

2018 Alan Johnson Classic: Canyon Creek Best-Ball Match Play Challenge

Entry Fee: \$0 cash per team**

Optional Players' Pool (sweepstake): \$210 cash per team**

Entry Deadline: March 9, 2018

Cash Payouts (per team) for those in the Players' Pool: 16 Teams 32 Teams

Prize amounts if all teams are in the optional players' pool

Winner	\$1,000	\$1,450
Runner-up	700	950
Semi-finalist	300 (2 teams)	700 (2 teams)
Quarter-finalist	N/A	200 (4 teams)
Consolation Winner	400	800
Consolation Runner-up	300	600

If a team finishes "in the money" but was not in the players' pool, their money will be proportionately distributed among the other spots.

Rules:

- Each team must be composed of a player with a single digit handicap index and a player with a double digit handicap index – NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Participants must have a handicap as of 01/01/18 (e.g. players with a handicap of NH are not eligible to compete).
- No caddies at any point during the competition. While we would still like to see as many spectators as possible, caddies will not be allowed.
- This event is limited to dues paying, amateur members only (no dependents with privileges on their parent(s)' membership) that are members of the Men's Golf Association.
- The ONLY payment method this year will be via the new website www.ajclassic.com.
- Once you have selected a conforming team, make sure both partners go to the website and pay their portion of the entry fee. Once completed, please e-mail your team to register@ajclassic.com.
- Registration and payment must be received by the entry deadline of 3/09/18.
- ~~There will be a bracket drawing party on 3/10/17 at 4:00 pm for the random draw of the bracket (with keg).~~ **CANCELLED – I will have someone in the shop draw the brackets. Given the prior years' turnout, I do not feel that the draft board and keg expense are a good use of tournament funds. There will still be a keg on the day of the final matches – that one was put to good use for sure.**
- All handicaps will be based upon the 01/01/2018 handicap revision. Your handicap index can only increase 3 shots from your low handicap index from the prior 12 months to the 01/01/18 revision.

- During each match, players will receive 80% of their course handicap off of the lowest handicap in the group. For example, if Player A has a course handicap of +2 and Player B has a course handicap of 12, then Player B would receive 11 strokes from Player A on the lowest 11 handicap holes (14 strokes difference * .8 = 11.2 rounded to 11).
- You are guaranteed two matches: if you lose your first match you will be placed in the consolation bracket.
- All play will be from the white tees.
- If your match is tied after 18 holes, you must continue until the tie is broken.
- In case of an injury to a team member, they may be replaced with someone with the same index or higher (as of 01/01/18) and will receive the course handicap of the team member being replaced. The injured player may return for later matches.
- If one team member is simply unable to make it to a match by the scheduled deadline, they may be replaced by another player with the same index or higher (as of 01/01/18) and the replacement player will receive the course handicap of the team member being replaced. The team member that was replaced may not return for later matches.
- Do not wait until the deadline is near to schedule your matches. There will be no exceptions this year. If you cannot schedule your match with your opponents, the pro shop will flip a coin to determine the winner.
- You may only participate on one team.
- USGA rules will govern all play except for the following:
 - The 14 club rule will NOT be in effect for this competition (exemption to rule 4-4)
 - You may use rangefinders (exemption to rule 14-3).
 - You may listen to music (exemption to rule 14-3).
 - The One Ball Condition of Competition will NOT be adopted for this event.
- If there are any rules issues that cannot be resolved by the competing teams the golf shop will settle the dispute.
- Any other unforeseen issues will be resolved by the MGA Board.

Match deadlines (if you do not get your match completed by the dates below the tournament committee (MGA) will flip a coin to determine the winner – there will also be no refund of your entry fee) – e-mail the results of your match to results@ajclassic.com. I beg you not to inform me via text or in person. There are a lot of matches to keep track of.

- Round 1 complete by April 30th, 2018
- Round 2 complete by June 15th, 2018
- Round 3 complete by July 31st, 2018

- Round 4 complete by September 15th, 2018
- Round 5 complete by October 31st, 2018

The final matches (championship and consolation) will be completed by the dates listed above. Once the MGA has determined the availability of all participants a time and date of the two final matches will be determined. Keg(s) will be provided for spectators to cheer for (or root against) the final four teams.

**from the USGA Appendix – Policy on Gambling

Acceptable Forms of Gambling

There is no objection to informal gambling or wagering among individual golfers or teams of golfers when it is incidental to the game. It is not practicable to define informal gambling or wagering precisely, but features that would be consistent with such gambling or wagering include:

- the players in general know each other;
- participation in the gambling or wagering is optional and is limited to the players;
- the sole source of all money won by the players is advanced by the players; and
- the amount of money involved is not generally considered to be excessive.