



19th Alabama State Match Play Championship

August 8-11, 2019

Canebrake Club, Athens, AL



Entries Open: June 3

Entries Close: July 30

Entry 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. 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 after close of entries to fill the championship field. If the championship field is oversubscribed, field will be determined by player ranking, past performance and Handicap Index as of July 15, 2019. Players not gaining entry will be placed on the alternate wait list. Wait list alternates are ranked in the same way as the field. The AGA reserves the right to conduct a sectional qualifying round to determine the final field and alternate order.

- To submit an entry, go to <http://www.alabamagolf.org/2019-championships> and click on Register.
- **All entries must be RECEIVED in the AGA office no later than 11:59pm, Tuesday, July 23, 2019. 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. The appropriate entry fee must be paid by each player at time of registration.

REFUND POLICY

Withdrawal: If an accepted player withdraws for any reason before the close of registration at **11:59pm on Tuesday, July 30, 2019**, the entry fee will be refunded, subject to a \$30.00 service fee. If an accepted player withdraws for any reason after the close of registration and before **11:59pm on Monday, August 5, 2019**, 50% of the entry fee will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after **Monday, August 5, 2019**.

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 7

Tee times available for practice.

Thursday, August 8

First round of individual stroke play qualifying.

Friday, August 9

Second round of individual stroke play qualifying.

Field cut to low 16 players for match play.

Saturday, August 10

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

Sunday, August 11

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

- *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

- *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 and Runner-Up. 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 Championship and Alabama State Match Play Championship (2020-2029).
- Players advancing to the Round of 16 will receive an exemption into the 2019 Alabama State Mid-Amateur Championship (must be 25 years of age or older by first day of Championship).
- Players advancing to the Round of 16 will receive an exemption into the 2020 Alabama State Amateur Championship.
- Players advancing to the Round of 16 will receive an exemption into the 2020 Alabama State Match Play 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 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.
- I have read and agree to abide by the [Alabama Golf Association Code of Conduct](#).

EXEMPTIONS

Players in the categories listed below are exempt into the 2019 Alabama State Match Play Championship. The AGA reserves the right to revise any of the exemption categories. Exempt players who wish to participate in the Championship must file an entry by July 23, 2019 except those players for whom blank entries are filed as noted below. Exempt players must meet all the eligibility requirements set forth in Eligibility Section.

1. Winners of the AGA State Match Play Championship last ten years:

2018-Sam Murphy	2017-Matt Gourgeot	2014-Tyler Hitchner
2015-Patrick Martin	2011-Mclain Leberte	

2. Winners of the AGA State Amateur Championship last ten years:

2019-Jack Goldasich
 2018-Matt Lorenz
 2012-Andy McRae

3. Winners of the AGA State Mid-Amateur last five years:

2018-Stewart Whitt	2017-Stewart Whitt	
2016-Clay Guerin	2015-Jeff Taylor	2014-Vic Kyatt III

4. Winner of the AGA Boys State Junior Championship the last three years (2016-2018):

2017-Padraic Sim
 2016-John Racciatti Jr.

5. Winner of the 2019 AGA State Senior Championship:

Robert Nelson

6. From the 2018 AGA State Match Play Championship, those players who advanced to the Round of 16:

Sheldon Statkewicz	William Walker III	Sam Murphy	Nick Robillard
Alex Green	Frankie Wade Jr.	Woodie Eubanks	Dakota Terry
Clay Guerin	Vic Kyatt	Reed Love	Harlan Winn
Will Swift	Matt Gourgeot	Mac Murphy	Owen Burt

7. From the 2019 AGA State Amateur Championship, the 16 lowest scores and anyone tying for 16th place:

Jack Goldasich	Ford Goldasich	Austin Coggin	Will McFadden	
James Medley	Trent Alexander	Rob Richards	Sam Murphy	
Stewart Whitt	Sam Goldasich	Wade Duke	Chris Atchley	
Jackson King	Jake Dezoort	Woodie Eubanks	Ike Alexander	Dawson Garrett

8. From the 2018 AGA State Mid-Amateur, the 8 lowest scores and anyone tying for 8th place:

Stewart Whitt	Trip Smalley	Matt Johnson	Clay Guerin	
Sam Audia III	Steve Muncher	Jason Tate	Ty Cole	Alan Coshatt

9. Any player who qualified for either the 2019 USGA Open Championship Sectional Qualifying or 2019 USGA Senior Open Championship:

10. Any player who qualified for the 2019 USGA Amateur Championship:

11. Any player who qualified for either the 2018 USGA Mid-Amateur Championship or 2018 USGA Senior Amateur Championship:

Will Clowdus	Matt Ritchie	Richard Jeffers	Stewart Alexander	Claud Cooper
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12. Any player who qualified for the 2019 USGA Junior Amateur Championship:

Garrison Guthrie

13. Any player who qualified for the 2019 USGA Amateur Four-Ball Championship:

Steven Groover Stewart Whitt Kevin Carden John Randall
14. Any player who ranks within the top 25 point leaders and anyone tying for 25th place of the Alabama Men's Amateur Rankings as of June 3, 2019:

Sam Murphy	Jack Goldasich	Stewart Whitt	Ford Goldasich	Clay Guerin
Will McFadden	Harlan Winn	Austin Coggin	Will Swift	Matt Johnson
Frankie Wade Jr.	Mac Murphy	Sheldon Statkewicz	Trip Smalley	Trent Alexander
James Medley	Woodie Eubanks	Brooks Rabren	Matt Gourageot	Alan Coshatt
Ty Cole	Rob Richards	Vic Kyatt	Sam Goldasich	Jason Tate

15. The 2018 Alabama Men's Player of the Year:
Clay Guerin

16. The 2018 Alabama Senior Men's Player of the Year:
Claud Cooper

17. The 2018 Alabama Junior Boys Player of the Year:

18. Special exemptions bestowed by the AGA.