



# 27<sup>th</sup> Alabama Women's State Stroke Play Championship

July 12-14, 2017

NorthRiver Yacht & Country Club, Tuscaloosa, AL

Entries Open: May 22

Entries Close: July 5

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



## ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to any female amateur golfer who is a legal resident of Alabama and has an active GHIN® USGA Handicap Index® at an AGA member club. There will be three divisions: Championship, Tournament and Senior. Players must pick their division during online registration.

**Championship Division** – Approximately 6000 yards (Overall Champion)

**Tournament Division** – Approximately 5500 yards

**Senior Division** – Approximately 5000 yards

**Note:** For a player choosing to play in the Senior Division, the player must have reached their 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday by July 12, 2017.

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

Entry is limited to the first 96 players. 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](http://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, Wednesday, July 5, 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 Tuesday, July 11, 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 SCHEDULE

### Tuesday, July 11

Tee times available for practice.

### Wednesday, July 12

First round of individual stroke play. Field re-paired by score.

### Thursday, July 13

Second round of individual stroke play. Field re-paired by score. Tournament and Senior Division flights determined.

### Friday, July 14

Final round of individual stroke play.

## CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

- 54 holes of gross individual stroke play.
- The lowest score for 54 holes in the Championship Division will be the Champion.
- In the event of a tie for the Championship, a hole-by-hole play-off will be held immediately following play. The play-off holes and order of play will be determined by the AGA.
- Any other ties in all other flights, 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.
- Tournament and Senior Divisions are flighted after 36 holes by score (if necessary).
- Initial groupings are for round one; field is re-paired by score after each round.

## 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

Awards will be presented to the top scores in each Division after 54 holes, as well as the overall Champion. Low Mid-Amateur in the Championship Division will be awarded. In addition, the Champion will have her name engraved on the permanent trophy and may take possession of the trophy for the ensuing year.

## 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.