

# ACURA CLUBCORP CHAMPIONS CLASSIC



Ross Division | September 5 – 9

Fazio Division | September 9 – 13

Pinehurst Resort, Pinehurst, NC

## Tournament Rules and Regulations



## Qualifying

### Who May Qualify

All country club dues paying golf members, their spouses and non-resident golf members; business club dues paying members and their spouses and non-resident dues paying members. Membership status must be maintained at least six months prior to the national event or six months following the national event. In the event the full entry-fee amount is not raised during the qualifiers, the winning team will subsidize the remaining balance.

### National Qualifying

Each club will qualify team(s) consisting of four home club members to represent the club in the Acura ClubCorp Champions Classic at Pinehurst Resort.

### Local Qualifying

Each club will hold local qualifying tournaments to select their team. Check with your Golf Professional/Club Representative for details. The Golf Professional/Club Representative will determine handicap percentage for local qualifiers.

## Team Rules

Each team must consist of four adult dues-paying members (including spouses) in good standing, male and/or female, with a maximum established USGA course handicap of 36.

Each team member must be a club member who meets USGA Amateur Golfer requirements at time of qualifying and the national event.

A member attempting to qualify must use a handicap index that is no more than three strokes higher than his or her lowest handicap index for the 12-month period prior to qualifying at any club.

A new member wishing to qualify will be required to have at least five scores at the home club before becoming eligible to compete if he/she does not have an established handicap.

New members must be a Club member at least 6 months prior or 6 months following the tournament.

All golf professionals must be employed by ClubCorp at time of event.

## Rules of Play

U.S.G.A. Rules will govern all play with the following local rules:

### Ball Placement

On the tee shot only, you may place the ball within one club length of the selected shot, but not nearer the hole. If a selected shot is played from a rough, hazard, fairway, sand bunker or fringe of the green, the ball may be placed within one club length of the selected shot, not nearer the hole, and it must remain in the rough, hazard, fairway, sand bunker or on the fringe of the green.  
(club length = 45 inches)

A teammate may stand behind a player to help determine the line.

Forecaddies on Course No. 2 only. They can read putts.

### Determining Final Winners

At the national tournament, a sudden-death playoff will be used to determine the winning team in case of ties. Each team's final round quota will be divided by 18 and rounded to the nearest tenth to determine the per hole quota. After all teams have completed the playoff hole, the team to exceed or get closer to their quota wins the playoff. Playoff will be on Course #2 at completion of tournament play, beginning with hole #18, Hole #1, #18, #1 until a winner is determined.

### Substitutes

If a team member(s) is unable to play once the national tournament has started, a player may be substituted with Tournament Committee Approval. Quota points will be refigured based on the substitute's current handicap index.

No club or staff personnel may participate in this tournament in any capacity except as club Golf Professionals or Club Representative.

Each team will qualify with a four-person team at the local level. In the event a player has to cancel at the last minute and there is not time to obtain a substitute, the team will play in the qualifier with three-people counting 2 of the 3 balls for scoring. At the national event, if a player becomes unable to participate and there is not a substitute available, the team will complete the tournament with 4 players using 3 of the 4 balls for scoring. If the club held a qualifier, and one of the winning members will not be able to attend, the substitute should be someone from the qualifying field if possible.

Plus (+) handicaps will play to actual handicap.

Golf professionals will play to zero

### Equipment

Range finders will be allowed at the national event.

All golf equipment must conform to USGA regulations.

### Tees

Men will play from regular tees, seniors (age 65 + actual handicap index =75) will play from senior tees, lady golf professionals will play from the senior tees and lady amateurs will play from ladies' tees.

USGA handicap manual Tee Ruling 3-5 will be in place during play. See Addendum.

## Penalties

Two-stroke penalty

Incorrect score on scorecards

Sharing clubs

Any dispute or doubtful point on the rules of play shall be referred to the committee, whose decision shall be final.

## Play Format

5 player teams (1 Golf Professional or Club Representative, 4 members) shamble quota. Everyone will tee off from their respective tees, the team will select the best tee shot and everyone will play their own ball from that location through the remainder of the hole. Must use 2 drives from each team player.

### Determining Team Quota

Teams will be assigned a team quota based on the attached Team Course Handicap Quota Points Table. To find your team's quota points, combine each of the four players' course handicaps from their respective tees played and find the corresponding Team Quota Points for that handicap.

Quotas will be adjusted daily based on the course you are playing that day.

Team quotas will be adjusted 50% for rounds two and three based on the previous day's score.

### Scoring

Each player records their respective score on the scorecard. The Golf Professional will convert the score to points using the table below. The best 3 of 5 points earned for that hole will become the team total.

The three days of play will be added together to determine the overall winners. The teams with the THREE HIGHEST +/- total compared to their quota each day will be the winning teams.

Points will be earned as follows:

1 point for gross bogey

2 points for gross par

3 points for gross birdie

4 points for gross eagle

6 points for gross double eagle

6 points for Hole In One

Qualifying – The team score will be the best 2 of 4 in qualifying rounds per hole.

### Approximate Yardages for Play\*

<b>Men Amateurs and Professionals</b>	6,600
<b>Senior Men Amateurs and Lady Professionals</b>	5,800
<b>Lady Amateurs</b>	5,200

\*All yardages subject to change depending on weather and course conditions.

# Home Club Qualifying – 2 of 4 Highest Points per Hole

## Team Course Handicap Quota Points Table

Combined Team Course Handicap	Team Quota Points	Combined Team Course Handicap	Team Quota Points	Combined Team Course Handicap	Team Quota Points	Combined Team Course Handicap	Team Quota Points
0	72	38	61	76	49	114	38
1	72	39	60	77	49	115	38
2	71	40	60	78	49	116	37
3	71	41	60	79	48	117	37
4	71	42	59	80	48	118	37
5	71	43	59	81	48	119	36
6	70	44	59	82	47	120	36
7	70	45	59	83	47	121	36
8	70	46	58	84	47	122	35
9	69	47	58	85	47	123	35
10	69	48	58	86	46	124	35
11	69	49	57	87	46	125	35
12	68	50	57	88	46	126	34
13	68	51	57	89	45	127	34
14	68	52	56	90	45	128	34
15	68	53	56	91	45	129	33
16	67	54	56	92	44	130	33
17	67	55	56	93	44	131	33
18	67	56	55	94	44	132	32
19	66	57	55	95	44	133	32
20	66	58	55	96	43	134	32
21	66	59	54	97	43	135	32
22	65	60	54	98	43	136	31
23	65	61	54	99	42	137	31
24	65	62	53	100	42	138	31
25	65	63	53	101	42	139	30
26	64	64	53	102	41	140	30
27	64	65	53	103	41	141	30
28	64	66	52	104	41	142	29
29	63	67	52	105	41	143	29
30	63	68	52	106	40	144	29
31	63	69	51	107	40		
32	62	70	51	108	40		
33	62	71	51	109	39		
34	62	72	50	110	39		
35	62	73	50	111	39		
36	61	74	50	112	38		
37	61	75	50	113	38		

\*\*"Plus (+) Handicap Members will play their actual handicap.

### Table Explanation Example

**Combined Team Handicap** 40  
 Multiply by .6 x .6 (adjustment for Shamble at 60% of Course Handicap)  
 Equals a team handicap of 24  
  
 Maximum Quota Points 144 (4 players x 36 points = 144)  
 Minus Team Handicap -24  
 120  
 Multiply by .5 x .5 (adjustment for 2 of 4 point totals per hole)  
**Team Quota for Round** 60 (round to nearest whole number)

# Pinehurst – 3 of 5 Highest Points per Hole

## Team Course Handicap Quota Points Table

Combined Team Course Handicap	Team Quota Points	Combined Team Course Handicap	Team Quota Points	Combined Team Course Handicap	Team Quota Points	Combined Team Course Handicap	Team Quota Points
0	108	38	94	76	81	114	67
1	108	39	94	77	80	115	67
2	107	40	94	78	80	116	66
3	107	41	93	79	80	117	66
4	107	42	93	80	79	118	66
5	106	43	93	81	79	119	65
6	106	44	92	82	78	120	65
7	105	45	92	83	78	121	64
8	105	46	91	84	78	122	64
9	105	47	91	85	77	123	64
10	104	48	91	86	77	124	63
11	104	49	90	87	77	125	63
12	104	50	90	88	76	126	63
13	103	51	90	89	76	127	62
14	103	52	89	90	76	128	62
15	103	53	89	91	75	129	62
16	102	54	89	92	75	130	61
17	102	55	88	93	75	131	61
18	102	56	88	94	74	132	60
19	101	57	87	95	74	133	60
20	101	58	87	96	73	134	60
21	100	59	87	97	73	135	59
22	100	60	86	98	73	136	59
23	100	61	86	99	72	137	59
24	99	62	86	100	72	138	58
25	99	63	85	101	72	139	58
26	99	64	85	102	71	140	58
27	98	65	85	103	71	141	57
28	98	66	84	104	71	142	57
29	98	67	84	105	70	143	57
30	97	68	84	106	70	144	56
31	97	69	83	107	69		
32	96	70	83	108	69		
33	96	71	82	109	69		
34	96	72	82	110	68		
35	95	73	82	111	68		
36	95	74	81	112	68		
37	95	75	81	113	67		

\*\* Golf Professionals will play to a 0 handicap. Plus (+) Handicap Members will play to their actual handicap.

### Table Explanation Example

Combined Team Handicap	40	
Multiply by .6	x .6	(adjustment for Shamble at 60% of Course Handicap)
Equals a team handicap of	24	
Maximum Quota Points	180	(5 players x 36 points = 180)
Minus Team Handicap	-24	
	156	
Multiply by .6	x .6	(adjustment for 3 of 5 point totals per hole)
	93.6	
Team Quota for Round	94	(round to nearest whole number)

# ADDENDUM

## USGA Handicap Manual

### Rule 3-5 Explanation

For individuals playing different tees, we will use Section 3-5 to reduce handicap vs the “base” course per USGA guidelines. This handicap will be used to determine the initial quota. (For example players 1, 2, and 3 play regular tees and each have handicap indexes that computes to 10. Player 4 plays the senior tees and his handicap is 16. The difference in the course rating is 2.0 so Player’s 4 handicap becomes 14 as he is playing different tees. These handicap values will be used to determine initial team quota per chart that is attached (In this case the total team handicap is 44 after the adjustment.)

Individuals handicaps will remain the same for all 3 rounds as per above. Quotas will still be adjusted following each round.