



# 17<sup>th</sup> Alabama State Match Play Championship

August 3-6, 2017

Wynlakes Golf & Country Club, Montgomery, AL

Entries Open: June 5

Entries Close: July 25



Entrv Fee: \$250 (Includes Championship Cart/Range Fees)

## ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to any male amateur golfer who is a legal resident of Alabama, and has an active GHIN® USGA Handicap Index® at an AGA member club that does not exceed 8.4.

College Student Eligibility: A college student is considered a resident of their parent(s)/guardian(s) "Legal Residency Criteria" as stated in the AGA Tournament Manual unless said student (a) has no dependency on his/her parents; and (b) lives full time in Alabama.

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

All players, including those exempt, must register online at [www.alabamagolf.org](http://www.alabamagolf.org). Fax, mail-in, or telephone applications are not accepted. Championship field size is 84 players. Exempt players are accepted at time of registration (See "Exemptions" on page 3). Non-exempt players will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis to fill the championship field. If championship field is oversubscribed, players not gaining entry will be placed on the alternate wait list. Wait list alternates are ranked according to date/time an entry is received and processed.

- 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, July 25, 2017. No entries will be accepted after that time.**
- An entry fee in the amount of \$250.00, 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](http://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 Wednesday, August 2, 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.

## CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

- 36 holes of gross individual stroke play to determine 16 players for match play. A tie for the last qualifier's place will be decided immediately by a hole-by-hole playoff. Players are responsible for making themselves available at the scoreboard for play-off instructions. The play-off holes and their order of play will be determined by the Committee.
- Match Play Seeding: General numerical draw will be used. For purposes of determining places in the draw, ties in qualifying rounds will be decided by lot.
- Match Play stipulated round is 18 holes. In the event of a match standing all square after 18 holes, the stipulated round is deemed to extend on a hole-by-hole basis until a winner is determined.

## CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

**Wednesday, August 2**

Tee times available for practice.

**Thursday, August 3**

First round of individual stroke play qualifying.

**Friday, August 4**

Second round of individual stroke play qualifying.

Field cut to low 16 players for match play.

**Saturday, August 5**

Round of 16 (AM) and Quarterfinal round (PM) of individual match play.

**Sunday, August 6**

Semifinal (AM) and Final round (PM) of individual match play.

**CART/RANGE FEES**

- *Practice Rounds:* Cart/range fees are not included in the entry fee. Cart rental is mandatory for practice rounds payable at the host club.
- *Championship Site:* Championship site cart/range fees are paid by the AGA and included in the entry fee. Competitors have the option to either walk or use a golf cart during championship rounds.

**CADDIES; SPECTATORS**

- *Caddies:* Caddies are allowed for championship rounds and will be denoted by wearing an AGA issued caddie bib. Caddies will not be available at host club.
- *Caddie/Spectator Cart Policy:* During the play of a hole, either the player or his caddie may ride in a golf cart but not both at the same time. Spectators are not allowed to ride in a player's golf cart at any time. Club owned spectator carts are not allowed except as provided in the [AGA Tournament Manual](#).

**PRIZES**

- *Stroke Play Qualifying Rounds:* Lowest Scoring Player for 36 Holes: Silver medal; if a tie, duplicate medals will be awarded.
- *Match Play:* An award will be presented to the Champion. Merchandise prizes are awarded to top finishers. Champion will have his name engraved on the permanent trophy and may take possession of the trophy for the ensuing year.
- Prizes in AGA amateur championships comply with USGA Rules of Amateur Status (see USGA Rules of Golf).
- High School or collegiate players should check with their institution compliance department regarding High School or NCAA regulations relating to accepting prizes or merchandise.

**EXEMPTIONS EARNED**

- Champion receives 10 year exemption into the Alabama State Amateur and Alabama State Match Play (2018-2027).
- Players advancing to the Round of 16 will receive an exemption into the 2018 Alabama State Amateur.
- Players advancing to the Round of 16 will receive an exemption into the 2018 Alabama State Match Play.

**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 or, in stroke play qualifying followed by match play, when the side has teed off in their first match. 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.

**EXEMPTIONS**

Players in the categories listed below are exempt into the 2017 Alabama State Match Play Championship. The AGA reserves the right to revise the exemption categories. All players must have filed an entry by July 25, 2017.

<b>A</b>	2007-2016	AGA State Match Play Champion (10 years)
<b>B</b>	2008-2017	AGA State Amateur Champion (10 Years)
<b>C</b>	2017	Top 25 from AGA Men's Amateur Rankings (at close of entries) <sup>1</sup>
<b>D</b>	2017	AGA State Amateur Championship Top 16 (1 year) <sup>1</sup>
<b>E</b>	2017	USGA Open Local Qualifiers, Senior Open Sectional Qualifiers (1 Year)
<b>F</b>	2017	USGA Junior Amateur Sectional Qualifiers (1 Year)
<b>G</b>	2017	USGA Amateur Sectional Qualifiers (1 Year)
<b>H</b>	2016	USGA Mid-Amateur and Senior Amateur Sectional Qualifiers (1 Year)
<b>I</b>	2017*	USGA Amateur Four-Ball Sectional Qualifiers (1 Year)
<b>J</b>	2012-2016	AGA State Mid-Amateur Champion (5 years)
<b>K</b>	2016	AGA State Mid-Amateur Top 8 (1 year) <sup>1</sup>
<b>L</b>	2017	AGA State Senior Amateur Champion (1 Year)
<b>M</b>	2014-2016	AGA Boys State Junior Champion; Overall Champion (3 Years)
<b>N</b>	2016	AGA State Match Play Round of 16 (1 year)
<b>O</b>	2016	Alabama Men's Player of the Year
<b>P</b>	2016	Alabama Senior Men's Player of the Year
<b>Q</b>	2016	Alabama Open Championship Top 16 (1 year) <sup>1</sup>
<b>R</b>		Special Exemptions Bestowed by the AGA

<sup>1</sup>Ties receive exemptions where applicable.

\*Players who qualify for the 2017 Championship