



# 31<sup>st</sup> Alabama State Mid-Amateur Championship

September 27-29, 2019

Pine Tree Country Club, Birmingham, AL

Entries Open: July 22

Entries Close: September 17

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



## ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to any male amateur golfer who is a legal resident of Alabama, has an active GHIN® USGA Handicap Index® at an AGA member club that does not exceed 8.4 and is 25 years of age as of September 27, 2019.

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 132 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 September 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, September 17, 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](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 for any reason before the close of registration at **11:59pm on Tuesday, September 17, 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 Tuesday, September 24, 2019**, 50% of the entry fee will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after **Tuesday, September 24, 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

- 54 holes of gross individual stroke play.
- The field will be cut to the low 60 players and ties after 36 holes.
- The lowest score for 54 holes 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 their order of play will be determined by the Committee.
- Initial groupings will be for two days; the field will be cut and re-paired by score after the second round.

## CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

**Thursday, September 26**

Tee times available for practice.

**Friday, September 27**

First round of individual stroke play.

**Saturday, September 28**

Second round of individual stroke play.

Field cut to low 60 players and ties.

**Sunday, September 29**

Final round of individual 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. Champion will have his name engraved on the *Elbert S. Jemison Jr. Trophy* and he may take possession of the trophy for the ensuing year. Merchandise prizes are awarded to the top finishers.

**EXEMPTIONS EARNED**

- Champion receives a 5 year exemption into the Alabama State Amateur Championship (2020-2024) and the Alabama State Match Play Championship (2020-2024).
- Players finishing in the Top 10 (and ties) will receive an exemption into the 2020 Alabama State Amateur Championship.
- Players finishing in the Top 8 (and ties) 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. 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 Mid-Amateur 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 September 17, 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 Mid-Amateur last ten years:**

2018-Stewart Whitt	2017-Stewart Whitt	2014-Vic Kyatt III	2011-Matt Johnson
2016-Clay Guerin	2013-Torrie Coghlin	2010-Steve Hudson	
2015-Jeff Taylor	2012-Steve Hudson	2009-Robert Nelson	

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

2012-Andy McRae

**3. Winner of the 2019 AGA State Senior Championship:**

TBD

**4. From the 2018 AGA State Mid-Amateur Championship, the 30 lowest scores and anyone tying for 30<sup>th</sup> place:**

Stewart Whitt	Trip Smalley	Matt Johnson	Clay Guerin	Jordy Hayden
Sam Audia III	Steven Muncher	Jason Tate	Ty Cole	Matt Ritchie
Alan Coshatt	Matthew Myers	Wes Carter	Blair Hamm	Scott Cornette
Ryan Campbell	Jake Nolen	John Wright	Robert Nelson	Blake Watts
Jack Brown III	Steven Groover	Tobin Ayers	Scott Barranco	Lew Mitchell
Richard Douglas	Lance Goodson Jr.	Brock Bates	Scott Weaver	McGowin Miller

**5. From the 2019 AGA State Amateur Championship, the 30 lowest scores and anyone tying for 30<sup>th</sup> place:**

TBD

**6. From the 2019 AGA State Match Play Championship, those players who advanced to the Round of 16:**

TBD

**7. From the 2019 Alabama Open, amateurs finishing among the top 30 overall:**

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

**9. Any player who qualified for the 2019 USGA Amateur Championship, the 2019 USGA Mid-Amateur Championship or 2019 USGA Senior Amateur Championship:**

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

Steven Groover	Stewart Whitt	Kevin Carden	John Randall
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**11. Any player who ranks within the top 50 point leaders and anyone tying for 50<sup>th</sup> place of the Alabama Men's Amateur Rankings as of July 22, 2019:**

**12. The 2018 Alabama Men's Player of the Year:**

Clay Guerin

**13. The 2018 Alabama Senior Men's Player of the Year:**

Claud Cooper

**14. One exemption for Championship Host Club**

**15. Special exemptions bestowed by the AGA**