



27th Alabama State Senior Four-Ball Championship

October 8-10, 2021

Inverness Country Club, Birmingham, AL

Entries Open: August 2

Entries Close: September 28

Entry Fee: \$550 per side (Includes Championship Cart/Range Fees)

ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to sides of male amateur golfers who are legal residents of Alabama and have an active GHIN® USGA Handicap Index® at an AGA member club. Maximum allowable combined team handicap is 16.8 under the USGA Handicap System™. Two players who play as partners comprise a side. Partners are not required to be from the same club. Both members of the side must have reached 50th birthday by October 8, 2021.

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 sides, including those exempt, must register online at www.alabamagolf.org. Fax, mail-in, or telephone applications are not accepted. Championship field size is 40 sides. Exempt sides are accepted at time of registration (See "Exemptions" on page 3). Sides not gaining entry will be placed on the alternate wait list. Wait list alternates are ranked in the same way as the field. The entry of a side is deemed complete when both players have completed the entry process. If a side completes an entry and it is later determined that one or both players are ineligible (e.g., due to an invalid handicap index or an amateur status issue), the side is deemed to have completed an invalid entry and both players' entries will be withdrawn. A player will not be permitted to enter the Championship as an individual.

- To submit an entry, go to <https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/2717952> and click on register.
- **All entries must be RECEIVED in the AGA office no later than 11:59pm, Tuesday, September 28, 2021. No entries will be accepted after that time.**
- An entry fee in the amount of \$550.00, payable by **credit card**, must accompany the entry application, \$10.00 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 side at time of registration.

REFUND POLICY

Withdrawal: If an accepted side withdraws for any reason before the close of registration at **11:59pm on Tuesday, September 28, 2021**, the entry fee will be refunded, subject to a \$30.00 service fee. If an accepted side withdraws for any reason after the close of registration and before **11:59pm on Tuesday, October 5, 2021**, 50% of the entry fee will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after that time.

No Shows: Sides 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" sides 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 four-ball stroke play.
- The field will be cut to the low TBD sides and ties after 36 holes.
- The lowest score for 54 holes will be the Champion.
- In the event of a tie for first place in the Championship, a 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 Committee.
- Initial groupings will be for first two rounds; the field will be cut and re-paired by score after the second round.

CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Thursday, October 7

Tee times available for practice.

Friday, October 8

First round of four-ball stroke play.

Saturday, October 9

Second round of four-ball stroke play.

Field cut to low TBD sides and ties.

Field re-paired by score.

Sunday, October 10

Final round of four-ball 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

- *Caddies:* Caddies are allowed for championship rounds. Caddies will not be available at host club.
- *Caddie 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.
- Caddies are required to wear an AGA issued caddie bib at the championship proper.

SPECTATORS

- *Spectator Golf Cart Policy:* Due to the limited number of available golf carts, spectator carts will not be available during the championship.
- *Disability Golf Cart Policy:* In consistency with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), AGA will grant an individual with a bona fide disability a golf cart if the following conditions are met:
 - Requesting individual completes and submits a [Disabled Golf Cart Request Form](#) by the close of entries date;
 - Host club has a golf cart available;
 - Requesting individual pays host club the appropriate fee;
 - Requesting individual presents to the AGA staff or AGA representative a disability card issued by a government agency.
- Spectators are not allowed to ride in a player's golf cart at any time. Non-club owned spectator carts are not allowed except as provided in the [AGA Tournament Manual](#).

PRIZES

Awards will be presented to the top three finishers. Merchandise prizes will be awarded to the top finishers. Champions will have their name engraved on the *Bob Phillips Trophy*.

EXEMPTIONS EARNED

Champions receive an exemption into the 2022 Alabama State Amateur 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.

EXEMPTIONS

Players and sides in the categories listed below are exempt into the 2021 Alabama State Senior Four-Ball Championship. The AGA reserves the right to revise any of the exemption categories. Exempt sides who wish to participate in the Championship must file an entry by September 28, 2021. Exempt players and sides must meet all the eligibility requirements set forth in Eligibility Section.

*Note: For a side to be exempt, both players must be exempt under one of the following categories.

1. Winners of the Alabama State Senior Four-Ball Championship last five years (sides must remain intact):

2020 – Emile Vaughan/Shaw Pritchett	2019 – Claud Cooper/Richard Jeffers	2018 – Joey Holley/Stan Sherlin
2017 – Robert Nelson/Walker Grant	2016 – Mike Greer/Tom Jungkind	

2. From the 2020 Alabama State Senior Four-Ball Championship, the lowest 10 scores and anyone tying for 10th place:
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| Emile Vaughan/Shaw Pritchett | Claud Cooper/Richard Jeffers | Al Delgreco/Mike Greer |
| Danny Spybey/Neill Hatcher | Del Wood/Doug Davis | David Hancock/Todd Norman |
| Bryan Askew/Mark Woods | Joey Holley/Steve Hudson | Robert Nelson/Walker Grant |
| David Head/Randy Smith | George Tyner/Marc Wallace | Joseph Fortner/Kevin Newton |

3. Senior Division winners of the 2021 Southeast Mid-Amateur Four-Ball Championship (side must remain intact).
TBD

3. Any player who ranks within the top 10 point leaders and anyone tying for 10th place of the Alabama Senior Men's Amateur player rankings as of August 2, 2021.

Claud Cooper	John Wright	Doug McLeod	David Hancock	Robert Nelson
Shaw Pritchett	Mike Greer	Steve Hudson	Emile Vaughan	Walker Grant

4. From the 2021 Alabama State Senior Championship, the lowest 10 scores and anyone tying for 10th place:

Doug McLeod	David Hancock	Claud Cooper	Robert Nelson	Mike Greer
Jeffrey Darst	Thomas Druhan	Bryan Askew	John Wright	Walker Grant
Neill Hatcher				

5. One exemption for Championship Host Club

6. Special exemptions bestowed by the AGA