

SDGA Men's Senior & Masters Match Play Championship

Central Valley Golf Course, Hartford

Friday, July 11, 2025 - Sunday, July 13, 2025

NEW! TWO CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Players can choose between the Senior Championship (55+) and Masters Championship (65+)
- 32 players in each division.
- Players 55 years of age or older on July 11, 2025 are eligible to play for the Championship. Players must be 65 years of age or older on July 11, 2025 to be eligible for the Masters Championship.

EXEMPT PLAYERS

- Players on the EXEMPT LIST (see last page) MUST enter by March 15, 2025 to be guaranteed a spot in the Championship.

NON-EXEMPT PLAYERS

- Registration opens for non-exempt players on March 16, 2025
- Field will be filled with the first 30 entries received in each division.
- Additional registrants will be placed on a waitlist and only charged if a spot opens up in the field or they qualify through the LAST CHANCE qualifier on Thursday, July 10 at Rocky Run GC in Dell Rapids.
- Players who compete in the LAST CHANCE qualifier but do not make it will pay only the \$30 qualifying fee.

FIELD SIZE

- **32 Players in each Championship. All players guaranteed three matches.** This will yield 8 PODs of four (4) players. Each player will play all three other players in their POD. The winner of each POD will advance to an 8 player single elimination match play bracket.

***LAST CHANCE QUALIFIER - THURSDAY, JULY 10 - Rocky Run GC in Dell Rapids**

- All players on the waitlist will have the option to play
- \$30 + Applicable Golf/Cart Fees for those who do not qualify
- **Entry Deadline - Wednesday, July 2** at 11:59 PM Central

[Men's Senior & Masters Match Play - Registration Information](#)

Eligibility: All male SDGA amateur members age 55+ as of July 11, 2025 who meet [SDGA ELIGIBILITY](#)

Registration Opens: March 16, 2025

Early Entry Registration Fee by May 1: \$150

Final Deadline: Wednesday, July 2 at 11:59 PM Central
Registration Fee After May 1: \$170

Exempt Player Entry Fee: \$150 - Deadline to claim exemption: March 15

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

[Tournament Information](#)

FORMAT

- Senior Men's Championship (55+): 32 Players
- **NEW! Masters Championship (65+): 32 Players**
- 8 PODS of 4 players in each
- All players compete against each of the other 3 players in their POD
- Winner of each POD advances to a single elimination bracket

SCHEDULE (Starting Times: Beginning at 7:00am each day)

- Friday (7/11): POD Matches - Round 1 and 2
- Saturday (7/12): POD Match - Round 3 (AM) & Quarterfinals (PM)
- Sunday (7/13): Semifinals (AM) and Finals (PM)

SEEDING and POD ASSIGNMENTS

- 32 players will be seeded 1-32 in each Championship
- Defending Senior Men's Match Play Champion #1
- Defending Senior Men's Amateur Champion #2
- Defending Senior Men's Match Play Runner-Up #3
- Exempt players seeded next based on 2024 SDGA performance
- Non-exempt players seeded next based on Handicap-Index
- Spots will be left open to insert LAST CHANCE qualifiers and their placement will be based on the strength of the field of those qualifying.
- Each POD consists of one player in each group drawn at random
 - Seeds 1-8, Seeds 9-16, Seeds 17-24, and Seeds 25-32

MATCH SCORING in POD PLAY

- Match won = 1 point / Match tied = ½ point / Match lost = 0 points
- No extra holes played to break a tied match
- Ties for winning a POD will be resolved by sudden death playoff among all players tied

PAIRINGS

- POD play will be in foursomes (2 matches per pairing)
- Each match will have different players from other pods so each player will have a unique group for all three POD rounds.
- Bracket play will be in twosomes

SDGA Men's Senior & Masters Match Play - Exemption Information

EXEMPTION CATEGORIES

1) SDGA Senior Men's Match Play Champions - Prior 5 Years
2) SDGA Senior Men's Match Play Championship - Prior Year - Round of 4
3) SDGA Senior Men's Amateur Champions - Prior 3 Years
4) SDGA Senior Men's Amateur Championship - Prior Year - Top 10 and Ties
5) SDGA Senior Two-Man Champions - Prior Year
6) SDGA Senior Masters (70+) Champion - Prior Year
7) USGA Qualifier - Prior Year
8) Special exemptions selected by the host club or Tournament Committee

EXEMPT PLAYERS - Must be eligible - Amateur and 2025 Member of SDGA, and meet all other [ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS](#)

Ainslie, Andy (4)	Buntrock, Kevin (4)	Jones, Gordon (4)
Beardsley, Steve (4)	Burshiem, Derek (2,3,4)	Murphy, Doug (4)
Begeman, Tim (4)	Dewit, Rob (2)	Prue, Sam (3)
Brady, Rick (6)	Heib, Jack (4)	Reynolds, Tom (2)
Brummer, Mike (1)	Hofland, Todd (5)	Steen, Hak (5)
Buche, Brad (1,2,4)	Holm, Scott (3)	Witlock, Scott (4)

PRIZES

- Trophies awarded to the Champion and Runner-Up in both Divisions
- Trophies (Plaques?) will be awarded to the Masters Division Champion and Runner-Up
- Merchandise gift certificates are awarded to the Champion, Runner-Up, and all POD winners.