemarle Sound and scenic Salmon Creek.

Occano's playable yet challenging course 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](http://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 **nonrefundable** 2026 WEGA dues of \$35 by the close of Registration on June 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 has 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 (via PayPal) are complete.

**Deadline:** Entries will be accepted until Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

Relevant information will be available on the WEGA website or you may contact either Shelley Savage or Jan Sutherland.

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. Submit the registration form online
2. Pay the \$325 entry fee via PayPal

## FORMAT AND CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

### 54-hole Stroke Play

Pairings for Rounds 2 & 3 will be based on prior scores.

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.

## CHAMPIONSHIP FEES

The \$325 entry fee paid online covers cart fees and range balls for the three days of the Championship and applies even if a contestant chooses to utilize a pull cart or carry her golf bag.

Also included in the entry fee is a Welcome Barbeque and Long Drive Contest on Monday evening.

**Practice Round fee:** \$40 plus tax and includes cart and range balls.

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

## **CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY**

If you must cancel please do so promptly.

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

Cancellations received between **May 12<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>**: \$100 Refunded

On or after **May 25<sup>th</sup>**: No Refund

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

## **REGISTRATION AND LATE ARRIVAL**

All contestants **must register** on Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> 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)**.

## PRACTICE ROUNDS

Practice round can be scheduled for Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> by calling The Occano Golf Club at (252) 482-5300

Cost is \$40 plus tax & is not included in the entry fee.

Practice rounds on other dates must be arranged through...

## 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:                    1<sup>st</sup> Round Starting Times from the 1<sup>st</sup> tee

Wednesday, June 10, 2026:            2<sup>nd</sup> Round Starting Times from the 1<sup>st</sup> tee

Thursday, June 11, 2026:            3<sup>rd</sup> Round Starting Times from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> tees  
depending on the size of the field.

Prize presentation following play.

## PRIZES

Prizes are awarded based on the 54-hole total gross score.

The Champion's name will be engraved on the permanent trophy.

The Champion will receive a commemorative medal.

Other prizes will be gift cards.

A Junior Champion will be awarded.

The Osgood Shield team stroke play award is held concurrently.

Teams are announced at the Monday evening BBQ.

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 Shield.