

44th Alabama Women's State Senior Amateur Championship

Timberline Golf Club, Calera, Alabama

April 20-22, 2016

Entry Dates: February 29 – April 11



TOURNAMENT FORMAT

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

The Championship will be conducted on a stroke play basis for 54 holes, 18 holes daily on April 20-22, 2016. Championship flight will consist of the low 8 handicap indexes as of the April 15, 2016 GHIN revision and any other players who choose to opt-in to the Championship flight. All other participants will be placed in to flights based on their score after 36 holes.

The Super Senior Division will be conducted on a stroke play basis for 36 holes, 18 holes daily on April 21-22, 2016. Players must have reached age 65 by April 21, 2016 to compete in the Super Senior Division. Players may not compete in both the Senior Division and Super Senior Division.

If, at the close of entries, the Championship is oversubscribed, the Final Field will be determined using a combination of the AGA's Player Points List, previous performances in AGA events, and verified USGA Handicap Index.

In the event of a tie for the Championship flight, 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 in all other flights, and a tie for the Super Senior 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.

Projected Flight Distribution (approximate): Championship Flight: 8 Players; All other flights: 8 Players.

Note regarding flights: There numbers are approximate and could go up or down depending on ties & groupings. Please understand that all flights make up the entire field when using percentages to determine the number of players within each flight.

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 11, 2016.**
2. **No entries will be accepted after 11:59 P.M., Monday, April 11, 2016.**

3. An entry fee in the amount of \$170.00 for the Senior Division (\$120 for the Super Senior Division), 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.

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 April 11.

REFUND POLICY

Withdrawal: If an accepted player withdraws before **11:59 P.M., Tuesday, April 19, 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., Tuesday, April 19, 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 resident of the State of Alabama and a member in good standing of the Member Club of the Alabama Golf Association at which the GHIN number indicated on the Entry Application is registered.

I agree that the Alabama Golf Association, or any club hosting this Championship, 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, as a participant in this Championship, assume full responsibility for all my 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 the 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 female, amateur golfers, who are members of the Alabama Golf Association (have active GHIN number in Alabama); bona fide residents of the State of Alabama, and have reached age 50 by April 20, 2016 (have reached age 65 by April 21, 2016 for Super Senior Division).

Maximum allowable handicap index is 36.0 strokes under the USGA Golf 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".

Awards

Championship: Awards will be presented to the low 2 scorers in each flight. In addition, the Champion will have her name engraved on the Jeannette Sell 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 herself.

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.

Championship Yardage

Championship flight will play from approximately 5300-5500 yards. All other flights will play from the course's standard forward tee markers. All yardages are subject to change.