

# 45th Colorado Open

July 23 – 26, 2009  
Green Valley Ranch Golf Club, Denver, CO



**\$125,000 Championship Purse**

## ELIGIBILITY

This event is open to professionals and amateurs with active USGA Handicap Indexes not exceeding 2.4 at the time of entry. Entries are subject to rejection at any time (including during the Championship) by the Colorado Open Golf Foundation. The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct.

**Age:** Players are required to list their age and date of birth on all Colorado Open entry forms. All players who are under the age of 18 by the date of entry submission must also list a parent/guardian with the appropriate phone numbers and the application must be signed by the same parent/guardian. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in rejection of the entry. Players subject to these restrictions may only submit a written entry and may not file an entry via the Internet.

**Amateur Status:** All amateurs must conform to the USGA Rules of Amateur Status as specified in the USGA Rules of Golf.

## ENTRIES: FORM & FIELD COMPOSITION

The entry forms provided by the Colorado Open Golf Foundation (COGF) (including on-line forms) or photocopies of these entry forms must be used for entry by all players, including those that are exempt. Forms may be obtained from the COGF office or website ([www.ColoradoOpen.com](http://www.ColoradoOpen.com)). Only one entry may be filed per player. The COGF reserves the right to disqualify anyone who submits more than one entry. Entries received after the deadline are not acceptable and will be automatically rejected. Entries should be submitted early to allow ample time for delay or error in transmission. The risk of delay or error in transmission lies solely with the entrant. The COGF shall have no liability with respect to any such delay or error and the consequences therefrom, including rejection of the entry. Confirmation of entry will be mailed or emailed after the entry deadline.

**Championship Field Limit:** The field is limited to **156 players** comprised of place-winners in the qualifying rounds and those exempt. At least 60 spots in the Championship will be awarded to the top finishers from the qualifying rounds.

**Qualifying Round Field Limits:** Entries are taken on a first-come, first-accepted basis until all four qualifying round fields are filled at **84 players** in each. Amateur applications must undergo verification of Handicap Index before final acceptance.

## SCHEDULE & PRIZE PAYOUT

Competition will be in two stages, at stroke play.

**1. Qualifying: 18 holes;** July 9 at Springs Ranch Golf Club in Colorado Springs, July 14 at Eagle Ranch Golf Course in Eagle, July 16 or July 20 at Legacy Ridge Golf Course in Westminster. 84 players eligible at each site.

**2. Championship: 72 holes; July 23-26, 2009 at Green Valley Ranch Golf Club in Denver, Colorado.** 156 players eligible. The lowest 60 scorers plus ties after 36 holes of play continue for the final 36 holes on July 25th and 26th; the remainder of the field is cut.

**Purse:** The championship purse is \$125,000 (which includes a maximum of \$5,000 in amateur merchandise prizes). Prize money will only be paid to those players that make the 36 hole cut and complete the final round of play. Amateurs will receive their payment in the form of merchandise gift certificates redeemable at Green Valley Ranch Golf Club.

**Pro-Am: Wednesday, July 22, 2009:** Two corporate Pro-Ams at Green Valley Ranch Golf Club precede the Championship. 25 teams will compete in a shotgun at 7:30 A.M. and another 25 teams will compete in a second shotgun at 1:30 P.M. Professionals may designate their preference to play in this event by checking the box on the entry form. Spots in the pro-am will be filled on a first come first served basis. Pro-am pairings will be determined at the draw party on Tuesday, July 21st.

## ENTRY FEE & DEADLINE

**Entry Deadline:** The Colorado Open Golf Foundation offices must receive all entry applications (qualifying and exempt) with full payment no later than: **5:00 P.M. MDT on Wednesday, July 1, 2009.** Confirmation of entry and qualifying date will be mailed or emailed by Friday, July 3, 2009. Tee times will be posted one week prior to start of event on: [www.ColoradoOpen.com](http://www.ColoradoOpen.com).

**Exempt Entry Fee: \$375.** All exempt players must pay the full Championship fee at time of entry.

**Qualifier Entry Fee: \$175.** Players who qualify for the Championship will be charged an additional fee of \$200 for entry in the Championship and this fee must be paid by 5:00 P.M. MDT on Tuesday, July 21, 2009.

## REFUNDS & WITHDRAWALS

**Refunds:** A full refund of the entry fee will be issued to all entrants not admitted into an event. There is a \$45.00 service charge for ALL withdrawals prior to the entry deadline. Players who contact the Colorado Open Golf Foundation office to withdraw after the deadline date, but at least by 5:00 P.M. MDT one week prior to the first day of the event, will receive a 50% refund of their entry fee. Unless deemed appropriate by the Committee, players are not eligible for refunds after this cutoff. There are no refunds for non-qualifiers and no refunds will be issued for any reason after the start of the tournament. All refunds are issued to the person listed on the entry form. Please allow up to two weeks for processing refund checks.

**Withdrawals:** If a player must withdraw from a qualifying round or the Championship once it has begun, he or she must notify the Colorado Open Golf Foundation office or tournament site as soon as possible with the reason for the withdrawal. "No-Carding," "No-Showing," and withdrawing from an event without a valid excuse is NOT acceptable. All players needing to withdraw from an event must notify a member of the Committee prior to leaving the tournament site. Failure to do so will result in a one-year suspension and loss of any future exemptions from any Colorado Open Golf Foundation event.

## PRACTICE ROUNDS

**Qualifying:** Qualifying round entrants may schedule non-complimentary practice rounds by calling the sites directly: Eagle Ranch GC at 970-328-2882; Legacy Ridge GC at 303-438-8997, or Springs Ranch GC at 719-573-4863.

**Championship:** After the entry deadline, championship participants may contact Green Valley Ranch Golf Club at 303-371-3131, ext. 1 to reserve practice round times at a special discounted rate.

## CADDIES & CARTS

**Caddies:** Caddies are allowed; however, the Colorado Open Golf Foundation is NOT responsible for furnishing caddies and recommends that players bring their own. Players are not required to employ a caddie for the Championship and may carry or push/pull their own bag.

**Carts for Qualifying Rounds:** Players may ride in the Qualifying Rounds ONLY—not in the Championship. Cart fees are payable at date of qualifying to the host site.

**Carts for Championship: Prohibited.** All players and caddies must walk. Players are permitted to use push or pull carts—a limited number are available for rent on a first come first served basis from Green Valley Ranch Golf Club.

**Disabled Participants & Spectators:** The Committee reserves the right to waive the no-cart rule for anyone with a disability as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). All such requests and required supporting information must be submitted in writing with the entry application by the deadline. Requests due to temporary injuries or impairments that do not qualify as a "disability" under the ADA will not be granted. Cart availability for spectators is not guaranteed and riders must provide their handicap parking permit or like written verification of their disability to be eligible to rent a cart. A per rider fee is due to Green Valley Ranch Golf Club.

## EXEMPTIONS

### Exemption Eligibility

Players in the following categories shall be exempt into the Championship provided that a completed entry, with payment, is received prior to the stated deadline, and he or she is otherwise eligible. Exemptions reserved for amateurs will be granted only to players who remain amateurs through the duration of the Championship. An amateur who accepts an exemption from qualifying becomes ineligible to compete in the Championship if he or she becomes a professional before or during the play of the Championship. A complete list of exempt players may be viewed on-line from the 2009 HealthONE Colorado Open Championship Information page on [www.ColoradoOpen.com](http://www.ColoradoOpen.com).

### Exemption Categories

1. All former Colorado Open Champions
2. Top 30 plus ties (amateur and professional) from the 2008 HealthONE Colorado Open Championship
3. The Colorado Section of the PGA has 27 exemptions to use at their discretion.
4. The Colorado Golf Association has 20 exemptions to be issued at their discretion to the top Colorado amateurs and in accordance with the amateur eligibility requirements listed above.
5. Championship host site professional.
6. **REVISED!** One returning player of the men's golf team from the following local NCAA Division I programs: Air Force Academy, University of Colorado, Colorado State University, University of Denver, University of Northern Colorado and the University of Wyoming. The Head Coach of each program will determine at his/her discretion the player to receive the invitation.
7. Sponsor Selection—up to 5 exemptions will be granted upon the decision of the Colorado Open Golf Foundation Executive Committee.
8. **REVISED!** Committee Selection—up to 15 exemptions will be granted by the Tournament Committee. Individuals who desire to apply for one of these exemptions **MUST** submit an Committee Selection Exemption Application to the Colorado Open Golf Foundation by June 28, 2009—no other information will be reviewed. Applications may be obtained on-line from [www.ColoradoOpen.com](http://www.ColoradoOpen.com) or from the Colorado Open Golf Foundation office. Players applying for a Committee Selection exemption are encouraged to submit an entry form complete with payment by the deadline in order to secure a position in one of the qualifying rounds in the event that they are NOT selected for an exemption.
9. **NEW!** The Champion of the 2009 Wyoming Open.

## QUALIFYING--at least 60 players will qualify for the Championship

### Qualifying Locations & Dates

1. Thursday, July 9 at Springs Ranch Golf Club in Colorado Springs, Colorado
2. Tuesday, July 14 at Eagle Ranch Golf Course in Eagle, Colorado
3. Thursday, July 16 at Legacy Ridge Golf Course in Westminster, Colorado
4. Monday, July 20\* at Legacy Ridge Golf Course in Westminster, Colorado  
\*Out-of-state entrants will have priority for this qualifier

### Play Date Assignment

Each Qualifying Round has a field limit of 84 players. The fields are filled on a first-come, first-accepted basis until full. The number of Championship qualifying spots for each qualifier will be determined by the percentage of players in a qualifier in relation to the total number trying to qualify. Applicants should select an alternate date on their entry in the event that their first choice is full by the time their entry is approved. If a qualifying time has more players than can be accommodated some players may be transferred to another date and time than the original requested time and date. Transfer will be based on the date of receipt of entry application. No qualifying time is final until after entries close.

### Alternates

Two players from each qualifier with the lowest scores not qualifying will comprise the Championship alternate list. The eight alternates are ranked in order based on a blind draw of the four Qualifying Rounds, (i.e. 1st & 5th from the first round drawn, the 2nd & 6th from the second round drawn, etc.). If an exempt player withdraws from the Championship, alternates will be admitted in rank order. In the event that a qualifier participant withdraws from the Championship, the top alternate from that same qualifying site will fill the void spot.

### Tie Breaking

A sudden death playoff will decide ties for the last qualifying position as well as the two alternates. The playoff(s) will be conducted immediately following completion of the Qualifying Round at a hole determined by the Committee.

### Notice of Withdrawal

If a player withdraws from a Qualifying Round, they must notify the Official in charge of the event promptly in order to insure a standby player has a fair opportunity to play. Failure to comply may result in disqualification from future Colorado Open Golf Foundation events.

## RULES AND PROCEDURES

Play will be governed by the 2008-2009 Rules of Golf as approved by the USGA. Local rules and conditions of competition will be included in each player's registration packet. The Colorado Open Rules Committee is comprised of staff and volunteer Rules Officials from the Colorado Golf Association, Colorado Women's Golf Association, Colorado Section PGA, and the Colorado Open Golf Foundation. This Committee reserves the right to alter any of the conditions and schedules herein and shall settle all questions and disputes related to the Qualifying Rounds and the Championship—their decision is final.

### Player Registration

All participants must register in person at the Player Registration area prior to play of the Championship.

### Playoffs

For the Championship—Hole-by-hole playoff on hole #18 and continuing on 18 until the Champion is determined.

For Low Amateur—Hole-by-hole playoff on hole #10 and continuing on 10 until the Low Amateur is determined.

### Golf Balls & Equipment

Only brands of golf balls listed on the USGA's current List of Conforming Golf Balls and driver heads listed on the Conforming Driver Head List may be used. The optional condition prescribed in Appendix I of the Rules of Golf shall be in effect.

### Dress Requirements

Throughout both stages of the Championship players and their caddies must be neat in appearance with respect to clothing and personal grooming. **Players in the Championship are required to wear collared or mock-neck shirts and LONG PANTS;** however, ALL players may wear appropriate length shorts during the Qualifying Rounds. Caddies must also wear collared or mock-neck shirts, but are permitted to wear appropriate length shorts. During the Championship, caddies are required to wear the provided bib at all times to designate their status as an official caddie. Denim, t-shirts and tank tops are expressly prohibited. The Committee in charge of the competition decides whether or not this requirement has been met and has the authority to withdraw the entry of a player who does not comply.

### Footwear

Footwear is required for both players and caddies. Shoes with traditionally-designed spikes (regardless of composition) or spikes, regardless of design, comprised either entirely or partially of metal (if such metal may come in contact with the course) are prohibited during the stipulated round. Penalty for breach: DISQUALIFICATION.

### Conduct

Unbecoming conduct by a player or his or her caddie, reported to the Committee before, during or after a competitor's round, may be cause for rejecting a player's entry or action under Rule 33-7. Objectionable conduct includes club throwing, foul language, abuse of the golf course or course property, abuse of officials, alcohol/drug impaired behavior, or any conduct unbecoming a lady or gentleman. Players may also be suspended from playing in future COGF events.

### Time of Starting

The Note under Rule 6-3 and the Optional Condition for time of starting prescribed in Appendix I of the Rules of Golf shall be in effect.

### Cellular Phones and Pagers

The use of cellular phones and/or pagers is NOT permitted on the competition course during the Championship, unless authorized by the Committee or in the event of a medical emergency. This includes players, caddies, and spectators.

### Distance Measuring Devices

Throughout both stages of the Championship a player may obtain distance information by a device that measures distance ONLY. However, if during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his or her play (e.g. gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which penalty is DISQUALIFICATION, regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used.

### Pace of Play Policy

Throughout both stages of the Championship the player must play without undue delay. Individual penalties will be issued to violators. (NOTE: The policy in full detail is available on-line from [www.ColoradoOpen.com](http://www.ColoradoOpen.com))

## QUESTIONS OR NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Please contact the Colorado Open Golf Foundation at:  
**303-486-8800 or [Info@ColoradoOpen.com](mailto:Info@ColoradoOpen.com)**

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COMPLETELY EXECUTED ENTRY MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN  
5:00 P.M. MDT ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2009 AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

Colorado Open Golf Foundation ♦ 20309 E. 48th Place ♦ Denver, CO 80249 ♦ P:(303)486-8800 ♦ F:(303)486-8823



## APPLICATION FOR ENTRY—Exempt Entry Fee \$375

Please print name by which you wish to be identified. Fill in every applicable blank or entry may be rejected.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Hometown for display on scoreboard: City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Country \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

We are now able to send SMS messages for pairings & other important event messages. Check here to authorize us to send text messages to your cell phone.

Email (If email is listed, entry confirmation will be sent electronically) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Age\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  Male  Female

\*\* (If under 18 by date of entry submission, parental signature is required below.)

Player Favor: Hat  Visor  Text for customization (limited to 20 characters) \_\_\_\_\_

## TYPE OF PLAYER—Applicant must check one

**I am an AMATEUR golfer.** If checked, the following must be completed for verification of Handicap Index.

Only a handicap computed under the USGA Handicap System is acceptable. A player falsifying his or her handicap is liable to indefinite disqualification from Colorado Open competitions. Handicap must be verifiable by an Officer of below named association or club, the club Handicap Chairman, or by the club PGA/LPGA Golf Professional.

My current USGA Handicap Index is \_\_\_\_\_ and is actively on record at \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of home golf club or course) under the following identification number (i.e. GHIN #) \_\_\_\_\_.

If you use a vendor OTHER than GHIN, please list the contact person that can verify your Handicap Index:

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

**I am a golf PROFESSIONAL.** The year I turned professional is: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ (Required in order to receive prize money)

Please designate below if you would you like to participate in the Pro-Am on Wednesday, July 22nd (Participation in the pro-am will be confirmed after the entry deadline.)  NO  YES: AM Shotgun PM Shotgun Either

**I am an AMATEUR AWAITING REINSTATEMENT.** Date of reinstatement: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT INFORMATION—Please check type of payment

Cash—please do not send cash, deliver it in person to the Colorado Open Golf Foundation office.

Check or Money Order—Payable to Colorado Open Golf Foundation

Credit Card—All fields below are required in order to process payment

Type of Card: Name as it appears on card \_\_\_\_\_

VISA Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mastercard Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date: Month \_\_\_\_ / Year \_\_\_\_\_ 3-Digit Security Code (on back of card) \_\_\_\_\_

## SIGNATURE —Please read and sign below

By submission of this entry I agree to the following:

- I agree to the Championship regulations included herewith. I have noted requirements for acceptance of places, notices of withdrawal and registration at the Championship site.
- I agree that there are certain risks inherent in the game of golf and accept personal and sole liability for all such risks.
- I have not entered into and will not enter into any arrangement whereby I could have a financial interest in any other player's prize money (such as through prize-splitting or prize money "insurance").
- I agree that this entry is subject to rejection at any time (including during the Championship). The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct.
- I agree that the responsibility for ensuring this application is received by the Colorado Open Golf Foundation by no later than the entry deadline is mine alone and that this application will be automatically rejected if received by the Colorado Open Golf Foundation after such date and time. I agree that the risk of delay or error in transmission lies solely with me and that the Colorado Open Golf Foundation has no liability with respect to any such delay or error and the consequences there from, including rejection of this entry.
- I consent to the use by the Colorado Open, or persons authorized by the Colorado Open, of my name, likeness, voice and references to me and photographs and other images of me and my play connected with my appearance in the qualifiers or Championship, in connection with media promotion or commemoration of current and future Colorado Open Golf Foundation events.
- I consent to the release of my email address to corporate sponsors of the Colorado Open Golf Foundation upon their request.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## \*\*Certification of Parent or Guardian (For entrants who are minors only—under the age of 18)

As a parent or guardian of the applicant, I hereby certify the facts in this entry form and state that I am familiar with his or her plans to participate in the Colorado Open and that he or she does so with my approval and consent. Further, I, for myself and the applicant, hereby release the Colorado Open Golf Foundation, the host club and their respective committee members, officers and employees from any and all liability for any event or consequence whatsoever in any way arising out of or relating to the applicant's entry or participation in this Championship. In case of a medical emergency occurring during the Championship, I authorize a qualified medical doctor to take all necessary measures in the treatment of this applicant.

Name of Parent or Guardian (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Relation to Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

## Qualifier Applicants

### ENTRY FEE \$175

Select your top **two** choices of qualifying dates. Sites are filled on a first-come, first-accepted basis.

1st Choice 2nd Choice

**Thursday, July 9**

Springs Ranch Golf Club, Colorado Springs, CO

**Tuesday, July 14**

Eagle Ranch Golf Course, Eagle, CO

**Thursday, July 16**

Legacy Ridge Golf Course, Westminster, CO

**Monday, July 20**

Legacy Ridge Golf Course, Westminster, CO

(out of state applicants have priority for this qualifier)

## Media Information

(If returning player, list updates from previous year)

Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently or did you play college level golf? YES NO If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently, or have you been, a member of a Professional Playing Tour? YES NO

If yes, which one(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

For how many years? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently have a Tour Card? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you played in a PGA or USGA Championship? YES NO

If yes, which one(s) and when? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the biggest moment in your golfing career (at any level). \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any golf related awards and/or national rankings that you have earned. \_\_\_\_\_