



# 114<sup>th</sup> Southern Amateur Championship

July 15-18, 2020

Maridoe Golf Club, Carrollton, TX

Entries Open: March 2    Entries Close: \*May 26

\*On-Site Qualifier Entries Close: July 10

Entry Fee: Exempt = \$295; Sectional Qualifying = \$175; On-Site Qualifier = \$200 (Includes Qualifying Round Cart/Range Fee)

Scratch Players  
WORLD AMATEUR RANKING



## ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to any male amateur golfer who has a current Handicap Index® not exceeding **3.4** under the World Handicap System as of the close of entries.

## ENTRIES AND ONLINE REGISTRATION

All players, including those exempt, must register online at [www.southerngolf.org](http://www.southerngolf.org). Fax, mail-in, or telephone applications are not accepted.

- To submit an entry, visit <http://www.southerngolf.org>, create an "SGA Registration Account" then click on "Southern Amateur>Register".
- An application for a player who is a minor upon the date of submission, in the state in which he resides (e.g., Alabama, under the age of 18) must be submitted by a parent/guardian, and list parent/guardian's name, phone number, and email address. The parent/guardian must agree to be bound by all terms and conditions on their behalf and on behalf of the minor player.
- **All entries must be RECEIVED in the SGA office no later than 11:59pm CST on Tuesday, May 26, 2020. Entries will not be accepted after that time. Exception: On-Site Qualifier entry close date is 11:59pm CST on Friday, July 10.**
- An entry fee in the amount of \$295.00 for Exempt players, \$175.00 for Sectional Qualifying, \$200.00 for On-Site Qualifier is payable by **credit card** and must accompany the entry application. See "Exemptions From Sectional Qualifying" section for exemption categories.
- For players who successfully qualify, the SGA will charge the remaining championship entry fee balance of \$120.00 (\$95.00 for On-Site Qualifier) to the credit card used for qualifying.
- Registration Priority: Exempt Players = First 100 exempt players to register (waitlist built afterwards ordered by Scratch Players Ranking); Sectional Qualifying and On-Site Qualifier = First come, first served (waitlist for each qualifying site ordered by entry date).
- Upon successfully completing the entry procedure, an email confirmation will be automatically generated and sent to your email address.
- Confirmation of acceptance is sent to applicants when their status is determined. Status may be checked at [www.southerngolf.org](http://www.southerngolf.org).

The SGA 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. Entries are subject to rejection or withdraw at any time, including during the event, by the SGA or the host club. The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct during a stipulated round. All players must conform to the "[USGA Rules of Amateur Status](#)" and abide by the "[SGA Code of Conduct](#)".

## REFUND POLICY

### Sectional Qualifying

**Withdrawals or Transfers:** If an accepted player withdraws for any reason before the close of registration at **11:59pm CST on Tuesday, May 26, 2020**, the entry fee will be refunded, subject to a \$50.00 service fee. A player may transfer to another qualifying site without penalty if the SGA is notified prior to close of registration. Exception: A player may transfer to the On-Site Qualifier by May 26<sup>th</sup> for an additional \$25.00 fee. Sectional Qualifying site transfers are not allowed after close of registration on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

If an accepted player withdraws for any reason after the close of registration and before the deadlines listed below for any reason, 50% of the entry fee will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after the deadlines listed below:

- TPC Prestancia (Stadium), Sarasota, FL: **11:59pm CST on Saturday, May 30, 2020**
- The University Club, Baton Rouge, Louisiana: **11:59pm CST on Sunday, May 31, 2020**
- Bowling Green Country Club, Bowling Green, KY: **11:59pm CST on Sunday, May 31, 2020**
- Country Club of Virginia (Tuckahoe Creek), Richmond, VA: **11:59pm CST on Sunday, May 31, 2020**
- Colonial Country Club, Cordova, TN: **11:59pm CST on Sunday, May 31, 2020**
- Cherokee Country Club, Knoxville, TN: **11:59pm CST on Saturday, June 6, 2020**
- Jimmie Austin Golf Club, Norman, OK: **11:59pm CST on Saturday, June 6, 2020**
- Country Club of Salisbury, Salisbury, NC: **11:59pm CST on Sunday, June 7, 2020**
- Lakeside Country Club, Houston, TX: **11:59pm CST on Monday, June 8, 2020**
- Old Waverly Golf Club, West Point, MS: **11:59pm CST on Sunday, June 14, 2020**

- Dallas Athletic Club (Blue Course), Dallas, TX: **11:59pm CST on Saturday, June 20, 2020**
- Mayacoo Lakes Country Club, West Palm Beach, FL: **11:59pm CST on Saturday, June 20, 2020**
- Pleasant Valley Country Club, Little Rock, AR: **11:59pm CST on Monday, June 22, 2020**
- The University of Texas Golf Club, Austin, TX: **11:59pm CST on Monday, June 22, 2020**
- Vestavia Country Club, Birmingham, AL: **11:59pm CST on Friday, June 26, 2020**
- Great Waters at Reynolds Lake Oconee, Eatonton, GA: **11:59pm CST on Saturday, June 27, 2020**
- Rivermont Golf Club, Johns Creek, GA: **11:59pm CST on Saturday, July 4, 2020**
- Edgewood Country Club, Sissonville, WV: **11:59pm CST on Sunday, July 5, 2020**
- The Spur at Northwoods, Columbia, SC: **11:59pm CST on Monday, July 6, 2020**

#### On-Site Qualifier

**Withdrawal:** If an accepted player withdraws for any reason before the close of registration at **11:59pm CST on Friday, July 10, 2020**, the entry fee will be refunded, subject to a \$50.00 service fee. If an accepted player withdraws for any reason after the close of registration and before the deadlines listed below for any reason, 50% of the entry fee will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after **11:59pm CST on Saturday, July 11, 2020**.

**No Shows:** Players that fail to notify the SGA 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 SGA events.

**Alternates:** Full refund if player does not gain entry into the sectional qualifier.

#### Championship

**Successful Qualifier Withdrawal:** If a successful qualifier withdraws for any reason after paying his remaining championship balance of \$120.00 and before **11:59pm CST on Sunday, July 12, 2020**, 50% of the remaining championship balance will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after **Sunday, July 12, 2020**.

**Exempt Player Withdrawal:** If an exempt player withdraws for any reason before the close of registration at **11:59pm CST on Tuesday, May 26, 2020**, the entry fee will be refunded, subject to a \$50.00 service fee. If an exempt player withdraws for any reason after the close of registration and before **11:59pm CST on Wednesday, July 1, 2020**, 50% of the entry fee will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after **Wednesday, July 1, 2020**.

**No Shows:** Players that fail to notify the SGA 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 SGA events.

**Alternates:** Full refund if player does not participate in the championship.

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

#### SCHEDULE

Competition will be in two stages:

1. **Sectional Qualifying** - 18 holes of stroke play for non-exempt players.
2. **Championship** - 156 players (includes exempt players and sectional qualifiers).

#### CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

- 72 holes of stroke play. The field will be cut to the low 66 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 “sudden-death” hole-by-hole play-off will be held immediately following play. The play-off holes and their order of play will be determined by the Rules Committee.
- Initial groupings will be for first two rounds; the field will be cut and grouped by score after the second round for the third round; grouped by score after third round for the fourth round.

#### EXEMPTIONS FROM SECTIONAL QUALIFYING

Players in the categories listed below are exempt into the 2020 Southern Amateur Championship. The SGA reserves the right to revise the exemption categories. Exempt players must have filed an entry and paid the entry fee by May 26, 2020. SGA will file a blank entry for any player becoming exempt or receiving a *Bobby Jones Invitation* after the registration deadline.

- A. Southern Amateur Champions in the last five years (2015-2019)
- B. Any player finishing in the top ten and ties in the 2019 Southern Amateur Championship
- C. 2019 Southern Junior Champion & 2020 Southern Junior Champion (or can defer exemption to 2021 Southern Amateur)
- D. Top 500 in SPWAR (Scratch Players World Amateur Rankings - [www.scratchplayers.org](http://www.scratchplayers.org))
- E. Top 200 in WAGR (World Amateur Golf Ranking - [www.wagr.com](http://www.wagr.com))
- F. 2020 NCAA Division I, II & III Individual Champion
- G. Any player extended a *Bobby Jones Invitation* by the Amateur Competition Committee

## SECTIONAL QUALIFYING AND ALTERNATES

- Sectional qualifying is 18 holes of stroke play.
- The number of qualifiers' places at each site is determined by the SGA after entries close, based on the size of the field. Ties for the final qualifying position will be determined by sudden death playoff immediately following the conclusion of play. Unless otherwise determined in a sudden death playoff, alternates will be ordered by the scores at each qualifying site using the USGA recommended scorecard playoff procedure to break ties (last 9 (Holes 10-18), last 6 (Holes 13-18), last 3 (Holes 16-18), 18<sup>th</sup> hole, 1<sup>st</sup> hole, 2<sup>nd</sup> hole, etc. until the tie is broken).
- If a successful qualifier from a Sectional Qualifying site withdraws, the spot will be filled with an alternate from that sectional qualifying site. Otherwise, the spot will be filled by the Amateur Competition Committee.
- Qualifying site assignment is based on the date/time the SGA receives and processes each entry form. **Qualifying site assignments cannot be changed after close of registration.**
- 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.
- Any player, regardless of whether they have competed in a Sectional Qualifier, may compete in the On-Site Qualifier. Each player must complete a separate On-Site Qualifier entry application and pay the \$200.00 entry fee.
- Qualifying sites may be cancelled due to a lack of participation.

## SECTIONAL QUALIFYING SCHEDULE

June 2	TPC Prestancia (Stadium), Sarasota, Florida
June 3	The University Club, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
June 3	Bowling Green Country Club, Bowling Green, Kentucky
June 3	Country Club of Virginia (Tuckahoe Creek), Richmond, Virginia
June 3	Colonial Country Club, Cordova, Tennessee
June 9	Cherokee Country Club, Knoxville, Tennessee
June 9	Jimmie Austin Golf Club, Norman, Oklahoma
June 10	Country Club of Salisbury, Salisbury, North Carolina
June 11	Lakeside Country Club, Houston, Texas
June 17	Old Waverly Golf Club, West Point, Mississippi
June 23	Dallas Athletic Club (Blue Course), Dallas, Texas
June 23	Mayacoo Lakes Country Club, West Palm Beach, Florida
June 25	Pleasant Valley Country Club, Little Rock, Arkansas
June 25	University of Texas Golf Club, Austin, Texas
June 29	Vestavia Country Club, Birmingham, Alabama
June 30	Great Waters at Reynolds Lake Oconee, Eatonton, Georgia
July 7	Rivermont Golf Club, Johns Creek, Georgia
July 8	*Edgewood Country Club, Sissonville, West Virginia (Dual Qualifier with West Virginia Amateur)
July 9	*The Spur at Northwoods, Columbia, South Carolina (Dual Qualifier with South Carolina Amateur)
July 13	On-Site Qualifier: Maridoe Golf Club, Carrollton, Texas

\* Dual qualifier with the [South Carolina Golf Association](#) & [West Virginia Golf Association](#). Player may register to participate in only the Southern Amateur qualifier or, if eligible, participate in both qualifiers. Must register with both organizations and pay both entry fees.

## CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

### **Tuesday, July 14**

Player Registration. Tee times available for practice.

### **Wednesday, July 15**

First round of stroke play. Hosted breakfast and lunch for championship contestants.

### **Thursday, July 16**

Second round of stroke play. Hosted breakfast and lunch for championship contestants.

Field cut to low 66 scores and ties.

### **Friday, July 17**

Third round of stroke play. Hosted breakfast and lunch for championship contestants.

### **Saturday, July 18**

Final round of stroke play. Hosted breakfast and lunch for championship contestants.

## CART/RANGE FEES

- *Sectional Qualifying and On-Site Qualifier:* Sectional Qualifying cart/range fees are paid by the SGA and included in the entry fee. Competitors have the option to either walk or use a golf cart during qualifying rounds (Austin, Baton Rouge, Johns Creek, Houston,

Knoxville, Cordova, On-Site, Sarasota, West Palm Beach, and West Point qualifying sites are mandatory carts). Cart rental is mandatory for practice rounds payable at the host club.

- *Championship Site:* Championship site practice and championship round range fees paid by the SGA.

#### **HOSTED BREAKFAST AND LUNCH**

- Hosted breakfast and lunch are provided by the SGA to championship contestants each day of the championship from July 15-18.

#### **TRANSPORTATION; PUSH/PULL CARTS**

- Competitors and caddies must walk during championship rounds. Optional condition prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures: *Model Local Rules: G-6 Prohibiting Use of Motorized Transportation* will be in effect. See "Golf Cart Requests" section below for disabled golf cart requests.
- Push/Pull carts are allowed.

#### **CADDIES; SPECTATORS; GOLF CART REQUESTS**

- *Caddies:* Caddies are allowed for sectional qualifying and championship rounds. Caddies will not be available at host club.
- *Sectional Qualifying 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.
- Caddies are required to wear an SGA issued caddie bib at the championship proper. Bibs will be available at the designated starting tee and must be returned to the SGA at the conclusion of each round.
- *Spectators:* SGA welcomes spectators at our championships. For your safety, we request that spectators walk near the cart path at all times.
- *Disabled Golf Cart Policy:* In consistency with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), SGA will grant an individual with a bona fide disability a golf cart if the following conditions are met:
  1. Requesting individual completes and submits a [Disabled Golf Cart Request Form](#) by the close of entries,
  2. Host club has a golf cart available,
  3. Requesting individual pays host club the appropriate cart fee,
  4. Requesting individual presents to the SGA staff or SGA representative a handicap card issued by a government agency.

#### **PRIZES**

- *Sectional Qualifying:* Lowest Score at each qualifying site: Silver medal. If a tie, duplicate medals will be awarded.
- *Championship:* An award will be presented to the three lowest scores and low Mid-Amateur (age 25+) after 72 holes. Champion will have his name engraved on the *George W. Adair Trophy*, which is enshrined in the Bob Jones Room of the Atlanta Athletic Club, Atlanta, Georgia.

#### **EXEMPTIONS EARNED**

- Champion receives a five-year exemption in the Southern Amateur Championship (2021-2025).
- Players finishing in the top 10 (and ties) receive an exemption into the 2021 Southern Amateur Championship.

#### **RULES OF GOLF**

USGA Rules of Golf govern play. Questions will be decided by the SGA Rules Committee whose decision will be final. Notice to Players and Conditions of Competition are posted at host club and distributed at the starting tee(s). The SGA 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.

#### **CLOSE OF COMPETITION**

The competition is closed when the *George W. Adair Trophy* has been presented to the winner.

#### **SPECIAL REQUESTS**

Special requests for starting times or pairings may not be granted.

#### **CONDITIONS AGREEMENT**

- I certify that all the information given in my entry is factual.
- I agree that the Southern 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 Southern 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 Southern Golf Association, its committee members, officers, board of directors, staff, host families and host club staff and personnel 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 [Southern Golf Association Code of Conduct](#).

