

## **19<sup>th</sup> Alabama State Senior Championship**

**Huntsville Country Club, Huntsville, Alabama**

**May 13-15, 2016**

**Entry Dates: March 14 – May 2**



### **TOURNAMENT FORMAT**

The Championship will be conducted on a stroke play basis for 54 holes, 18 holes daily on May 13-15, 2016. There will be three age divisions as described in "Eligibility", with the Champion being the player who posts the lowest 54 hole score in either the 50-56 or 57-64 age divisions. Individual age division champions will be those players who post the lowest 54 hole total within their age division.

The field will be limited to 156 players at the Championship site. In the event the Championship becomes over-subscribed, the Final Field will be determined using a combination of Players making the cut the previous year, AGA Player Points List, previous performances in AGA events and verified USGA Handicap Index by proportioning each division based on the total number of players entered to the total number of players entered in each division and applying that percentage to 156.

There will be a cut to the total field following 36 holes of play to approximately 60 players. The number of players making the cut in each age division will be determined by applying to 60 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.

In the event of a tie for the overall 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, and ties for any age division champion 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, May 2, 2016.**
2. **No entries will be accepted after 11:59 P.M., Monday, May 2, 2016.**

3. An entry fee in the amount of \$160.00, payable by **credit card**, must accompany the entry application, \$5.00 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.

#### **REFUND POLICY**

**Withdrawal:** If an accepted player withdraws before **11:59 P.M., Thursday, May 12, 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., Thursday, May 12, 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**

I am a bona fide 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 am an amateur golfer and I understand the “Rules of Amateur Status” as established by the United States Golf Association.

I assume full responsibility for all my acts, whether they be negligent or otherwise, and hold harmless the Alabama Golf Association and/or any of the clubs hosting either the Championship or a Qualifying Event 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: 1) are members of the Alabama Golf Association (**have active GHIN #**); 2) are bona fide residents of the State of Alabama; 3) have a USGA Handicap Index of 10.4 (for 65+ division 15.4 or less) or less; and, 4) qualify under the following age requirements:

**50-56 Age Group** – Must have reached 50th birthday, but not 57th birthday, by May 13, 2016.

**57-64 Age Group** – Must have reached 57th birthday, but not 65th birthday, by May 13, 2016.

**65+ Age Group** – Must have reached 65th birthday by May 13, 2016.

**Note:** If a player in the 65+ age division wants to play for the overall championship, he will be placed in the 57-64 age division and will compete there, but he **must** indicate this preference on the entry application.

Entries are subject to rejection, or withdrawal, at any time at the discretion of the AGA.

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## **Awards**

Championship: Awards will be presented to the low 3 scorers posting 54 hole totals in the 50-56 and 57-64 age divisions, and the low 3 scorers in the 65+ 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.

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## **Spectators 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.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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