



# 112<sup>th</sup> Southern Amateur Championship

July 18-21, 2018

The Club at Olde Stone, Bowling Green, KY

Entries Open: March 12    Entries Close: May 23

Entry Fee: Exempt = \$295; Sectional Qualifying = \$175 (Includes Qualifying Round Cart/Range Fee)

Scratch Players  
WORLD AMATEUR RANKING



## ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to any male amateur golfer who has a current USGA Handicap Index® not exceeding **3.4** under the USGA Handicap System.

## ENTRIES AND ONLINE REGISTRATION

All players, including those exempt, must register online at [www.southerngolf.org](http://www.southerngolf.org). Fax, mail-in, or telephone applications are not accepted.

- To submit an entry, visit <http://www.southerngolf.org> and click on "Southern Amateur>Register".
- An application for a player who is a minor upon the date of submission, in the state in which he resides (e.g., Alabama, under the age of 18) must be submitted by a parent/guardian, and list parent/guardian's name, phone number, and email address. The parent/guardian must agree to be bound by all terms and conditions on their behalf and on behalf of the minor player.
- **All entries must be RECEIVED in the SGA office no later than 10:59pm CST on Wednesday, May 23, 2018. Entries will not be accepted after that time.**
- An entry fee in the amount of \$295.00 for exempt players or \$175.00 for non-exempt players (see "Exemptions From Sectional Qualifying" section) payable by **credit card**, must accompany the entry application. For players who successfully qualify, the SGA will charge the credit card used to register for sectional qualifying the remaining championship entry fee balance of \$120.00.
- Upon successfully completing the entry procedure, an email confirmation will be automatically generated and sent to your email address.

The SGA is not responsible for errors or delays by any internet service provider. Entries are only accepted between the open and close dates as stated above. Confirmation of acceptance is sent to players when their status is determined. Status may be checked at [www.southerngolf.org](http://www.southerngolf.org). The appropriate entry fee must be paid by each player at time of registration.

Entries are subject to rejection or withdraw at any time, including during the event, by the SGA or the host club. The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct during a stipulated round. All players must conform to the "USGA Rules of Amateur Status" as specified in *The Rules of Golf*.

## REFUND POLICY

### Sectional Qualifying

**Withdrawal:** If an accepted player withdraws before **10:59pm CST on the day prior to his respective qualifying date** for any reason, the entry fee will be refunded, subject to a \$30.00 service fee. No refunds will be made after that time.

**No Shows:** Players that fail to notify the SGA of their withdrawal and "No Show" their starting time will not receive a refund for any reason. "No Show" players may be subject to suspension from future SGA events.

**Alternates:** Full refund if player does not gain entry into the sectional qualifier.

### Championship

**Withdrawal:** If an exempt player withdraws before **10:59pm CST on Tuesday, July 17, 2018** for any reason, the entry fee of \$295.00 will be refunded, subject to a \$30.00 service fee. No refunds will be made after that time. If a sectional qualifier withdraws before **10:59pm CST on Tuesday, July 17, 2018** for any reason, the championship entry fee balance of \$120.00 will be refunded, subject to a \$30.00 service fee. No refunds will be made after that time.

**No Shows:** Players that fail to notify the SGA of their withdrawal and "No Show" their starting time will not receive a refund for any reason. "No Show" players may be subject to suspension from future SGA events.

All dates and time refer to **date and time of receipt** at the SGA office.

## SCHEDULE

Competition will be in two stages:

1. **Sectional Qualifying** - 18 holes of stroke play for non-exempt players.
2. **Championship** - 156 players, including exempt players and sectional qualifiers.

## CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

- 72 holes of stroke play. The field will be cut to the low 66 players and ties after 36 holes.
- The lowest score for 72 holes will be the Champion.
- In the event of a tie for the Championship, a “sudden-death” hole-by-hole play-off will be held immediately following play. The play-off holes and their order of play will be determined by the Committee.
- Initial groupings will be for first two rounds; the field will be cut and grouped by score after the second round for the third round; grouped by score after third round for the fourth round.

## EXEMPTIONS FROM SECTIONAL QUALIFYING

Players in the categories listed below are eligible from exemption from Sectional Qualifying in the 2018 Southern Amateur Championship. The SGA reserves the right to revise the exemption categories. Exempt players must have filed an entry and paid the entry fee by May 23, 2018. SGA will file a blank entry for any player becoming exempt after the registration deadline.

- A. Southern Amateur Champions in the last five years (2013-2017)
- B. Any player finishing in the top fifteen and ties in the 2017 Southern Amateur Championship
- C. 2017 & 2018 Southern Junior Champion
- D. Top 275 in SPWAR (Scratch Players World Amateur Rankings) as of March 12, 2018 ([www.scratchplayers.org](http://www.scratchplayers.org))
- E. Top 135 in WAGR (World Amateur Golf Ranking) as of March 12, 2018 ([www.wagr.com](http://www.wagr.com))
- F. Top 10 in Rolex AJGA Rankings as of March 12, 2018
- G. Top 3 individuals (stroke play) from each 2018 Power 5 Conference Golf Championship (ACC, SEC, Big 10, Big 12, PAC 12)
- H. Medalist from each 2018 NCAA Division I Regional Golf Championship
- I. Top 5 individuals (stroke play) from the 2018 NCAA Division I Golf Championship
- J. 2018 NCAA Division II & III Individual Champion
- K. Any player extended a Bobby Jones Invitation by the Amateur Competition Committee

## SECTIONAL QUALIFYING AND ALTERNATES

- Sectional qualifying is 18 holes of stroke play.
- The number of qualifiers' places at each site is determined by the SGA after entries close, based on the size of the field. Ties for the final qualifying position will be determined by sudden death playoff immediately following the conclusion of play. Alternates will be ordered by the scores at each qualifying site using the USGA recommended score card playoff procedure to break ties (last 9 (Holes 10-18), last 6 (Holes 13-18), last 3 (Holes 16-18), 18<sup>th</sup> hole, 1<sup>st</sup> hole, 2<sup>nd</sup> hole, etc. until the tie is broken).
- If a Sectional Qualifying location cannot fill its qualifiers' places, or if an exempt player withdraws, the open spot will be re-allotted to another qualifying site location pre-determined by the SGA.
- Qualifying site assignment is based on the date/time the SGA receives and processes each entry form. **Qualifying site assignments cannot be changed after entries close.**
- If a qualifying site is full at the time of registration, a player may opt to be placed on that site's alternate wait list or register at another qualifying site. A player may only register for one qualifying site.
- Wait list alternates and on-site alternates are ranked according to date/time an entry is received and processed. Qualifying site player information is sent after entries are accepted.
- \*Note: Qualifying sites may be cancelled due to a lack of participation.

## SECTIONAL QUALIFYING SCHEDULE

May 24	University of Texas Golf Club, Austin, Texas ( <b>entries close May 21<sup>st</sup> for this qualifier</b> )
May 31	Mountain Brook Club, Birmingham, Alabama
May 31	*Pine Hollow Golf Club, Clayton, North Carolina (Dual Qualifier with N.C. Amateur)
June 3	The Club at Savannah Harbor, Savannah, Georgia
June 7	Chenal Country Club, Little Rock, Arkansas
June 7	Country Club of Virginia (Tuckahoe Creek), Richmond, Virginia
June 11	The National Golf Course at Reynolds Lake Oconee, Greensboro, Georgia
June 11	Oakwing Golf Club, Alexandria, Louisiana
June 13	Old Waverly Golf Club, West Point, Mississippi
June 13	Bowling Green Country Club, Bowling Green, Kentucky
June 14	Lakeside Country Club, Houston, Texas
June 19	Dallas Athletic Club, Dallas, Texas
June 20	Country Club of Salisbury, Salisbury, North Carolina
June 26	Mayacoo Lakes Country Club, West Palm Beach, Florida
June 27	Colonial Country Club, Cordova, Tennessee
July 2	*Columbia Country Club, Blythewood, South Carolina (Dual Qualifier with Carolinas Amateur)

July 2 Cherokee Country Club, Knoxville, Tennessee

July 16 (On-Site) The Club at Olde Stone, Bowling Green, Kentucky

\*Dual qualifiers with the [Carolinas Golf Association](#). Must register with both organizations and pay both entry fees.

## **CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE**

### **Monday, July 16**

Tee times available for practice.

### **Tuesday, July 17**

Player Registration. Tee times available for practice.

### **Wednesday, July 18**

First round of stroke play. Hosted lunch for championship contestants.

### **Thursday, July 19**

Second round of stroke play. Hosted lunch for championship contestants.

Field cut to low 66 scores and ties.

### **Friday, July 20**

Third round of stroke play. Hosted lunch for championship contestants.

### **Saturday, July 21**

Final round of stroke play. Hosted lunch for championship contestants.

## **CART/RANGE FEES**

- *Sectional Qualifying:* Sectional qualifying cart/range fees paid by the SGA and included in the entry fee. Competitors have the option to either walk or use a golf cart during qualifying rounds (Greensboro, West Point, and Cordova qualifying sites are mandatory carts). Cart rental is mandatory for practice rounds payable at the host club.
- *Championship Site:* Championship site practice and championship round range fees paid by the SGA.

## **HOSTED LUNCH**

- Hosted lunch is provided by the SGA to championship contestants each day of the championship.

## **TRANSPORTATION; PUSH/PULL CARTS**

- Competitors and caddies must walk during championship rounds. Optional condition prescribed in Appendix I of *The Rules of Golf* will be in effect. See "Golf Cart Requests" section below for disabled golf cart requests.
- Push/Pull carts are allowed.

## **CADDIES; SPECTATORS; GOLF CART REQUESTS**

- *Caddies:* Caddies are allowed for sectional qualifying and championship rounds. Caddies will not be available at host club.
- *Sectional Qualifying Caddie/Spectator Cart Policy:* During the play of a hole, either the player or his caddie may ride in a golf cart but not both at the same time. Spectators are not allowed to ride in a player's golf cart at any time.
- Caddies are required to wear an SGA issued caddie bib at the championship proper. Bibs will be available at the designated starting tee and must be returned to the SGA at the conclusion of each round.
- *Spectators:* SGA welcomes spectators at our championships. For your safety, we request that spectators walk near the cart path at all times.
- *Disabled Golf Cart Policy:* In consistency with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), SGA will grant an individual with a bona fide disability a golf cart if the following conditions are met:
  1. Requesting individual completes and submits a [Disabled Golf Cart Request Form](#) by the close of entries;
  2. Host club has a golf cart available;
  3. Requesting individual pays host club the appropriate cart fee;
  4. Requesting individual presents to the SGA staff or SGA representative a handicap card issued by a government agency.

## **PRIZES**

- *Sectional Qualifying:* Lowest Score at each qualifying site: Silver medal. If a tie, duplicate medals will be awarded.
- *Championship:* An award will be presented to the three lowest scores after 72 holes. Champion will have his name engraved on the *George W. Adair Trophy*, which is enshrined in the Bob Jones Room of the Atlanta Athletic Club, Atlanta, Georgia.

## **EXEMPTIONS EARNED**

- Champion receives a five year exemption in the Southern Amateur Championship (2019-2023).
- Players finishing in the top 15 (and ties) receive an exemption into the 2019 Southern Amateur Championship.

### **RULES OF GOLF**

USGA Rules of Golf govern play. Questions will be decided by the on-site Rules Committee whose decision will be final. Notice to Players and Conditions of Competition are posted at host club and distributed at the starting tee(s). The SGA reserves the right to alter the conditions or schedules as stated, including alteration of the stipulated round(s) at any time during the championship including sectional qualifying.

### **CLOSE OF COMPETITION**

The competition is closed when the championship trophy has been presented.

### **SPECIAL REQUESTS**

Special requests for starting times or pairings may not be granted.

### **CONDITIONS AGREEMENT**

- I certify that all the information given in my entry is factual.
- I agree that the Southern Golf Association has the right to reject, or withdraw, my entry at any time.
- I am an amateur golfer and I understand the "Rules of Amateur Status" as established by the United States Golf Association.
- I hereby grant permission to the Southern Golf Association rights to use my name, image, likeness and sound of my voice as recorded on audio or video devices without payment or any other consideration. I understand that my image may be edited, copied, exhibited, published or distributed and waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product wherein my likeness appears. Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of my image or recording.
- I assume full responsibility for all my acts, whether they are negligent or otherwise, and hold harmless the Southern Golf Association, its committee members, officers, board of directors, staff, and host club from any and all liability for any event or consequence relating to entry or participation in this event.