



24th Alabama State Senior Four-Ball Championship

October 12-14, 2018

Wynlakes Golf & Country Club, Montgomery, AL

Entries Open: August 6

Entries Close: September 30

Entry Fee: \$490 per side (Includes Championship Cart/Range Fees)

ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to sides of male amateur golfers who are legal residents of Alabama and have an active GHIN® USGA Handicap Index® at an AGA member club. Maximum allowable combined team handicap is 16.8 for Championship Division; 20.8 for Super Senior 65+ Division under the USGA Handicap System™. Two players who play as partners comprise a side. Partners are not required to be from the same club.

Both members of the side must qualify under the following age requirements:

Championship Division – Must have reached 50th birthday by October 12, 2018.

Super Senior 65+ Division – Must have reached 65th birthday by October 12, 2018.

Note: If a side in the Super Senior 65+ Division wants to play for the overall championship, they **must** indicate this preference on the entry application. Otherwise the side will be placed in the Super Senior 65+ Division.

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 60 sides. If championship is full at the time of registration, a side 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 sides must register online at www.alabamagolf.org. Fax, mail-in, or telephone applications are not accepted. The entry of a side is deemed complete when both players have completed the entry process. If a side completes an entry and it is later determined that one or both players are ineligible (e.g., due to an invalid handicap index or an amateur status issue), the side is deemed to have completed an invalid entry and both players’ entries will be withdrawn. A player will not be permitted to enter the Championship as an individual.

- To submit an entry, go to <http://www.alabamagolf.org/2018-championships> and click on register.
- **All entries must be RECEIVED in the AGA office no later than 10:59pm, Sunday, September 30, 2018. No entries will be accepted after that time.**
- An entry fee in the amount of \$490.00, payable by **credit card**, must accompany the entry application, \$10.00 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 side at time of registration.

REFUND POLICY

Withdrawal: If an accepted side withdraws before **10:59pm Thursday, October 11, 2018** 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: Sides 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” sides 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

- 54 holes of gross four-ball stroke play. Sides in the Championship Division will play the Championship tees and be eligible to win the overall Championship. Sides in the Super Senior 65+ Division play a shorter course and are not eligible for the overall Championship.

- The field will be cut to the low 30 sides and ties after 36 holes. Number of sides making the cut is calculated based upon percentage of sides in each division compared with the total field.
- The lowest score for 54 holes in the Championship Division will be the overall Champion and the lowest score in the Super Senior 65+ Division will be the division champion.
- In the event of a tie for first place in the overall Championship or Super Senior 65+ Division, 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.
- Initial groupings will be for first two rounds; the field will be cut and re-paired by score after the second round.

CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Thursday, October 11

Tee times available for practice.

Friday, October 12

First round of four-ball stroke play.

Saturday, October 13

Second round of four-ball stroke play.

Field cut to the low 30 sides and ties for final round.

Field re-paired by score.

Sunday, October 14

Final round of four-ball stroke 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

- *Caddies:* Caddies are allowed for championship rounds. Caddies will not be available at host club.
- *Caddie 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.
- Caddies are required to wear an AGA issued caddie bib at the championship proper.

SPECTATORS

- *Spectator Golf Cart Policy:* Due to the limited number of available golf carts, spectator carts may not be available during the championship.
- *Disability Golf Cart Policy:* In consistency with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), AGA will grant an individual with a bona fide disability a golf cart if the following conditions are met:
 - Requesting individual completes and submits a [Disabled Golf Cart Request Form](#) by the close of entries date;
 - Host club has a golf cart available;
 - Requesting individual pays host club the appropriate fee;
 - Requesting individual presents to the AGA staff or AGA representative a disability card issued by a government agency.
- Spectators are not allowed to ride in a player's golf cart at any time. Non-club owned spectator carts are not allowed except as provided in the [AGA Tournament Manual](#).

PRIZES

Awards will be presented to the top three finishers in the Championship Division and to the Champions in the Super Senior 65+ Division. Merchandise prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in both the Championship and Super Senior 65+ Divisions. Championship Division winners will have their name engraved on the *Bob Phillips Trophy* and may take possession of the trophy for the ensuing year.

EXEMPTIONS EARNED

Championship Division winners receive an exemption into the 2019 Alabama State Amateur Championship.

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.