



# 36<sup>th</sup> Alabama State Mid-Amateur Championship

September 13-15, 2024

Indian Hills Country Club, Tuscaloosa, AL

Entries Open: July 22

Entries Close: September 3

Entry Fee: \$295 (Includes Championship Cart/Range Fees)



## ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to any male amateur golfer who is a legal resident of Alabama, has an active GHIN® USGA Handicap Index® at an AGA member club that does not exceed 6.9 and is 25 years of age as of September 13, 2024.

Entries are subject to rejection or withdraw at any time, including during the event, by the AGA or the host club. The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct or cell phone use during a stipulated round. All players must conform to the "USGA Rules of Amateur Status" as specified in "The Rules of Golf". For complete residency and eligibility requirements, refer to the [AGA Tournament Manual](#).

## ENTRIES AND ONLINE REGISTRATION

All players, including those exempt, must register online at [www.alabamagolf.org](http://www.alabamagolf.org). Fax, mail-in, or telephone applications are not accepted. Championship field size is 132 players. Exempt players are accepted at time of registration (See "Exemptions" on page 3). Non-exempt players will be accepted after close of entries to fill the championship field. If the championship field is oversubscribed, field will be determined by player ranking, past performance, and Handicap Index as of September 3, 2024. Players not gaining entry will be placed on the alternate wait list. Wait list alternates are ranked in the same way as the field. The AGA reserves the right to conduct a sectional qualifying round to determine the final field and alternate order.

- To submit an entry, go to <https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/4400187> and click on register now.
- **All entries must be RECEIVED in the AGA office no later than 11:59pm, Tuesday, September 3, 2024. No entries will be accepted after that time.**
- An entry fee in the amount of \$295.00, payable by **credit card**, must accompany the entry application, \$5.00 of which will be donated to the Alabama Turfgrass Research Foundation.
- Upon successfully completing the entry procedure, an email confirmation will be automatically generated and sent to you at the email address you designate.

The AGA 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.alabamagolf.org](http://www.alabamagolf.org). The appropriate entry fee must be paid by each player at time of registration.

## REFUND POLICY

**Withdrawal:** If an accepted player withdraws for any reason before the close of registration at **11:59pm on Tuesday, September 3, 2024**, the entry fee will be refunded, subject to a \$30.00 service fee. If an accepted player withdraws for any reason after the close of registration and before **11:59pm on Wednesday, September 11, 2024**, 75% of the entry fee will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after that time.

**No Shows:** Players that fail to notify the AGA 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 AGA events.

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

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

## CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

- 54 holes of gross individual stroke play.
- The field will be cut to the low 60 players and ties after 36 holes.
- The lowest score for 54 holes will be the Champion.
- In the event of a tie for the Championship, a 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 two days; the field will be cut and re-paired by score after the second round.

## CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

**Thursday, September 12**

Tee times available for practice.

**Friday, September 13**

First round of individual stroke play.

#### **Saturday, September 14**

Second round of individual stroke play.

Field cut to low 60 players and ties.

#### **Sunday, September 15**

Final round of individual stroke play.

#### **CART/RANGE FEES**

- *Practice Rounds:* Cart/range fees are not included in the entry fee. Cart rental is mandatory for practice rounds payable at the host club.
- *Championship Site:* Championship site cart/range fees are paid by the AGA and included in the entry fee. Competitors have the option to either walk or use a golf cart during championship rounds.

#### **CADDIES**

- *Caddies:* Caddies are allowed for championship rounds. Caddies will not be available at host club.
- *Caddie 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.
- Caddies are required to wear an AGA issued caddie bib at the championship proper.

#### **SPECTATORS**

- *Spectator Golf Cart Policy:* Due to the limited number of available golf carts, spectator carts may not be available during the championship.
- *Disability Golf Cart Policy:* In consistency with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), AGA will grant an individual with a bona fide disability a golf cart if the following conditions are met:
  - Requesting individual completes and submits a [Disabled Golf Cart Request Form](#) by the close of entries date;
  - Host club has a golf cart available;
  - Requesting individual pays host club the appropriate fee;
  - Requesting individual presents to the AGA staff or AGA representative a disability card issued by a government agency.
- Spectators are not allowed to ride in a player's golf cart at any time. Non-club owned spectator carts are not allowed except as provided in the [AGA Tournament Manual](#).

#### **PRIZES**

Awards will be presented to the top three finishers. Merchandise prizes are awarded to the top finishers. Champion will have his name engraved on the *Elbert S. Jemison Jr. Trophy*.

#### **EXEMPTIONS EARNED**

- Champion receives a 5 year exemption into the Alabama State Amateur Championship and the Alabama State Match Play Championship (2025-2029).
- Players finishing in the Top 10 (and ties) will receive an exemption into the 2025 Alabama State Amateur Championship.
- Players finishing in the Top 8 (and ties) will receive an exemption into the 2025 Alabama State Match Play Championship.

#### **RULES OF GOLF; CLOSE OF COMPETITION; SPECIAL REQUESTS**

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 local rules are posted at host club and distributed at the starting tee(s). The AGA reserves the right to alter the conditions or schedules as stated, including alteration of the stipulated round(s) at any time during the championship. The competition is closed when the championship trophy has been presented. Special requests for starting times or pairings may not be granted.

#### **EXEMPTIONS**

Players in the categories listed below are exempt into the 2024 Alabama State Mid-Amateur Championship. The AGA reserves the right to revise any of the exemption categories. Exempt players who wish to participate in the Championship must file an entry by September 3, except those players for whom blank entries are filed as noted below. Exempt players must meet all the eligibility requirements set forth in Eligibility Section.

##### **1. Winners of the AGA State Mid-Amateur last ten years:**

2023-Conner Elder	2022-Haymes Snedeker	2021-Tyler Hitchner/Will McCurdy	2020-Robby Prater
2019-Vic Kyatt III	2018-Stewart Whitt	2017-Stewart Whitt	2016-Clay Guerin
2015-Jeff Taylor	2014-Vic Kyatt III		

2. Winners of the AGA State Amateur Championship last ten years:

2017-Taylor Eyster

3. Winner of the 2024 AGA State Senior Championship:

Shaw Pritchett

4. From the 2023 AGA State Mid-Amateur Championship, anyone posting a 54-hole score:

Conner Elder	Hunter Hawkins	Blake Kelley	Chris Hummel	Trent Alexander
Daniel Burns	Daniel Keddie	Alex Balog	Will McCurdy	Wil Clowdus
Woodie Eubanks	Ben Reeves	Aaron Jackson	Gary Wiggington	Chase Kennedy
Wes Carter	Tanner Roberts	Clay Guerin	Shaw Pritchett	Hays Moreland
Will Swift	Jackson King	Nick Davis	Justin Graveman	Justin Matte
Thomas Jean	Seth Dodd	Blair Hamm	Matt Johnson	Michael Garretson
Dane Moore	Freeman Fite	Corey Ray	Victor Kyatt	Scott Weaver
Blaise Wilson	Ivan Truss	Kennon McArthur	Eric Howle	Patrick Gordon
Jake Nolen	Dustin Travis	Will Thompson	Andrew Gladden	Brennan Clay
William Catanzaro	Charles Noto	Chandler Richards	Layton Bussey	Jabo Moore
Preston Toulaiatos	Phillip Provost	Cory Gilmer	Ty Cole	Sam Audia
Cade Oliver	Jonathan Nelson	Levi Shelton	Jeremy Seamon	James Mitchell
Chris Cook				

5. From the 2024 AGA State Amateur Championship, anyone posting a 72-hole score:

Hunter Hawkins	Sylas Elliot	Christopher Devlin	Jackson King	Stewart Whitt
Daniel Keddie	Blake Kelley	Blair Hamm	Conner Elder	Eric Howle
Woodie Eubanks	Jake Nolen	Will Swift	Bradley Funderburk	Blaise Wilson
Tyler Hitchner	Alex Mahlik	Lance Goodson	Tobin Ayers	Clay Guerin
Taylor Rinks				

6. From the 2024 AGA State Match Play Championship, those players who advanced to the Round of 16:

7. From the 2024 AGA State Senior Match Play Championship, those players who advanced to the Quarterfinals:

8. From the 2024 Alabama Open, amateurs finishing among the top 30 overall:

9. Any player who qualified for either the 2024 USGA Open Championship Sectional Qualifying or 2024 USGA Senior Open Championship:

Scott Cornette

10. Any player who qualified for the 2024 USGA Amateur Championship, the 2024 USGA Mid-Amateur Championship or 2024 USGA Senior Amateur Championship:

11. Any player who qualified for the 2024 USGA Amateur Four-Ball Championship:

Mac Scott	Wesley Pate	Clint Provost	Andrew Gladden
-----------	-------------	---------------	----------------

12. Any player who ranks within the top 50 point leaders and anyone tying for 50<sup>th</sup> place of the Alabama Men's Amateur Rankings as of July 22, 2024:

Hunter Hawkins	Daniel Burns	Blake Watts	Chris Devlin	Conner Elder
Alex Balog	Blake Kelley	Will McCurdy	Trent Alexander	Blair Hamm
Chris Hummel	Clint Provost	Wesley Pate	Wil Clowdus	Stewart Whitt
Blaise Wilson	Daniel Keddie	Michael Garretson	Woodie Eubanks	

13. The 2023 Alabama Men's Player of the Year:

14. The 2023 Alabama Senior Men's Player of the Year:

Shaw Pritchett

15. One exemption for Championship Host Club

16. Special exemptions bestowed by the AGA