

Alabama Golf Association

2026 ANNUAL REPORT

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Who We Are

Alabama Golf Association

Founded: 1915

Staff: 7 Staff, 6 Interns

Board of Directors: 33 Individuals, including 7 Executive Committee Members

Located: Hoover

Total Individual Members: 34,500

Total Member Clubs: 126



a letter from the

AGA President

Dear Members of the Alabama Golf Association,

It has been an honor of a lifetime to serve as President of the Alabama Golf Association (AGA) and to share with you the remarkable progress, achievements, and opportunities that continue to shape our organization. Representing more than 34,500 members across 126 member clubs throughout Alabama is both a privilege and a responsibility I hold in the highest regard. Together with our dedicated staff, volunteers, Board of Directors, and member clubs, we continue to forge a proud tradition while positioning the AGA for an even stronger and more impactful future.

The state of golf in Alabama is strong, and the opportunities before us have never been greater.

The past year provided a compelling reminder of the talent, competitive spirit, and sense of community that make golf in Alabama so special. We celebrated a milestone in AGA history with record entries at our Men's State Amateur Championship contested at The Country Club of Birmingham, where Ryley Heath captured the title on the 72nd hole to earn a coveted USGA Golden Ticket. In early May, Haymes Snedeker introduced himself to Senior Golf in Alabama with a wire-to-wire finish at the State Senior at Country Club of Mobile. On the women's side, Gabi Nicastro prevailed over Courtney Grace in a thrilling playoff at Cider Ridge to claim the Women's State Amateur Championship. Nicastro used the win as a springboard into the US Women's Amateur where she ultimately fell in the semifinal match at The Honors Course in Ooltewah, TN. These defining moments reflect not only exceptional individual performances, but also the strength of the competitive opportunities and championship traditions we continue to cultivate across our state.

At the heart of the AGA's mission is a commitment to service, accessibility, and continuous improvement. Through GHIN handicapping, course rating administration, championship competition, and educational programming in partnership with the USGA, we deliver essential services that strengthen the game and connect golfers across Alabama. We recognize that our responsibility extends beyond maintaining these important traditions. It also requires us to anticipate the evolving needs of our members, embrace new opportunities, and continually enhance the value of AGA membership. Our staff and Board of Directors remain focused on doing just that, ensuring our organization is responsive, innovative, and well positioned to serve the next generation of Alabama golfers.

Equally important is our commitment to growing the game and expanding its positive influence throughout our communities. The AGA Foundation continues to advance this mission through Junior Golf Alabama, Youth on Course, college scholarships, and turfgrass research. These initiatives represent an investment in far more than the future of golf. They support young people, create opportunities, strengthen golf facilities, and help ensure the game remains accessible and sustainable for generations to come.

A particularly exciting step forward is the announcement of the Alabama Golf House project, growing out of a partnership between the AGA and the Alabama-Northwest Florida PGA Section. The project represents an extraordinary and transformational moment for the future of golf in our state. This visionary project is more than a new home for golf in Alabama, it is a bold investment in our legacy, our communities, and the generations of golfers yet to come. With tremendous excitement and a shared commitment to excellence, we are creating a destination that will celebrate our rich golfing heritage, elevate the game's visibility, expand opportunities for participation, and inspire young people to discover the lifelong values of golf. The Alabama Golf House will serve as a symbol of collaboration, innovation, and possibility, bringing together the people and organizations who believe in the power of this great game. We are not simply building a facility; we are building a lasting legacy that will strengthen golf in Alabama for decades to come.

The future is bright, the opportunity is extraordinary, and I could not be more excited about what lies ahead for golf in Alabama.

Looking ahead to a few 2027 Championship schedule highlights, the AGA is proud to present another outstanding championship schedule, bringing golfers together at some of Alabama's finest facilities. Highlights of the upcoming season include:

- 111th Alabama Men's State Amateur Championship – Saugahatchee Country Club
- 95th Alabama Women's State Amateur Championship – Huntsville Country Club
- 82nd Alabama Boys State Junior Championship – Indian Hills Country Club
- 64th Alabama Girls State Junior Championship – Goose Pond Colony Resort

Each championship represents an opportunity to showcase exceptional talent, celebrate sportsmanship, strengthen relationships among our member clubs, and create lasting memories for competitors and their families. Winners will once again have the opportunity to advance to their respective USGA National Championships, reinforcing the connection between competition at the state level and achievement on the national stage.

While our championships remain a central part of the AGA experience, our vision extends well beyond the competitive calendar. We must continue to make golf welcoming and accessible, support the facilities and professionals who serve our communities, encourage young people to discover the game, and demonstrate the lasting value golf brings to individuals and communities throughout Alabama. Our future success will be measured not only by the championships we conduct or the services we provide, but also by the lives we touch, the opportunities we create, and the strength of the golfing community we leave for those who follow us.

That future will be built through collaboration. Our member clubs, volunteers, partners, and individual members are essential to everything we accomplish. I extend my sincere gratitude to the AGA staff for their professionalism and tireless dedication; to our Board of Directors and volunteers for their leadership and service; and to our member clubs and members for their continued trust and engagement. Your collective commitment is the foundation of this organization, and your willingness to invest your time, talent, and resources in the game makes our progress possible.
As I reflect on the year behind us and look toward the opportunities ahead, I am optimistic about what we will continue to accomplish together. The Alabama Golf Association is built on a legacy of excellence, but our greatest responsibility is to ensure that legacy continues to evolve. By embracing innovation, strengthening our partnerships, investing in future generations, and remaining focused on the needs of our members, we can expand our reach and deepen our impact across Alabama.
Our foundation is strong. Our vision is clear. And our future is bright.

Thank you for your continued support of the Alabama Golf Association and for the role each of you plays in advancing this great game.

With sincere appreciation and gratitude,

Joey Dzwonkowski
President
Alabama Golf Association



2026

by the numbers

34,500 Total Members

+3.7% Overall Growth

6,464 junior golfers

660,068 total scores posted by members

25.31 average rounds posted per player

50 total events





Our Clubs

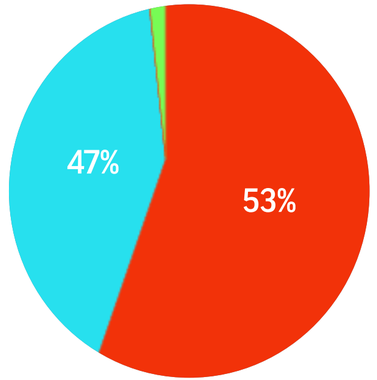
2026

126 Member Clubs

8 Partner Clubs

36 Courses Rated

CLUB TYPE



- Public Clubs: 71
- Private Clubs: 53
- Military Clubs: 2

TOTAL: 126

Our Golfers

2026

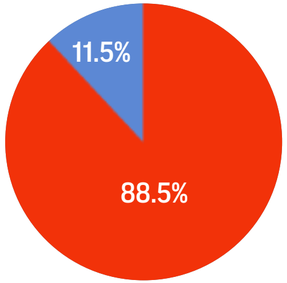
10.1 Men's Average Handicap Index

22.4 Women's Average Handicap Index

83 Men's Average 18-Hole Score

93 Women's Average 18-Hole Score

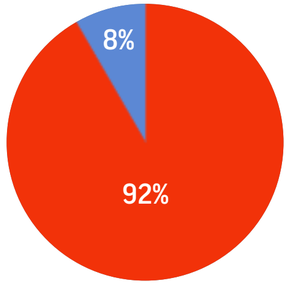
MEMBERS



- Men: 29,309
- Women: 3,809

TOTAL: 33,118 MEMBERS

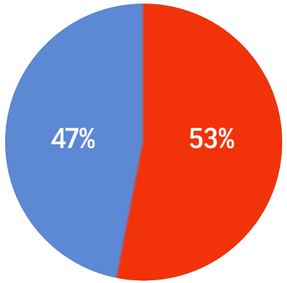
TOTAL SCORES POSTED



- Men: 607,263
- Women: 52,805

TOTAL: 660,068

MEMBERSHIP TYPE



- Public: 18,285
- Private: 16,215

TOTAL: 34,500 MEMBERS





Our Events

2026

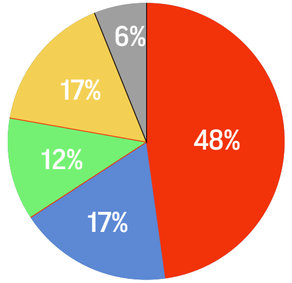
The AGA annually conducts 25 championships; team match competitions for men, women, junior and seniors, and for the second time in 2026, the AGA X RTJ One-Day Series. The AGA manages the Junior Golf Alabama program that is a joint venture between the AGA and Alabama-NW Florida PGA Section.

29 Total Competition Sites

6,843 Event Rounds Played

90 Total Competition Days

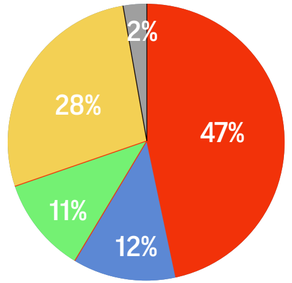
EVENT TYPE



- AGA: 25
- USGA: 9
- JGA Tour: 9
- RTJ X AGA One-Days: 6
- Other: 3

TOTAL: 52

EVENT ENTRIES



- AGA: 2,649
- USGA: 567
- JGA Tour: 605
- RTJ X AGA One-Days: 128
- Other: 1,448

TOTAL: 5,397

Our Volunteers

2026

70 Volunteers in Total

34 Volunteers Serving At Least One Day

197 Days On Site



GET INVOLVED AS AN AGA VOLUNTEER

The Alabama Golf Association needs your help! The AGA is largely a volunteer based organization. Outside of the professional staff, the organization is led by a volunteer-based Board of Directors.

The AGA is continuously seeking willing and capable persons to assist us in the areas of Rules Officiating, Tournament Volunteers and Course Raters.

Visit www.alabamagolf.org for more information.











"The AGA Foundation is proud to serve the next generation of golfers through Youth on Course Alabama, as well as college students in Alabama through its AGA scholarship. ***Golf is an expensive sport, but one that provides opportunities that can lead youth to a successful life."***

Our Impact

2026



Youth on Course provides funds to subsidize $5 rounds of golf for juniors

3,036 current members

+69.4% growth

7,188 discounted rounds played thru October

$42,000 raised in 100 Hole Hike

AGA College Scholarship
open to male and female applicants

9 students currently supported

$54,000 tuition awarded

3 new recipients in 2026

MAKE AN IMPACT TODAY

On the National Stage

2026



Qualifiers in **12** USGA Championships in 2026

2 Alabama players competed for Team USA in the 2026 Walker Cup.

1 Alabama player was named Low Amateur at the 2026 U.S. Senior Open Championship.

1 Alabama native made it to the semifinals round of the 2026 U.S. Women's Amateur Championship.

1 Alabama player earned an EPSON Tour sponsorship exemption.

12 Alabama players made the cut at 8 2026 USGA Championships.



Josiah Gilbert & Tyler Watts
Millbrook & Huntsville
Competing for Team USA at the 2026 Walker Cup at Lahinch Golf Club.



Gabriella Nicastro
Huntsville
Semifinalist at the U.S. Women's Amateur at The Honors Course.



Haymes Snedeker
Point Clear
U.S. Senior Open Championship
Low Amateur at the U.S. Senior Open



Julie Waldo
Prattville
Competing at the EPSON Tour Guardian Championship.



Rawlin Sutter
Cullman
Competing at the 2026 U.S. Junior Championship.



Chris Biggins
Birmingham
U.S. Adaptive Open Championship
4th in Coordination Impairment Category

Junior Golf Alabama

2026



9 Total Events

605 total event entries

1,155 total rounds played

95 players participated in First on Course programming across 2 sessions





AGA License Plate

2026

834 License Plates Sold Thru October

+$34,391.10 Raised For the AGA Foundation



If **1,000** license plates are sold, we get the opportunity to create a new design with custom artwork. Visit your local vehicle licensing office today to help us reach out goal!

GET YOUR TAG TODAY

The AGA is proud to have launched Alabama's first-ever and only golf-themed license plate. Now, Alabamians will have the option to drive off the path and support the Alabama Golf Foundation by Driving Fore the Game!

For each plate issued, the Alabama Golf Association receives $41.25 to directly support our junior golf initiatives, including but not limited to Youth on Course and the AGA College Scholarship.

You can get the tag any time, regardless of your renewal month and you can have it personalized at no extra cost.

New In 2027

Golf House Alabama

Golf House Alabama will function as a public facility, giving many of the state's golf organizations shared office and program space. Plans call for:

- A 30-bay hitting area outfitted with TrackMan launch monitors and covered bays
- An outdoor event lawn
- A dedicated instructional area with individual clubhouses for local college and other golf programs
- A championship caliber par 3 course
- A short game practice area
- An Agronomy and Careers Center affiliated with Auburn University is planned for the campus as well.

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The Nine to Five Series

The Alabama Golf Association is excited to launch a brand new ladies' social series built for busy schedules, real connection and low-pressure 9-hole rounds across Alabama.

What To Expect at Every Event:

- **Curated Alabama Host Courses:** Play premier public, resort, and private partner facilities across the state!
- **Social-First Formats**: Two-Person Scrambles and team games designed to keep pace of play moving and to keep every skill level in the mix!
- **Post-Round Social**: Every round wraps with drinks, on-course contest prizes, and time to unwind with new friends!

Learn More

