

109th Alabama State Amateur Championship

June 4-7 2025

RTJ Capitol Hill, Prattville, AL



Entries Open: March 3

Entries Close: May 1 (Scottsboro Qualifier)
May 13 (All other qualifiers and exempt players)

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 the Scottsboro qualifier must be RECEIVED in the AGA office no later than 11:59pm, Thursday, May 1, 2025. No entries for the Scottsboro qualifier will be accepted after that time.**
- **Entries for all other qualifiers (and exempt players) must be RECEIVED in the AGA office no later than 11:59pm, Tuesday, May 13, 2025. 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 (Scottsboro Qualifier): If an accepted player withdraws for any reason before the close of registration at **11:59pm on Thursday, May 1, 2025**, the entry fee will be refunded, subject to a \$30.00 service fee.

Withdrawal (All other qualifiers and exempt players): If an accepted player withdraws for any reason before the close of registration at **11:59pm on Tuesday, May 13, 2025**, 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.

- Scottsboro Qualifier - **11:59pm on Saturday, May 3, 2025**
- Jasper Qualifier - **11:59pm on Monday, May 17, 2025**
- Mobile Qualifier - **11:59pm on Monday, May 17, 2025**
- Birmingham Qualifier - **11:59pm on Tuesday, May 20, 2025**
- Prattville Qualifier - **11:59pm on Sunday, May 25, 2025**

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 2, 2025**, 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 Tuesday, May 13, 2025**, 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 2, 2025**, 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 5 - Goose Pond Colony Resort, Scottsboro (limited to first 84 players) (Mandatory carts, no caddies at this site)

May 19 - Musgrove Country Club, Jasper (limited to first 84 players) (Mandatory carts, no caddies at this site)

May 21 - Azalea City Golf Course, Mobile (limited to first 84 players) (Mandatory carts, no caddies at this site)

May 22 - Riverchase Country Club, Birmingham (limited to first 84 players) (Mandatory carts, no caddies at this site)

May 27 - 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 3

Tee times available for practice.

Wednesday, June 4

First round of individual stroke play.

Thursday, June 5

Second round of individual stroke play.

Field cut to low 60 scores and ties.

Friday, June 6

Third round of individual stroke play.

Saturday, June 7

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 will be mandatory carts.** Cart rental is mandatory for practice rounds.
- *Qualifying Site 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.**
- *Championship Site Practice Rounds:* Cart/range fees are not included in the entry fee. Cart rental is mandatory for practice rounds payable at the host club.

CADDIES

- *Caddies:* **Caddies will not be allowed during qualifying.** 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 2025 U.S. Amateur Championship, August 11-17, 2025 at The Olympic Club in San Francisco, CA.
- Champion receives an exemption into the 2026 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 (2025-2034).
- Champion receives 10 year exemption into the Alabama State Mid-Amateur Championship (2025-2034) (must be 25 years of age or older by first day of Championship).
- The Top 5 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 2026 Alabama Men's State Amateur Championship and 2025 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 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 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 2025 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 13, 2025 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:

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| 2024-Tom Fischer | 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:
2024-Nick Robillard 2023-Will Patrick 2022-Jack Goldasich 2021-Matthew Myers
2019-Ethan Hagood 2017-Matt Gourgeot
- 3.** Winners of the AGA State Mid-Amateur last five years:
2024-Ben Reeves 2023-Connor Elder
2022-Haymes Snedeker 2021-Tyler Hitchner/Will McCurdy 2020-Robby Prater
- 4.** Winner of the 2024 AGA Boys State Junior Championship:
Bailey Sutter
- 5.** Winners of the AGA State Senior Championship last three years:
2025-TBD 2024-Shaw Pritchett 2023-Shaw Pritchett
(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:
2025-TBD 2024-Tyler Watts/Barak Erwin 2023-Blake Watts/Will McCurdy 2022-Clay
Guerin/James Salter 2021-Alex Balog/Daniel Burns
(NOTE: Blank entry will be filed by the AGA for player who becomes exempt after close of entries.)
- 7.** Winner of the 2024 AGA State Senior Match Play Championship:
Chris Hummel
- 8.** From the 2024 AGA State Amateur Championship, the 40 lowest scores and anyone tying for 40th place:
Tom Fischer Josiah Gilbert Hal Dove Tyler Watts Hunter Hawkins
Bailey Sutter Jackson Mitchell Max Johnson Jon Ed Steed Ken Goforth
Austin Coggin Morgan Slaton Brantley Scott Mac Scott Jake Springer
Ryan Eshleman Ward Harris Phillip Darst Jordan Plunkett Sylas Elliot
Christopher Devlin Eric Boutwell John Snoddy Casey O'Toole Ethan Hagood
Chase Kyes JP Cave Trip Dile Will Patrick Trace Bracknell
Jackson King Stewart Whitt Cole Komyati Cole Imig Elad Sebbag
Daniel Keddie Pierce Becker Blake Kelley
- 9.** From the 2024 AGA State Match Play Championship, those players who advanced to the Quarterfinals:
Ward Harris Nick Robillard Will Patrick Trey Rouse
Jackson Mitchell Blake Watts Ty Cole Blaise Wilson
- 10.** From the 2024 AGA State Mid-Amateur, the 10 lowest scores and anyone tying for 10th place:
Ben Reeves Hunter Hawkins Haymes Snedeker Matt Johnson Shaw Pritchett
Stewart Whitt Blaise Wilson John Snoddy Bradley Funderburk Blake Kelley
- 11.** From the 2024 AGA Boys State Junior, the 3 lowest scores and anyone tying for 3rd place:
Bailey Sutter Gus Darnall Thomas Crane
- 12.** From the 2024 Alabama Open, amateurs finishing among the top 5 overall:
- 13.** Any player who played in either the 2024 USGA Open Sectional Qualifying or 2024 USGA Senior Open Championship:
Gordon Sargent Ward Harris Scott Cornette
- 14.** Any player who played in the 2024 USGA Amateur, Mid-Amateur, Senior or Junior Championships:
Tom Fischer Josiah Gilbert Gordon Sargent Tyler Watts Will McCurdy
Ben Reeves Joel Alexander Aaron Jackson John Tyner Hunter Hawkins
Bailey Sutter Chase Kyes Robert Nelson Mike Arasin Voyed Couey
- 15.** Any player who played in the 2025 USGA Amateur Four-Ball Championship:
Joel Alexander Will McCurdy Blake Watts Jake Nolen Mason Seaborn
Conner Pratt Andrew Gladden
- 16.** The 2024 Alabama Men's Player of the Year:
- 17.** The 2024 Alabama Senior Men's Player of the Year:
Robert Nelson
- 18.** The 2024 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, 2025:
- 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, 2025:
- 21.** Players with a ranking in 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.