

71st State Junior Amateur Championship

Lakewood Golf Club, Point Clear, Alabama

July 26-28, 2016

Entry Dates: May 30 – July 18



TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The Championship will be conducted on a stroke play basis for 54 holes (27 for 9-11 Age Group), 18 holes daily (9 holes for 9-11 Age Group) on July 26-July 28, 2016.

The field will be limited to 156 entries. In the event the Championship is oversubscribed, the AGA reserves the right to pare the field based on a combination of players making the cut the previous year, AGA Player Points List, previous performances in AGA events, and current USGA Handicap Index.

There will be four age divisions as described in "Eligibility", with the Champion being the player who posts the lowest 54 hole score from either the 14-15 or 16-18 Age Divisions. Individual age division champions will be those players who post the lowest 54 hole total within their age division. All age divisions will play 18 holes daily, except that Age Division 9-11 will play 9 holes daily.

There will be 156 players at the Championship site to begin play, with a cut to the total field following 36 holes of play (18 holes for the 9-11 Age Division) to approximately 66 players. The number of players making the cut in each age division will be determined by applying to 66 the percentage of players in a particular age division to the overall number of players in the championship, and then accepting ties for the last position within each age division. Additional players within an age group MAY be included if needed to balance groupings, but not if it can't include all players in that age group with the same score.

In the event of a tie for any Champion, there will be a "multi-hole" play-off commencing immediately following play (the holes involved to be determined by the AGA) with the Champion being determined by the lowest total of those holes. If a tie, or ties, still exists, the Champion will then be decided by "sudden death" following the same sequence of holes. After the Champion has been determined, all other ties not yet settled, including those involving individuals participating in the playoff for the Championship, will be resolved by matching scorecards according to the USGA recommendation shown in Appendix I of the current Rules of Golf, How to Decide Ties, page 160(c), except that if the tie still exists, scores for the first 9 holes shall be treated in the same way until a winner is produced. Any remaining ties will be decided by matching scorecards hole-by-hole, beginning at the 18th hole.

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, July 18, 2016.**
2. **No entries will be accepted after 11:59 P.M., Monday, July 18, 2016.**
3. An entry fee in the amount of \$170.00, payable by **credit card**, must accompany the entry application, \$5.00 of which will be donated to the Alabama Turfgrass Research Foundation. An entry fee in the amount of \$85.00 for the 9-11 age division, payable by **credit card**, must accompany the entry application.
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 Format above), applicants will be notified of the status of their entry as soon as practicable following the close of entries on July 18.

REFUND POLICY

Withdrawal: If an accepted player withdraws before **11:59 P.M., Monday, July 25, 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., Monday, July 25, 2016.**

No Shows: Players 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” players 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.

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.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT NO ENTRY IS FORMALLY ACCEPTED UNTIL THE ENTRY FEE HAS BEEN PROCESSED BY THE AGA OFFICE.

REGISTRATION

Players **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

FOR THE PARENTS OF PARTICIPANTS:

I am a resident of the State of Alabama.

I agree that the Alabama Golf Association has the right to reject, or withdraw, any entry at any time.

I, as the parent or legal guardian of the participant entering this championship, assume full responsibility for all his acts, whether they be negligent or otherwise, and hold harmless the Alabama Golf Association and/or the host club for any injuries or other damages which he may sustain.

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 members of the Alabama Golf Association (have active GHIN number in Alabama and a current handicap index); bona fide residents of the State of Alabama, and meet the following age requirements:

9-11 Age Group – Must have reached 9th birthday, but not 12th birthday, by July 26, 2016.

12-13 Age Group – Must have reached 12th birthday, but not 14th birthday, by July 26, 2016.

14-15 Age Group – Must have reached 14th birthday, but not 16th birthday, by July 26, 2016.

16-18 Age Group – Must have reached 16th birthday, but not 19th birthday, by July 26, 2016. (**Note:** Cannot be a member of a college golf team, have participated in any supervised team activities, nor represent a college team in any form of competition)

The AGA will be the final authority in determining whether or not a handicap that has been submitted qualifies as an approved USGA handicap. Entries are subject to approval or rejection at any time at the discretion of the AGA or the host club.

Awards

Championship: Awards will be presented to the low scorer posting 27 hole totals in the 9-11 Age Division, the low 3 scorers posting 54 hole totals in the 12-13 Age Division, and the low 4 scorers posting 54 hole totals in both the 14-15 Age Division and the 16-18 Age Division, as well as the overall Champion.

In addition, the Champion will have their name engraved on a permanent 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

All contestants are required to walk. No caddies are allowed.

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.