



20th Alabama State Senior Amateur Championship

May 19-21, 2017

Hoover Country Club, Hoover, AL

Entries Open: March 13

Entries Close: May 9

Entry Fee: \$250.00 (Includes Championship Cart/Range Fees)



ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to any male amateur golfer who is a legal resident of Alabama, has an active GHIN® USGA Handicap Index® at an AGA member club that does not exceed 10.4 (15.4 for 65+ division) and qualifies under the following age requirements:

50-56 Age Division – Must have reached his 50th birthday, but not 57th birthday, by May 19, 2017.

57-64 Age Division – Must have reached his 57th birthday, but not 65th birthday, by May 19, 2017.

65+ Age Division – Must have reached his 65th birthday by May 19, 2017.

Note: If a player in the 65+ age division elects to play for the overall championship, he will be placed in the 57-64 age division and compete from the championship tees, but he **must** indicate this preference on the entry application.

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 unauthorized 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

Entry is limited to the first 132 players. If 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.

All players 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 9, 2017. No entries will be accepted after that time.**
- An entry fee in the amount of \$250.00, 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.

REFUND POLICY

Withdrawal: If an accepted player withdraws before **10:59pm Thursday, May 18, 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.

CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

- 54 holes of gross individual stroke play. Players in the 50-56 and 57-64 Age Divisions will play the championship tees and eligible to win the overall Championship. 65+ Age Division plays a shorter set of tees and ineligible for the overall Championship.
- After 36 holes, the field will be cut to the low 48 players and ties in the Championship Division and the low 12 players and ties in the 65+ Division. For the purpose of applying the cut, the 50-56 and 57-64 Age Divisions will be treated as one division (overall).
- The lowest score for 54 holes in either 50-56 or 57-64 Age Divisions will be the Overall Champion. Lowest score in the 65+ Age Division is the winner.
- In the event of a tie for the Overall Championship or 65+ Age Division, 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 AGA. All other ties will be split equally.

- Initial groupings will be for the first two rounds. Following the cut, the field will be re-paired by score for the final round.

CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 18

Tee times available for practice.

Friday, May 19

First round of individual stroke play.

Saturday, May 20

Second round of individual stroke play.

Field cut to low 48 players and ties (Championship Division) and low 12 players and ties (65+ Division).

Sunday, May 21

Final round of individual stroke play.

CART/RANGE FEES

- *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 are paid by the AGA and 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 championship rounds and will be identified by wearing an AGA issued caddie bib. 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](#).

PRIZES

Awards will be presented to the Overall Champion and winners from each age division. Merchandise prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in the Overall Championship and 65+ Division. Overall Champion will have his name engraved on the permanent trophy and may take possession of the trophy for the ensuing year.

EXEMPTIONS EARNED

- Champion receives a 5-year exemption into the Alabama State Amateur (2017-2021).
- Champion receives an exemption into the 2017 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. 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.