



5th Alabama State 13 & Under Junior Championships

July 24-25, 2024

Bent Brook Golf Course, Bessemer, AL

Entries Open: May 20

Entries Close: July 9

Entry Fee: \$180 (6-8 Age Division: \$90)

ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to any male or female amateur golfer who is a legal resident of Alabama, has an active GHIN® USGA Handicap Index® at an AGA member club and qualifies under the following age requirements:

- **12-13 Age Division:** Must have reached 12th birthday, but not 14th birthday, on or before July 24, 2024.
- **9-11 Age Division:** Must have reached 9th birthday, but not 12th birthday, on or before July 24, 2024.
- **6-8 Age Division:** Must have reached 6th birthday, but not 9th birthday, on or before July 24, 2024.

Note: Entrant can apply for an exemption into an older age division by contacting Jeremy Gardner, Director of Junior Golf at jeremy@alabamagolf.org.

Entries are subject to rejection or withdrawal at any time, including during the event, by the AGA or the host club. The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct during a 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

Entry is limited to the first **84** players. If the championship is full at the time of registration, a player may opt to be placed on the alternate wait list. Wait list alternates are ranked according to date/time an entry is received and processed.

- Boys 12-13 Age Division – 27 players
- Boys 9-11 Age Division – 15 players
- Boys 6-8 Age Division – 9 players
- Girls 12-13 Age Division – 18 players
- Girls 9-11 Age Division – 9 players
- Girls 6-8 Age Division – 6 players

All players must register online at www.alabamagolf.org. Fax, mail-in, or telephone applications are not accepted.

- To submit an entry, go to and click on register <https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/4433809>
- **All entries must be RECEIVED in the AGA office no later than 11:59pm, Tuesday, July 9, 2024. No entries will be accepted after that time.**
- An entry fee in the amount of \$180.00 (\$90.00 for 6-8 Division), 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. The appropriate entry fee must be paid by each player at time of registration.

Please be advised that all online entry applications for players who are minors, upon date of submission, in the state in which they reside (e.g. Alabama, under the age of 18) must be submitted by a parent/guardian, must list the parent/guardian's name, phone number, and e-mail address. The parent/guardian agrees to be bound by all the terms and conditions on their own behalf and on behalf of the minor player. The AGA reserves the right to require submission of an original signature of the parent/guardian in a confirmation copy of the application upon notification by the AGA to the parent/guardian.

REFUND POLICY

Withdrawal: If an accepted player withdraws for any reason before the close of registration at **11:59pm on Tuesday, July 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 **11:59pm on Monday, July 22, 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 a player does not gain entry into the championship.

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

AJGA ACE GRANT PROGRAM

ACE Grant Reimbursements for State 13 & Under Championships (\$250 max)

1. Junior must be/become an AJGA member
 - a. \$215 cost but the ACE Grant will automatically reimburse \$165, so out-of-pocket is \$50
 - b. Once an ACE Grant recipient the junior will be upgraded to a Junior Plus membership for no additional cost
 - c. See benefits here: [JUNIOR PLUS BENEFITS](#)
2. Must apply for and receive the ACE Grant (any applicant that is denied will receive a full refund, if the junior has not applied to any event before they were denied)
3. Reimbursement can be received for the following according to the AJGA Maximum allowances found [here](#) under reimbursement levels, as long as itemized receipts are presented:
 - a. Tournament Entry Fee
 - b. Travel
 - c. Housing
 - d. Food and beverage
4. All reimbursements are retroactive, meaning even if the event has already happened you can still apply, receive the grant and reimbursement. As long as you still have the appropriate receipts.
5. Interested families can get an idea if they would qualify by completing the ACE Grant [CALCULATOR](#)
6. Additional information on the ACE Grant can be found at [ACE GRANT INFO](#)

CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

- 36 holes of gross individual stroke play for players age 9-13.
- 18 holes (9 each day) for players age 6-8.
- The lowest score for 36 holes in the Overall Division (9-11 and 12-13 Age Divisions) will be the Overall Champion.
- In the event of a tie for the overall Championship only, a hole-by-hole playoff will be held immediately following play. The playoff holes and their order of play will be determined by the Committee.
- Any other ties in all other divisions will be resolved by matching scorecards according to the USGA recommendation within the Committee Procedures of the Rules of Golf – “Matching Scorecards”
- Initial groupings will be for Round 1. Players will be re-paired by score for Final Round.

CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Tuesday, July 23

Tee times available for practice.

Wednesday, July 24

First round of individual stroke play.

Thursday, July 25

Final round of individual stroke play.

RANGE FEES; PUSH CARTS

- *Practice Rounds:* Practice round fees are not included in the entry fee.
- *Championship Site:* All range fees during the championship rounds are paid by the AGA and are included in the entry fee. Competitors must walk during championship rounds. Push carts are allowed.

CADDIES

- *Caddies:* Caddies are allowed, **provided the caddie is 18 years old or under** and will be denoted by wearing an AGA issued caddie bib. Caddies will not be available at the host club. Caddies will be held to the same dress and code of conduct policies as the player. Caddies must walk during the championship rounds. **Parents / Guardians are allowed to caddie for the 6-8 age divisions only.**

SPECTATORS

- *Spectator Cart Policy:* AGA defers to host club policy in regard to allowing spectator carts at junior championships. If spectator carts are allowed, they will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- *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.
- Non-club owned spectator carts are not allowed except as provided in the [AGA Tournament Manual](#).

PRIZES & AWARDS

Awards will be presented as follows:

- Top 3 in Male Overall Championship
- Top 3 in Male Age Divisions: 6-8, 9-11, 12-13 Age Divisions
- Top 3 in Female Overall Championship
- Top 3 in Female Age Divisions: 6-8, 9-11, 12-13 Age Divisions

EXEMPTIONS EARNED

- Overall Champions (Male & Female) receive exemption into Alabama State Juniors for remainder of eligibility

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.

CONDITIONS AGREEMENT

- I am a bona fide resident of the State of Alabama.
- I agree that the Alabama Golf Association has the right to reject, or withdraw, any 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 Alabama 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 Alabama 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.
- I have read and agree to abide by the [Alabama Golf Association Code of Conduct](#).