



USCA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AMERICAN RULES

(Singles and Doubles)

November 5-11, 2017

Mission Hills Country Club, Rancho Mirage, CA

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Entry Deadline: October 26, 2017

**40th Anniversary
1977 – 2017**

Dear USCA Members,

This year we are pleased to hold our **40th Anniversary National American Rules Championship** at the Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho Mirage, CA. Entry into the tournament and Social Guest fee includes: Opening Reception, Toast & Tally, Courtside Awards Luncheon Saturday, and a USCA Nationals Pin. Lunches may be purchased at Mission Hills Country Club facilities located near the croquet lawns. *Please let us know if you have any special dietary needs.*

There will be two flights in Singles and Doubles. Entry is limited to 24 players in Championship Flight and 16 players in First Flight. Double-banking will be used extensively in singles and as needed in doubles. Players are responsible for finding doubles partners; cross-flighting is not allowed. To see which players might be looking for a partner, check the current entry list at: <http://www.croquetamerica.com/news/tournaments/Players.php>

First Flight entry is first-come, first-served. Championship Flight entry is per the pre-qualification guidelines in the USCA Standing Orders (see below) until **October 12 (Allocation Date)**. If Championship Flight still has space available after the Allocation Date, entry will be first-come, first-served for eligible players (handicap 3 or below). The **final entry deadline is October 26**.

Best of luck to all -- Sara Low, President, USCA

TENTATIVE EVENT SCHEDULE:

Saturday, November 4	Practice starts at 1:00 PM. Opening Reception & schedule pick-up 6:00 PM.
Sunday, November 5	Play begins 8:00 AM.
Mon-Wed, November 6-8	Play continues.
Thursday, November 9	Play continues. Toast & Tally 6:00 PM.
Friday, November 10	Play continues.
Saturday, November 11	Play continues; Awards Luncheon begins courtside 11:30 AM.

Player discounts of 50% are available to all full time students (25 years old or younger) for this **USCA** tournament. Proof of student status required.
(Use TAB to fill in form)

Name (Last, First) _____		Handicap _____	USCA Club Affiliation _____	Flight (C,1) _____
Address _____		City/State/Zip _____		
Home Phone _____	Cell Phone _____	Email _____		
Doubles Partner _____		Partner's Handicap: _____		

ENTRY FEES: (Check one box)

Singles and Doubles **\$ 395.00**

Singles Only **Doubles Only** **\$ 375.00**

STUDENT FEES:

Singles and Doubles **\$200.00**

Singles Only **Doubles Only** **\$190.00**

Birthdate: _____

Social Guest Fee \$ 185.00 x _____

Name of Social Guest(s) _____

Did you pay online at <http://www.croquetamerica.com/members/forms/>? YES NO

If no, please provide Credit Card # _____ Exp. _____ / _____
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Students- please send copy of student ID and proof of 2017 student status with entry.

Please make checks payable to:

USCA

700 Florida Mango Rd., West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Phone: (561) 478-0760, Fax: (561) 686-5507

www.croquetamerica.com • email: usca@msn.com

No refunds after October 26, 2017 - \$25 refund processing fee

To email entries or for more info - tournament@uscroquet.com

QUALIFYING DETAILS (excerpt from USCA Standing Orders):

2. The following players shall be pre-qualified for Championship Flight:

- a. The 1st-6th place singles and 1st-3rd place doubles finishers from the previous National Championship.
- b. The top six players from Championship Flight singles and the top three teams from Championship Flight doubles in each Regional Championship during the current year.
- c. National singles and doubles champions from the last 2- 5 years.
- d. Hall of Fame members (current handicap will determine which Flight).
- e. All active resident players (U.S., Canada and Bermuda) with a handicap of 0 or below (active is defined as having played in at least one USCA sanctioned tournament during the preceding 12 months).
- f. Any foreign player with a handicap of 0 or below who is a member in good standing in the USCA.
- g. In the event of over-subscription of pre-qualified players in the Championship Flight, entries will be accepted based upon the priority of the prequalification categories listed above (i.e. all applications within category 2.a shall be given preference over applications within category 2.b., etc.) and within each category by the order in which the entries are received by the USCA office.

Please sign and return the form below to the USCA office prior to the tournament.

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WAIVER AND RELEASE 2017

The undersigned, acknowledges that he/she is participating in one or more croquet tournaments and related events being held at **Mission Hills Country Club, Rancho Mirage, CA** hereinafter referred to as the "facility", and sponsored by the *United States Croquet Association, Inc.*, commonly known as the **USCA National American Rules Championship**, hereinafter referred to as the "tournament". In consideration of being allowed entry into the facility/onto the grounds and participation in the tournament, the undersigned agrees not to make any demand or commence any suit or action against the United States Croquet Association, Inc. or the facility, or any of the officers, directors, employees or members of said entities (collectively referred to as the "Releasees") for damages or any other relief in law or equity in connection with any and all claims arising out of the undersigned's presence at the facility and/or participation in events conducted during the tournament, whether attributable to the conduct of any of the Releasees or any other individual. The undersigned further understands and acknowledges that the sport of croquet has certain inherent risks of injury, including, but not limited to, stationary wickets set in the ground, mallets, croquet balls and boundary line string and the undersigned further agrees to assume any and all risk of injury in connection with his or her presence at the facility and/or participation in the tournament.

Dated: _____

Sign: _____

Print: _____