

34th Alabama Men's State Four-Ball Championship

Wynlakes Golf & Country Club, Montgomery, Alabama

April 28 – May 1, 2016

Entry Dates: March 7 – April 18



TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The Championship will be conducted at 36 holes of Four-Ball Stroke Play, 18 holes daily on Thursday, April 28 and Friday, April 29.

The field will be limited to 72 team entries. In the event the Championship becomes over-subscribed, refer to the following paragraph, "FINAL FIELD".

After 36 holes the field will be reduced to the 16 teams posting the lowest 36 hole totals will advance into single elimination Four-Ball Match Play beginning on Saturday, April 30 and ending on Sunday, May 1.

In the event of a tie, or ties, for the last match play position(s), a "Sudden Death" play-off for that position(s) will commence immediately following the conclusion of the stroke-play portion of the Championship, or as early as practicable.

In the event a match is tied at the conclusion of 18 holes of play, the sides are required to continue play beginning at either Hole #1 or Hole #10 as determined by the Committee for as many holes as are required to decide a winner. In this case the stipulated round is deemed to extend to the number of holes needed to decide the match.

FINAL FIELD

In the event the Championship becomes over-subscribed, the Final Field will be determined using a combination of Teams making cut the previous year, Team's AGA Player Points, previous performances in AGA events and verified team USGA Handicap Index.

ENTRY PROCEDURE

1. To submit an entry (electronic entries only), simply click the register button at the bottom of this page and follow the step-by-step procedure. **All entries must be RECEIVED in the AGA office no later than 11:59 P.M., Monday, April 18, 2016.**
2. **No entries will be accepted after 11:59 P.M., Monday, April 18, 2016.**
3. An entry fee in the amount of \$320.00, payable by **credit card**, must accompany the entry application, \$10.00 of which will be donated to the Alabama Turfgrass Research Foundation.

4. Upon successfully completing the entry procedure, an email confirmation will be automatically generated and sent to you at the email address you designate.
5. In the event the field has to be pared due to over-subscription (see Tournament Format above), applicants will be notified of the status of their entry as soon as practicable following the close of entries on April 18.

REFUND POLICY

Withdrawal: If an accepted team withdraws before **11:59 P.M., Wednesday, April 27, 2016 for any reason**, the entry fee will be refunded, subject to a \$30.00 service fee. No refunds will be made after **11:59 P.M., Wednesday, April 27, 2016**.

No Shows: Teams 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” teams may be subject to suspension from future AGA events.

Alternates: Full refund if team does not gain entry into the championship.

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

If the entry is rejected for any reason(s), you will be immediately advised of the reason(s), at which time you can correct the problem(s) and re-submit the entry form.

REGISTRATION

Players, and this includes both team members, **MUST** register **IN PERSON** prior to beginning play, or, if playing a practice round, prior to playing the practice round. Failure to do so may result in rejection of the player’s entry. Inquire in the Golf Shop regarding the location of registration.

CONDITIONS AGREEMENT

We are bona fide residents of the State of Alabama.

We agree that the Alabama Golf Association has the right to reject, or withdraw, any entry at any time, to include during play of the Championship.

We are amateur golfers and understand the “Rules of Amateur Status” as established by the United States Golf Association.

We, as participants in this Championship, assume full responsibility for all our acts, whether they be negligent or otherwise, and hold harmless the Alabama Golf Association and/or any club hosting this Championship for any injuries.

Conditions

The AGA Tournament Committee reserves the right to alter any of the conditions and schedules herein. The decision of the AGA in any matter shall be final.

Etiquette

We wish to bring to your attention, or remind you, that when a club graciously agrees to host an AGA championship or USGA qualifying event, it does so at no cost to either the player or the association. Therefore, we ask that you conduct yourself appropriately while a guest and take responsibility in the same regard for anyone accompanying you. Also, please be advised that clubs are operating in certain aspects at the direction of the AGA and any complaints regarding availability of cart, fees paid, or available practice times should be directed to the AGA and not the club staff. Thank you for your consideration of all the above. We hope you have a pleasant and successful competition.

Eligibility

Entries are open to male, amateur golfers, who are: 1) members of the Alabama Golf Association (have active GHIN number in Alabama); and 2) bona fide residents of the State of Alabama (Non-resident college students are generally **not** eligible, If in doubt, contact the AGA office at (205) 979-1234).

Maximum allowable combined team handicap is 16.8 strokes under the terms of the USGA Men's Handicap System. The AGA will be the final authority in determining whether or not a handicap that has been submitted qualifies as an "approved USGA handicap".

In the event a team member is not present to begin play in the Championship, and is not likely to play the majority of the first round, that team will not be allowed to begin play, at the discretion of the AGA.

Awards

Championship: Awards will be presented to the Champions, Runners-Up, Semi-Finalists (2 teams).

Medalist Award will be presented to the team with the lowest 36-hole total (Co-Medalist if necessary).

In addition, the Champions will have their name engraved on the Harry Pritchett trophy housed at the AGA office.

Spectator Carts

1. We welcome and encourage spectators at all AGA competitions.
2. The AGA, not the host club, determines whether spectator carts will be permitted during a competition.
3. If spectator carts are not allowed, the AGA follows the USGA policy of permitting the use of mobility scooters (golf carts are not acceptable) by any spectator who suffers from a disability that requires on-course transportation.
4. Anyone intending on renting a mobility scooter should call us, 205-979-1234, and let us know ahead of time. We will then make contact with the host club on your behalf and make arrangements to receive the vehicle, store and charge it overnight, and have it available for use the following day.
5. When on the course with the scooter, you must remain on the cart path at all times and stay up with the group you are following so as not to disturb play of the group immediately behind.
6. You need to be aware of all play around you when starting the scooter to ensure you don't disturb other competitors.

Caddies and Carts

No caddies are available at the host club. It is permissible to bring caddies and any player who does so is solely responsible for his/her conduct. Contestants are not required to have either caddie or cart.

Golf carts are allowed, and are strongly recommended at this site, and are available to those contestants who have a valid Alabama driver's license. Cart fees will be the same for each player, even if circumstances are such that a player is left to ride by himself.

Users must obey the cart operations rules established by the host club, to include the allowance of spectator carts.

For further information regarding carts, please refer to the Cart Policy provided as part of the player packet given to players at registration.

Dress Code

The dress code at the championship site will be strictly enforced. Jeans are NOT permitted and shorts MUST be "Bermuda" length, or mid-thigh. No shorts approximating "tennis" length will be tolerated and this includes cut-offs, tennis shorts, bathing suits, etc. Shirts must have collars. Any player not meeting these standards will be asked to remedy this situation prior to play.

If you have any doubts as to what dress will be accepted, please ask prior to beginning play.

MATCH PLAY DRAW

Seeding of teams will be determined by order of finish from the 36 hole qualifying, and the pairing for match play will be made in accordance with the recommendations as set forth by the United States Golf Association. Ties will be settled by lot.