

2014-15 Drive, Chip & Putt Procedures



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2014 Eligibility

- The 2014 Drive, Chip and Putt Championship is open to boys and girls ages 7-15. Boys and girls will compete in separate divisions in four age categories: 7-9 years old; 10-11 years old; 12-13 years old; and 14-15 years old.
- Participants will be grouped based on their age as of the championship final on Sunday, April 5, 2015. Participants must be at least 7 years of age on Sunday, April 5, 2015, and may not be older than 15 years of age on Sunday, April 5, 2015. **Please note:** a player may participate in local, sub-regional and regional qualifying if he/she is 6 years old provided that he/she turn 7 years old prior to April 5, 2015. A 15 year old who will turn 16 years of age prior to April 5, 2015 is not eligible to participate.
- All participants will be expected to show proof of age should they advance to regional qualifying. Failure to provide a birth certificate or proper form of age verification at the regional qualifier will result in that participant being ineligible to compete.



Eligibility

- Participants may register to compete in only one local competition. Competing in more than one local competition will result in the automatic disqualification of that participant.
- The guardian or parent of all participants must submit a release of liability form prior to participation.
- All competitors must conform to the [USGA Rules of Amateur Status](#). Participation in the Drive, Chip & Putt Championship will in no way affect a competitor's amateur status.
- The player's clubs and golf balls must conform with the Rules of Golf and the provisions, specifications and interpretations set forth in Appendices II (for golf clubs) and III (for golf balls).

2014 Entries

- Parents/guardians are required to complete the entry form on behalf of participants. All entry applications must be submitted online at the Drive, Chip and Putt Championship website. Entries by telephone, mail or facsimile will not be accepted. No on-site registration will be permitted.
- Only one entry may be filed by a parent/guardian per participant. The championship officials reserve the right to disqualify any player if more than one entry is submitted for that player.
- Entries will be limited to 200 participants per local qualifying site, and will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.



2014 Entries

- Should a player advance through local qualifying, the sub-regional and regional qualifying sites will be pre-determined based upon the local qualifying site. The player is not guaranteed participation in the sub-regional qualifier unless he/she advances through local qualifying. The player is not guaranteed participation in the regional qualifier unless he/she advances through local and sub-regional qualifying.
- Entry applications must be received no later than 5 P.M. EDT on the date five (5) days prior to the local qualifier.
- Late applications will be automatically rejected.
- The time limit for entries means time of receipt to the Drive, Chip and Putt website, not the time entry is transmitted to website. 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 and the Drive, Chip and Putt website will have no liability with respect to any such delay or error and the consequences therefrom, including rejection of the entry.
- There is no entry fee for the Drive, Chip and Putt Championship.



2014 Schedule of Competition

- The Drive, Chip and Putt Championship will be conducted in four stages:
 - Local qualifying – to be conducted throughout May, June and July, 2014 at 256 sites in 50 states.
 - Sub-regional qualifying – to be conducted throughout August, 2014 at 50 sites.
 - Regional qualifying – to be conducted throughout September, 2014 at 10 sites.
 - Championship final – to be conducted Sunday, April 5, 2015 at Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga.
- A complete list of 2014 local, sub-regional and regional qualifying courses and dates can be found at www.drivechipandputt.com



Local Qualifiers

- From each local qualifier, the top three overall point earners in each of the boys and girls divisions from the four age brackets will advance to the sub-regional qualifying level of the competition. Players who qualify for a sub-regional competition must compete at the location in which they are assigned.

Sub-Regional Competitions

- The sub-regional competition is a new round of the competition with no carryover from the local competition.
- From each sub-regional qualifier, the top two overall point earners in each of the boys and girls divisions from the four age brackets will advance to the regional qualifying level of the competition. Players who qualify for a regional competition must compete at the location at which they are assigned.

Regional Competition

- The regional competition is a new round of the competition with no carryover from the sub-regional competition.
- From each regional qualifier, the overall champion in each of the boys and girls divisions from the four age categories will advance to the finals to be held the Sunday before the Masters Tournament (April 5, 2015).

National Finals

- The national championship final is a new round of the competition with no carryover from the regional competition

Local Scoring / Competing

- Each participant will compete in all three skills (Drive, Chip & Putt). An individual rules sheet for each skill competition is available on the championship website.
- Participants will accumulate points in each skill. The participant with the highest number of accumulated points will be declared the Overall Champion of his or her age category.
- In the case of tie in the overall score, the putting rank will serve as the tie breaker (followed by 1) chipping and 2) driving if necessary).

2014 Local / Sub-Regional / Regional Qualifier Scoring

- All championship scoring will be based on a 25-point-per-shot basis, with each participant taking three shots per skill.
- Each participant will accumulate points per shot in all three skills (maximum of 75 points per skill = 25 points per shot x 3).
- The overall champion in each age category will be determined by the participant with the most points accumulated between all three skills (maximum of 225 points = 75 points per skill x 3).

Driving Skill

1. 40-yard wide fairway – all shots must finish in the fairway to score points.
2. Flags marking both sides of the fairway at 25-yard increments.
3. A ball coming to rest on any of the boundary lines is considered in bounds.
4. A ball coming to rest on any of the scoring lines will be scored in the longer of the two scoring grids.
5. In the event of a tie the contestant's third drive will serve as a tie breaker (followed by second and first if necessary). If a tie still exists, co-champions of the skill will be declared.

Driving Point System

All Ages & Gender

1 pts	25 yards or less	9 pts	140-150 yards	17 pts	220-230 yards
2 pts	25-50 yards	10 pts	150-160 yards	18 pts	230-240 yards
3 pts	50-75 yards	11 pts	160-170 yards	19 pts	240-250 yards
4 pts	75-100 yards	12 pts	170-180 yards	20 pts	250-260 yards
5 pts	100-110 yards	13 pts	180-190 yards	21 pts	260-270 yards
6 pts	110-120 yards	14 pts	190-200 yards	22 pts	270-280 yards
7 pts	120-130 yards	15 pts	200-210 yards	23 pts	280-290 yards
8 pts	130-140 yards	16 pts	210-220 yards	24 pts	290-300 yards
		25 pts	300+ yards		

Chipping Skill

1. Each participant will attempt three 10-15 yard shots at the scoring hole. All shots will be measured from the center of the hole with a string clearly marking the scoring rings.
2. The difficulty of the shot will increase with age (A relatively flat lie with little to no break for U9 year olds and an uneven lie with medium break to the chip for 14-15 year olds).
3. A ball coming to rest on any of the scoring lines will be scored in the higher of the two point rings.
4. In the event of a tie the contestant's third chip will serve as a tie breaker (followed by second and first if necessary). If a tie still exists co-champions of the skill will be declared.

Chipping Point System

All Ages & Gender

1. **5 points** a ball finishing 6' – 8' from the hole
2. **10 points** a ball finishing 4' – 6' from the hole
3. **15 points** a ball finishing 2' – 4' from the hole
4. **20 points** a ball finishing 2' or nearer to the hole
5. **25 points** for a Hole in One



Putting Skill

1. Each participant will attempt one putt from each distance (6 feet, 15 feet and 30 feet). Putts will be measured from the center of the hole with a string clearly marking the scoring rings.
2. The difficulty of the putts will increase with age (Relatively flat putts with little to no break for U9 year olds with putts that increase in break as we advance to the 14-15 year olds).
3. A ball coming to rest on any of the scoring lines will be scored in the higher of the two point rings.
4. In the event of a tie the contestant's third putt will serve as a tie breaker (followed by second and first if necessary). If a tie still exists co-champions of the skill will be declared.

Putting Point System

All Ages & Gender

1. **1 point** a ball finishing 4' – 5' from the hole
2. **5 points** a ball finishing 3' – 4' from the hole
3. **10 points** a ball finishing 2' – 3' from the hole
4. **15 points** a ball finishing 1' – 2' from the hole
5. **20 points** a ball finishing 1' or nearer to the hole
6. **25 points** for a Hole in One



2015 Championship Final Scoring

There will be 10 finalists in the boys division and 10 finalists in the girls division in each of the four age groups, for a total of 80 participants in the 2015 national Drive, Chip and Putt Championship final.

The overall winner of the 2015 Drive, Chip and Putt Championship in each age group/division will be determined by the highest point total received out of a possible 30 points.



Driving

- 40-yard fairway width, length from 75 yards to 325 yards.
- A ball coming to rest on any of the boundary lines is considered in bounds.
- Laser measuring devices will be used to determine accurate distances.
- Each player will have two drives to record his or her longer distance drive that remains in bounds.
- The player in each age group/division with the longest drive will receive 10 points and be declared the winner of the Driving Championship. Second longest distance will receive 9 points, all the way down to 1 point.
- In the event of a tie for first place, the winner will be determined by a playoff shot. All other ties will have points combined and split.

Chipping

- Laser measuring devices will be used to determine accurate distances.
- Each player will hit two chips and his or her cumulative distance from the hole will be recorded.
- The player in each age group/division with the closest cumulative distance from the hole will receive 10 points and be declared the winner of the Chipping Championship. Second closest cumulative distance from the hole will receive 9 points, all the way down to 1 point.
- In the event of a tie for first place, the winner will be determined by a playoff chip. All other ties will have points combined and split.

Putting

- Laser measuring devices will be used to determine accurate distances.
- Each player will attempt a 6-foot putt, a 15-foot putt, and a 30-foot putt and will record his or her cumulative distance from each hole.
- The player in each age group/division with the closest cumulative distance from the three holes combined will receive 10 points and be declared the winner of the Putting Championship. Second closest cumulative distance from the hole will receive 9 points, all the way down to 1 point.
- In the event of a tie for first place, the winner will be determined by a playoff putt from 30 feet. All other ties will have points combined and split.