



32nd Alabama State Senior Four-Ball Championship

October 8-10, 2026

Hoover Country Club, Hoover, AL

Entries Open: August 10

Entries Close: September 22

Entry Fee: \$590 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 14.9 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, 2026.

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 36 sides. Exempt sides are accepted at time of registration (See "Exemptions" on page 3). Non-exempt sides will be accepted after close of entries to fill the championship field. If the championship field is oversubscribed, field will be determined by player ranking, past performance and Handicap Index as of September 22, 2026. 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or an amateur status issue), the side is deemed to have completed an invalid entry and both players' entries will be withdrawn.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/5682560> and click on register.
- **All entries must be RECEIVED in the AGA office no later than 11:59pm, Tuesday, September 22, 2026. No entries will be accepted after that time.**
- An entry fee in the amount of \$590.00, 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 22, 2026**, 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 6, 2026**, 75% 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

Wednesday, October 7

Tee times available for practice.

Thursday, October 8

First round of four-ball stroke play.

Friday, October 9

Second round of four-ball stroke play.

Field cut to low TBD sides and ties.

Field re-paired by score.

Saturday, 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 not allowed for championship rounds.

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*.

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 2026 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 22, 2026. Exempt players and sides must meet all the eligibility requirements set forth in Eligibility Section.

*Note: For a side to be exempt, one player 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):

2025-Jeff Taylor/Shaw Pritchett	2024-John Fisher/Scott Johnston	2023-Jeff Taylor/Shaw Pritchett
2022-Jeff Taylor/Shaw Pritchett	2021-Claud Cooper/Jeff Taylor	
2. From the 2024 Alabama State Senior Four-Ball Championship, the lowest 10 scores and anyone tying for 10th place:

Jeff Taylor/Shaw Pritchett	Claud Cooper/McGowin Miller	Chris Hummel/Sam Mango
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Andy Stewart/Paul Garner
John Fisher/Scott Johnston
Jeff Moss/Will Jourdan
JJ Adams/Michael McGill

Danny Spybey/Joey Holley
Chris Lemley/Tracy Lentz
George Tyner/Marc Wallace

Joseph Fortner/Scott McGee
Doug Davis/Tommy Coggin
Dave Loftin/Mark Woods

3. Any player who ranks within the top 15 point leaders and anyone tying for 15th place of the Alabama Senior Men's Amateur player rankings as of August 10, 2026.

Haymes Snedeker	Ty Cole	Woodie Eubanks	Joseph Fortner	Robbie Cotten
Shaw Pritchett	John Wright	Adam Jacobs	McGowin Miller	Richard Douglas
Chris Hummel	Gary Wigington	Tobin Ayers	Paul Garner	Chris Hancock
Jason Leblanc				

4. From the 2026 Alabama State Senior Championship, the lowest 15 scores and anyone tying for 15th place:

Haymes Snedeker	Robbie Cotton	Joseph Fortner	Richard Douglas	Shaw Pritchett
McGowin Miller	Chris Hummel	Woodie Eubanks	Ty Cole	John Wright
Adam Jacobs	Tobin Ayers	Paul Garner	Mike Floyd	David Epps

5. One exemption for Championship Host Club

6. Special exemptions bestowed by the AGA