



54th Alabama Girls State Junior Championship

June 27-29, 2017

Valley Hill Country Club, Huntsville, AL

Entries Open: May 1

Entries Close: June 20

Entry Fee: \$180 (\$90 for 9-11)



ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to any female amateur golfer who is a legal resident of Alabama, has an active GHIN® USGA Handicap Index® at an AGA member club and qualifies under the following age requirements:

9-11 Age Division: Must have reached 9th birthday, but not 12th birthday, on or before July 29, 2017.

12-13 Age Division: Must have reached 12th birthday, but not 14th birthday, on or before July 29, 2017.

14-15 Age Division: Must have reached 14th birthday, but not 16th birthday, on or before July 29, 2017.

16-18 Age Division: Must have reached 16th birthday, but not 19th birthday, on or before July 29, 2017.

Note: Entrant cannot be a member of a college golf team or have participated in any supervised team activities.

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

If championship is full at the time of registration, a player may opt to be placed on the alternate wait list. Wait list alternates are ranked according to date/time an entry is received and processed.

All players must register online at www.alabamagolf.org. Fax, mail-in, or telephone applications are not accepted.

- To submit an entry, go to <http://www.alabamagolf.org/2017-championships> and click on register
- **All entries must be RECEIVED in the AGA office no later than 10:59pm, Tuesday, June 20, 2017. No entries will be accepted after that time.**
- An entry fee in the amount of \$180.00 (\$90.00 for 9-11 Division), payable by **credit card**, must accompany the entry application, \$5.00 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 player at time of registration.

REFUND POLICY

Withdrawal: If an accepted player withdraws before **10:59pm Monday, June 26, 2017** for any reason, the entry fee will be refunded, subject to a \$30.00 service fee. No refunds will be made after that time.

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.

AJGA ACE GRANT PROGRAM

ACE Grant Reimbursements for Girls State Junior Championship

1. Junior must be/become an AJGA member
 - a. \$215 cost but the ACE Grant will automatically reimburse \$165, so out-of-pocket is \$50
 - b. Once an ACE Grant recipient the junior will be upgraded to a Junior Plus membership for no additional cost
 - c. See benefits here: [JUNIOR PLUS BENEFITS](#)
2. Must apply for and receive the ACE Grant (any applicant that is denied will receive a full refund)
3. Reimbursement can be received for the following, as long as receipts are presented:
 - a. Tournament Entry Fee
 - b. Travel
 - c. Housing
 - d. Food and beverage
4. All reimbursements are retroactive, meaning even if the event has already happened you can still apply, receive the grant and reimbursement. As long as you still have the appropriate receipts.
5. Interested families can get an idea if they would qualify by completing the ACE Grant [CALCULATOR](#)
6. Additional information on the ACE Grant can be found at [ACE GRANT INFO](#)

CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

- 54 holes of gross individual stroke play for players age 12-18. 27 holes (9 each day) for players age 9-11.
- Players in the 14-15 and 16-18 Age Divisions will play the same tees and will be eligible to win the overall Championship.
- The lowest score for 54 holes in either 14-15 or 16-18 Age Divisions will be the Champion.
- In the event of a tie for the overall Championship only, 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.

CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Monday, June 26

Tee times available for practice.

Tuesday, June 27

First round of individual stroke play.

Wednesday, June 28

Second round of individual stroke play.

Thursday, June 29

Final round of individual stroke play.

RANGE FEES; PUSH CARTS

- *Practice Rounds:* Practice round fees are not included in the entry fee.
- *Championship Site:* All range fees during the championship rounds are paid by the AGA and are included in the entry fee. Competitors must walk during championship rounds. Push carts are allowed.

CADDIES

- *Caddies: (NEW)* Caddies are allowed, **provided the caddie is 18 years old or under** and will be denoted by wearing an AGA issued caddie bib. Caddies will not be available at host club. Caddies will be held to the same dress and code of conduct policies as the player.
- *Caddie/Spectator Cart Policy:* Caddies must walk during the championship rounds.

SPECTATORS

- *Spectator Cart Policy:* AGA defers to host club policy in regards to allowing spectator carts at junior championships. If spectator carts are allowed, they will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Individuals with a bona fide handicap issue may request a spectator cart as provided in the [AGA Tournament Manual](#) by submitting a [Handicap Golf Cart Request Form](#) by the close of entries date.

PRIZES & AWARDS

Awards will be presented to the low scorer posting a 27-hole total in the 9-11 Age Division, the low 2 scorers posting 54 hole totals in the 12-13 Age Division, and the low 3 scorers in both the 14-15 & 16-18 Age Divisions, as well as to the overall Champion. In addition, the Champion will have their name engraved on the *Bee McWane Trophy* housed at the AGA office.

The Whit Lee Award named in honor of Mary Whitfield Lee, is presented to the competitor representing outstanding sportsmanship and character as voted on by the championship contestants.

EXEMPTIONS EARNED

- Champion receives automatic spot on 2017 Southern Junior Cup Team
- Champion receives 12 AJGA performance stars (see AJGA.org website)
 - 2-3 Places: 8 Stars
 - 4-5 Places: 4 Stars

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.

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 hereby grant permission to the Alabama Golf Association rights to use my name, image, likeness and sound of my voice as recorded on audio or video devices without payment or any other consideration. I understand that my image may be edited, copied, exhibited, published or distributed and waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product wherein my likeness appears. Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of my image or recording.

- I assume full responsibility for all my acts, whether they are negligent or otherwise, and hold harmless the Alabama Golf Association, its committee members, officers, board of directors, staff, and host club from any and all liability for any event or consequence relating to entry or participation in this event.