

108th Alabama State Amateur Championship

June 5-8, 2024

Shoal Creek Club, Shoal Creek, AL

Entries Open: March 4

Entries Close: May 9



Entry Fee: \$325 Exempt (\$125 Qualifying) (Includes Qualifying/Championship Cart/Range Fees)

ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to any male amateur golfer who is a legal resident of Alabama, and has an active GHIN® USGA Handicap Index® at an AGA member club that does not exceed 5.9.

College Student Eligibility: A college student is considered a resident of their parent(s)/guardian(s) "Legal Residency Criteria" as stated in the [AGA Tournament Manual](#) unless said student (a) has no dependency on his/her parents; and (b) lives full time in Alabama.

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 (see "Exemptions from Qualifying" on page 4), must register online at www.alabamagolf.org. Fax, mail-in, or telephone applications are not accepted.

- To submit an entry, go to <https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/4397999> and click on "Register now".
- **Entries for all qualifiers (and exempt players) must be RECEIVED in the AGA office no later than 11:59pm, Thursday, May 9, 2024. No entries will be accepted after that time.**
- An entry fee in the amount of \$325.00 for exempt players or \$125.00 for non-exempt players (see exemption list at bottom of entry form) payable by **credit card**, must accompany the entry application. For players who successfully qualify, the AGA will charge the credit card used to register for qualifying the remaining championship balance of \$200.00. \$5.00 from each exempt player and successful qualifier entry fee 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. The appropriate entry fee must be paid by each player at time of registration.

REFUND POLICY

QUALIFYING

Withdrawal (All qualifiers and exempt players): If an accepted player withdraws for any reason before the close of registration at **11:59pm on Thursday, May 9, 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 the deadlines listed below for any reason, 75% of the entry fee will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after the deadlines listed below.

- Birmingham Qualifier - **11:59pm on Tuesday, May 14, 2024**
- Oneonta Qualifier - **11:59pm on Saturday, May 18, 2024**
- Athens Qualifier - **11:59pm on Sunday, May 19, 2024**
- Mobile Qualifier - **11:59pm on Monday, May 20, 2024**
- Prattville Qualifier - **11:59pm on Sunday, May 26, 2024**

CHAMPIONSHIP

Successful Qualifier Withdrawal: If a successful qualifier withdraws for any reason after paying his remaining championship balance of \$200 and before **11:59pm on Monday, June 3, 2024**, 75% of the remaining championship balance will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after that time.

Exempt Player Withdrawal: If an exempt player withdraws for any reason before the close of registration at **11:59pm on Thursday, May 9, 2024**, the entry fee will be refunded, subject to a \$30.00 service fee. If an exempt player withdraws for any reason after the close of registration and before **11:59pm on Monday, June 3, 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.

SCHEDULE

Competition will be in two stages:

1. **Qualifying** - 18 holes individual stroke play for non-exempt players.
2. **Championship** - 156 players, including exempt players, will advance to the Championship. 72 holes individual stroke play.

QUALIFYING AND ALTERNATES

- Qualifying is 18 holes of stroke play.
- The number of qualifiers' places at each site is determined by the AGA after entries close, based on the size of the field. All ties for the final qualifying position qualify for the championship. Alternates for qualifiers unable to compete in the Championship will be ordered by the qualifying scores at each site using the USGA recommended score card playoff procedure to break ties.
- If a Qualifying location cannot fill its qualifiers' places, or if an exempt player withdraws, the place made available will be re-allotted to another location. A re-allotment schedule will be prearranged by the AGA.
- Qualifying assignment is based on the date/time the AGA 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.

QUALIFYING SCHEDULE

May 16 - Riverchase Country Club, Birmingham (limited to first 84 players) (Mandatory carts, no caddies at this site)

May 20 - Limestone Springs, Oneonta (limited to first 84 players) (Mandatory carts, no caddies at this site)

May 21 - Canebrake Club, Athens (limited to first 84 players) (Mandatory carts, no caddies at this site)

May 22 - Azalea City Golf Course, Mobile (limited to first 84 players)

May 28 - RTJ @ Capitol Hill (Senator), Prattville (limited to first 84 players) (Mandatory carts, no caddies at this site)

CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

- The field will be cut to the low 60 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 hole-by-hole play-off will be held immediately following play. The play-off holes and 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

Tuesday, June 4

Tee times available for practice.

Wednesday, June 5

First round of individual stroke play.

Thursday, June 6

Second round of individual stroke play.

Field cut to low 60 scores and ties.

Friday, June 7

Third round of individual stroke play.

Saturday, June 8

Final round of individual stroke play.

CART/RANGE FEES; GOLF CARTS (CHAMPIONSHIP WILL BE WALKING ONLY)

- *Qualifying Site:* Qualifying site cart/range fees paid by the AGA and are included in the entry fee. All qualifying sites except for the Mobile qualifier at Azalea City will be mandatory carts. Cart rental is mandatory for practice rounds.
- *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 paid by the AGA and are included in the entry fee. The championship will be walking only.

CADDIES

- *Caddies:* Caddies will not be allowed during qualifying except at the Mobile qualifier. Caddies will be allowed at the Championship.
- Caddies are required to wear an AGA issued caddie bib at the championship.

SPECTATORS

- *Spectator Golf Cart Policy:* Due to the limited number of available golf carts, spectator carts will not be available during the championship.
- *Disability Golf Cart Policy:* Due to the limited number of available golf carts, disability carts will not be available during the Championship.
- Non-club owned spectator carts are not allowed except as provided in the [AGA Tournament Manual](#).

PRIZES

- *Qualifying Rounds:* Lowest Scorer for 18 Holes in each location: Silver medal; if a tie, duplicate medals will be awarded.
- *Championship:* Awards will be presented to the top three finishers. Merchandise prizes are awarded to top finishers. Champion will have his name engraved on the *Sam Perry Trophy*.
- Prizes in AGA amateur championships comply with USGA Rules of Amateur Status (see USGA Rules of Golf).
- High School or collegiate players should check with their institution compliance department regarding High School or NCAA regulations relating to accepting prizes or merchandise.

EXEMPTIONS EARNED

- Champion receives an exemption into the 2024 U.S. Amateur Championship, August 12-18, 2024 at Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minnesota.
- Champion receives an exemption into the 2025 U.S. Amateur Championship Final Qualifying.
- Champion receives a lifetime exemption into the Alabama Men's State Amateur Championship.
- Champion receives 10 year exemption into the Alabama State Match Play Championship (2024-2033).
- Champion receives 10 year exemption into the Alabama State Mid-Amateur Championship (2024-2033) (must be 25 years of age or older by first day of Championship).
- The Top 3 Finishers will receive an exemption into the 2025 U.S. Amateur Championship Final Qualifying.
- Players finishing in the top 40 (and ties) will receive exemptions into the 2025 Alabama Men's State Amateur Championship and 2024 Alabama State Mid-Amateur Championship (must be 25 years of age or older by first day of Championship).
- Players finishing in the top 16 (and ties) will receive an exemption into the 2024 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 including sectional qualifying. The competition is closed when the championship trophy has been presented. Special requests for starting times or pairings may not be granted.

EXEMPTIONS FROM QUALIFYING

Players in the following categories will be eligible for exemption in the 2024 Championship only. 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 May 9, 2024 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. All former winners of the AGA State Amateur Championship:

2023-Tyler Watts	2021-Gordon Sargent	2020-Gordon Sargent	
2019-Jack Goldasich	2017-Taylor Eyster	2012-Andy McRae	2006-Ben Moody
2002, 2005-Will Swift	2004-Lance Goodson Jr.	1997-Richard Jeffers	1998-Scott Weatherly
1989-John Wright			

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

2023-Will Patrick	2022-Jack Goldasich	2021-Matthew Myers	2019-Ethan Hagood
2017-Matt Gourgeot	2014-Tyler Hitchner		

3. Winners of the AGA State Mid-Amateur last five years:

- 2023-Connor Elder 2022-Haymes Snedeker 2021-Tyler Hitchner/Will McCurdy 2020-Robby Prater
2019-Vic Kyatt
4. Winner of the 2023 AGA Boys State Junior Championship:
Michael Crocker
5. Winners of the AGA State Senior Championship last three years:
2024-TBD 2023-Shaw Pritchett 2022-Robert Nelson
(NOTE: Blank entry will be filed by the AGA for player who becomes exempt after close of entries.)
6. Winners of the AGA State Four-Ball Championship last five years:
2024-TBD 2023-Blake Watts/Will McCurdy 2022-Clay Guerin/James Salter
2021-Alex Balog/Daniel Burns 2020- Tim Harwick
(NOTE: Blank entry will be filed by the AGA for player who becomes exempt after close of entries.)
7. Winner of the 2023 AGA State Senior Match Play Championship:
Shaw Pritchett
8. From the 2023 AGA State Amateur Championship, any player that posted a 72-hole score:
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| Tyler Watts | Carter Goodwin | Ryley Heath | Josiah Gilbert | Trip Duke |
| Max Johnson | George Burch | Blake Watts | Jones Free | John Snoddy |
| JP Cave | Michael Crocker | Brantley Scott | Haymes Snedeker | Trey Rouse |
| Conner Elder | Daniel Burns | Will McFadden | Cole Imig | Thomas Crane |
| Price Brown | Ryan Eshleman | Blair Hamm | William Stelt | Ken Goforth |
| Will McCurdy | Jordan Plunkett | Wil Clowdus | Tanner Guthrie | Vincent Cave |
| Harrison Sims | Sam Audia | Charles Warren | Garrison Guthrie | Jonathan Peters |
| Austin Hynson | Clay Guerin | Hal Dove | Jack Goldasich | Trent Trousdale |
| Trent Alexander | Shaw Pritchett | Matt Ritchie | Jackson King | James Mitchell |
| Tom Fischer | Robert Nelson | Cole Komyati | Matthew Streitman | Will Patrick |
| Colton Boyce | John Gaal | Trip Smalley | Tobin Ayers | Billy Andrews |
| Arrington Mooney | Dawson Farni | Gary Glassman | Zackery Coker | Tyden Steele |
| Hayden Carner | Gavin Isbell | Brinson Holder | Parker Moellinger | Eric Howle |
| Prather Reaves | | | | |
9. From the 2023 AGA State Match Play Championship, those players who advanced to the Quarterfinals:
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| Tanner Guthrie | Daniel Burns | Jack Lawson | Trace Bracknell | Ken Goforth |
| Alex Balog | Will Patrick | Elad Sebbag | | |
10. From the 2023 AGA State Mid-Amateur, the 10 lowest scores and anyone tying for 10th place:
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| Connor Elder | Hunter Hawkins | Blake Kelley | Chris Hummel | Trent Alexander |
| Daniel Burns | Daniel Keddie | Alex Balog | Will McCurdy | Wil Clowdus |
| Woodie Eubanks | | | | |
11. From the 2023 AGA Boys State Junior, the 3 lowest scores and anyone tying for 3rd place:
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| Michael Crocker | Andrew Hinson | Trip Duke |
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12. From the 2023 Alabama Open, amateurs finishing among the top 5 overall:
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| John Bruce | Josiah Gilbert |
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13. Any player who played in either the 2023 USGA Open Sectional Qualifying or 2023 USGA Senior Open Championship:
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| Gordon Sargent | Bradley Funderburk | Scott Cornette |
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14. Any player who played in the 2023 USGA Amateur, Mid-Amateur, Senior or Junior Championships:
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| Gordon Sargent | Chris Devlin | Thomas Ponder | Trent Alexander | |
| Will Patrick | Chase Kyes | Blair Hamm | Hunter Hamrick | Jon Ed Steed |
| Blake Watts | Will McCurdy | Stewart Whitt | Tyler Watts | Steve Hudson |
| Emile Vaughan | Stewart Alexander | | | |
15. Any player who played in the 2024 USGA Amateur Four-Ball Championship:
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| Mac Scott | Wesley Pate | Clint Provost |
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16. The 2023 Alabama Men’s Player of the Year:
17. The 2023 Alabama Senior Men’s Player of the Year:
Shaw Pritchett
18. The 2023 Alabama Junior Boys Player of the Year:
Tyler Watts
19. Any player who ranks within the top 25 point leaders and anyone tying for 25th place of the Alabama Men’s Amateur Rankings as of March 1, 2024:
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|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Gordon Sargent | Thomas Ponder | Tyler Watts | Blake Watts | Will Patrick |
| Ryley Heath | Daniel Burns | Carter Goodwin | Josiah Gilbert | Conner Elder |
| Jack Lawson | Will McCurdy | Hunter Hawkins | Chris Devlin | Kem Goforth |
| Hunter Battles | Alex Balog | George Burch | Jones Free | Trip Duke |
| Blair Hamm | Ford Goldasich | Trent Alexander | Max Johnson | |
20. Any player who ranks within the top 10 point leaders and anyone tying for 10th place of the Alabama Junior Boys Rankings as of

March 1, 2024:

Tyler Watts

Andrew Hinson

Chase Kyes

Jon Ed Steed

Michael Crocker

Jackson Skinner

Trip Duke

Jonathan Peters

Bailey Sutter

Mason Crowder

21. Players ranked within the Top 5000 of the World Amateur Golf Rankings (WAGR) as of date of entry.

22. One exemption for Championship Host Club.

23. Special exemptions as selected by the AGA.