

State Mid-Amateur Championship

Country Club of Mobile

Mobile, Alabama

September 23-25, 2016

Entry Dates:

July 18 – September 12



TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The Championship will be conducted on a stroke play basis for 54 holes, 18 holes daily on September 23-25, 2016.

The field will be limited to 120 entries. In the event the Championship becomes over-subscribed, refer to the following paragraph, "FINAL FIELD". After 36 holes the field will be reduced to the low 60 scores and ties for the final 18 holes of play.

In the event of a tie for the Championship there will be a "multi-hole" play-off commencing immediately following play (the holes involved to be determined by the AGA) with the Champion being determined by the lowest total of those holes. If a tie, or ties, still exists, the Championship will then be decided by "sudden death" following the same sequence of holes. After the Champion has been determined, all other ties not yet settled, including those involving individuals participating in the playoff for the Championship, will be decided by matching scorecards of the final round in accordance with the USGA recommendations shown in Appendix I of the current Rules of Golf, How to Decide Ties, page 160(c), except that if the tie still exists following this procedure, scores for the first 9 holes shall be treated in the same way until a winner is produced. Any remaining ties will be decided by matching cards hole-by-hole, beginning at the 18th hole.

FINAL FIELD

If, at the close of entries, the Championship is oversubscribed, the Final Field will be determined using a combination of Players making the cut the previous year, the AGA's Player Points List, previous performances in AGA events, verified USGA Handicap Index, and exempt players.

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If, at the close of entries, the Championship is oversubscribed to the extent that the AGA determines a qualifier is the most equitable way of establishing the final field, the qualifier will take place at the Championship site the Thursday morning preceding the start of play; please refer below to "QUALIFYING". The playoff will be limited to approximately 96 players, with the balance of the entries being exempt from qualifying. Exempt players will be identified by the following paragraph "EXEMPTIONS"

Final determination regarding the need for qualifying, the number of qualifiers and the number of exempt players will be at the discretion of the AGA and will be announced as soon as practicable following the close of entries.

QUALIFYING

If the AGA determines that Qualifying is necessary, it will follow the following format:

The format and stipulated round for qualifying will be 18 holes at stroke play. In the event of a tie for the last qualifying spot, weather and darkness permitting, a sudden death playoff will begin immediately following the conclusion of play and beginning on Hole #1 as shown on the official scorecard. Alternates that haven't been decided at the conclusion of the qualifier or a playoff will be decided by matching scorecards (Appendix I, page 160) except that if the tie still exists following this procedure, scores for the first 9 holes shall be treated in the same way until a winner is produced. Any remaining ties will be decided by matching cards hole-by-hole, beginning at the 18th hole.

Qualifying will be limited to approximately 96 players. The number of available places for the Final Field will be determined based on the remaining number of places in the Championship after exempt players.

If an on site qualifier is necessary, players not qualifying for Championship will be refunded entry fee, less \$85 qualifying fee.

ENTRY PROCEDURE

1. To submit an entry, simply click the register button at the bottom of this page and follow the step-by-step procedure. All entries must be RECEIVED in the AGA office no later than **11:59 P.M., Monday, September 12, 2016.**
2. No entries will be accepted after **11:59 P.M., Monday, September 12, 2016.**
3. An entry fee in the amount of \$160.00, payable by credit card, must accompany the entry application, \$5.00 of which will be donated to the Alabama Turfgrass Research Foundation.
4. Upon successfully completing the entry procedure, an email confirmation will be automatically generated and sent to you at the email address you designate.
5. In the event the field has to be pared due to over-subscription (see Format above), applicants will be notified of the status of their entry as soon as practicable following the close of entries on September 12th.

REFUND POLICY

Withdrawal: If an accepted player withdraws before **11:59 P.M., Thursday, September 22, 2016** for any reason, the entry fee will be refunded, subject to a \$30.00 service fee. No refunds will be made after **11:59 P.M., Thursday, September 22, 2016**.

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.

If the entry is rejected for any reason(s), you will be immediately advised of the reason(s), at which time you can correct the problem(s) and re-submit the entry form.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT NO ENTRY IS FORMALLY ACCEPTED UNTIL THE ENTRY FEE HAS BEEN PROCESSED BY THE AGA OFFICE.

REGISTRATION

Players **MUST** register **IN PERSON** prior to beginning play, or, if playing a practice round, prior to playing the practice round. Failure to do so may result in rejection of the player’s entry. Inquire in the Golf Shop regarding the location of registration.

CONDITIONS AGREEMENT

I am a resident of the State of Alabama and a member in good standing of the Member Club of the Alabama Golf Association at which the GHIN number indicated on the Entry Application is registered.

I agree that the Alabama Golf Association, or any club hosting this Championship, 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, as a participant in this Championship, assume full responsibility for all my acts, whether they be negligent or otherwise, and hold harmless the Alabama Golf Association and/or any club hosting this Championship for any injuries.

Conditions

The AGA Tournament Committee reserves the right to alter any of the conditions and schedules herein. The decision of the AGA in any matter shall be final.

Etiquette

We wish to bring to your attention, or remind you, that when a club graciously agrees to host an AGA championship or USGA qualifying event, it does so at no cost to either the player or the association. Therefore, we ask that you conduct yourself appropriately while a guest and take responsibility in the same regard for anyone accompanying you. Also, please be advised that clubs are operating in certain aspects at the direction of the AGA and any complaints regarding availability of cart, fees paid, or available practice times should be directed to the AGA and not the club staff. Thank you for your consideration of all the above. We hope you have a pleasant and successful competition.

Eligibility

Entries are open to male, amateur golfers, who are: 1) members of the Alabama Golf Association (have active GHIN number in Alabama); 2) bona fide residents of the State of Alabama (non-resident college players are generally not eligible), and 3) are 25 years of age as of the first day of the Championship. If in doubt, contact the AGA office at (205) 979-1234. Maximum allowable handicap is 8.4 strokes under the USGA Men's Golf Handicap System.

The AGA will be the final authority in determining whether or not a handicap that has been submitted qualifies as an "approved USGA handicap".

Entries are subject to rejection, or withdrawal, at any time at the discretion of the AGA.

Awards

Championship: Awards will be presented to the low 5 scorers posting 54 hole scores.

In addition, the Champion will have their name engraved on Elbert S. Jemison Jr. trophy housed at the AGA office.

Spectator Carts

1. We welcome and encourage spectators at all AGA competitions.
2. The AGA, not the host club, determines whether spectator carts will be permitted during a competition.
3. If spectator carts are not allowed, the AGA follows the USGA policy of permitting the use of mobility scooters (golf carts are not acceptable) by any spectator who suffers from a disability that requires on-course transportation.
4. Anyone intending on renting a mobility scooter should call us, 205-979-1234, and let us know ahead of time. We will then make contact with the host club on your behalf and make arrangements to receive the vehicle, store and charge it overnight, and have it available for use the following day.
5. When on the course with the scooter, you must remain on the cart path at all times and stay up with the group you are following so as not to disturb play of the group immediately behind.
6. You need to be aware of all play around you when starting the scooter to ensure you don't disturb other competitors.

Caddies and Carts

No caddies are available at the host club. It is permissible to bring caddies and any player who does so is solely responsible for his/her conduct. Contestants are not required to have either caddie or cart.

Golf carts are allowed, and are strongly recommended at this site, and are available to those contestants who have a valid Alabama driver's license. Cart fees will be the same for each player, even if circumstances are such that a player is left to ride by himself.

Users must obey the cart operations rules established by the host club, to include the allowance of spectator carts.

For further information regarding carts, please refer to the Cart Policy provided as part of the player packet given to players at registration.

Dress Code

The dress code at the championship site will be strictly enforced. Jeans are NOT permitted and shorts MUST be "Bermuda" length, or mid-thigh. No shorts approximating "tennis" length will be tolerated and this includes cut-offs, tennis shorts, bathing suits, etc. Shirts must have collars. Any player not meeting these standards will be asked to remedy this situation prior to play.

If you have any doubts as to what dress will be accepted, please ask prior to beginning play.
