



101st Alabama Men's State Amateur Championship

June 8-11, 2017

Bent Brook Golf Club, Bessemer, AL

Entries Open: March 6

Entries Close: May 16



Entry Fee: \$270 Exempt (\$110 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 8.4.

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

- To submit an entry, go to <http://www.alabamagolf.org/2017-championships> and click on register.
- **All entries must be RECEIVED in the AGA office no later than 10:59pm, Tuesday, May 16, 2017. No entries will be accepted after that time.**
- An entry fee in the amount of \$270.00 for exempt players or \$110.00 for non-exempt players (see exemption list at bottom of entry form) payable by **credit card**, must accompany the entry application, \$5.00 of which will be donated to the Alabama Turfgrass Research Foundation. For players who successfully qualify, the AGA will charge the credit card used to register for sectional qualifying the remaining championship balance of \$160.00.
- 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: If an accepted player withdraws before **10:59pm on the day prior to his respective qualifying date** for any reason, the entry fee will be refunded, subject to a \$30.00 service fee. No refunds will be made after that time.

Championship

Withdrawal: If an accepted player withdraws before **10:59pm Wednesday, June 7, 2017** for any reason, the entry fee will be refunded, subject to a \$30.00 service fee. No refunds will be made 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. **Sectional 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.

SECTIONAL QUALIFYING AND ALTERNATES

- Sectional 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 Sectional 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 20 - Woodward Country Club, Bessemer (limited to first 60 players).

May 22 - Riverchase Country Club, Birmingham (limited to first 96 players).

May 25 - Indian Hills Country Club, Tuscaloosa

May 25 - Auburn University Club, Auburn

June 1 - Canebrake Club, Athens

June 1 - GlenLakes Golf Club, Foley

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 three-hole aggregate play-off will be held immediately following play. The winner will be the player with the lowest aggregate score for the play-off holes. In the event of a further tie, play will immediately continue hole by hole until Champion is determined. 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

Tuesday, June 6

Tee times available for practice.

Wednesday, June 7

Tee times available for practice.

Thursday, June 8

First round of individual stroke play.

Friday, June 9

Second round of individual stroke play.

Field cut to low 60 scores and ties.

Saturday, June 10

Third round of individual stroke play.

Sunday, June 11

Final round of individual stroke play.

CART/RANGE FEES; GOLF CARTS

- *Qualifying Site:* Qualifying site cart/range fees paid by the AGA and are included in the entry fee. Competitors have the option to either walk or use a golf cart during qualifying rounds (Riverchase qualifying 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. Competitors have the option to either walk or use a golf cart during championship rounds.

CADDIES; SPECTATORS

- *Caddies:* Caddies are allowed for sectional qualifying and championship rounds. Caddies will not be available at host club.
- *Caddie/Spectator 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. Spectators are not allowed to ride in a player's golf cart at any time. Club owned spectator carts are not allowed except as provided in the [AGA Tournament Manual](#).
- Caddies are required to wear an AGA issued caddie bib at the championship proper.

PRIZES

- *Sectional Qualifying Rounds*: Lowest Scorer for 18 Holes in each location: Silver medal; if a tie, duplicate medals will be awarded.
- *Championship*: An award will be presented to the Champion. Merchandise prizes are awarded to top finishers. Champion will have his name engraved on the *Sam Perry Trophy* and may take possession of the trophy for the ensuing year.
- 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 a lifetime exemption into the Alabama Men's State Amateur Championship.
- Champion receives 10 year exemption into the Alabama State Match Play Championship (2018-2027).
- Players finishing in the top 30 (and ties) will receive an exemption into the 2018 Alabama Men's State Amateur Championship.
- Players finishing in the top 16 (and ties) will receive an exemption into the 2018 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.

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.

EXEMPTIONS FROM SECTIONAL QUALIFYING

Players in the categories listed below are eligible from exemption from Sectional Qualifying in the 2017 Alabama State Amateur Championship. The AGA reserves the right to revise the exemption categories. All players must have filed an entry by May 16, 2017.

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| A | 2016 | AGA State Junior Champion; Overall Champion (1 Year) |
| B | 2017 | AISA State High School Individual Champion (1 Year) ¹ |
| B2 | 2017 | AHSAA State High School Individual Classification Champion (1 Year)* ¹ |
| C | 2013-2017 | AGA Four-Ball Champions (5 Years) |
| C2 | 2017 | AGA Four-Ball Finalists (1 Year) |
| D | 1915-2016 | State Amateur Champions (Life) |
| E | 2017 | Top 25 from AGA Men's Amateur Rankings (at close of entries) ¹ |
| F | 2016 | State Amateur Championship Top 30 (1 year) ¹ |
| G | 2017 | USGA Four-Ball Sectional Qualifiers (1 Year) |
| H | 2016 | USGA Open Local Qualifiers (1 Year) |
| I | 2016 | USGA Senior Open Sectional Qualifiers (1 Year) |
| J | 2016 | USGA Junior Amateur Sectional Qualifiers (1 Year) |
| K | 2016 | USGA Amateur Sectional Qualifiers (1 Year) |
| L | 2016 | USGA Senior Amateur Sectional Qualifiers (1 Year) |
| M | 2016 | USGA Mid-Amateur Sectional Qualifiers (1 Year) |
| N | 2016 | Alabama Open Top 30 (Overall) (1 Year)** ¹ |
| O | 2012-2016 | AGA State Mid-Amateur Champion (5 years) |
| O2 | 2016 | AGA State Mid-Amateur Top 10 (1 year) ¹ |
| P | 2016 | AGA Senior Four-Ball Champions (1 year) |
| Q | 2013-2017 | AGA Senior Amateur Champion (5 Years) |
| R | 2007-2016 | AGA State Match Play Champion (10 years) |
| R2 | 2016 | AGA State Match Play Round of 16 (1 year) |
| S | 2016 | Alabama Men's Player of the Year |
| S2 | 2016 | Alabama Senior Men's Player of the Year |
| T | 2017 | One Exemption for Championship host club |
| U | | Special Exemptions Bestowed by the AGA |

* Classifications are: Boys 1A-2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, 6A, 7A

** Amateurs among top 30 finishers overall.

¹Ties receive exemptions where applicable.