



1st Alabama State Mixed-Team Championship

September 14-15, 2019

Kiva Dunes, Gulf Shores, AL

Entries Open: July 8

Entries Close: September 9

Entry Fee: \$395 per side (Includes Championship Cart/Range Fees)

***Updated information in Red**

ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to any side comprised of a male amateur and a female amateur who have reached their 14th birthday by September 14, 2019. **At least one member of each side must: 1. be a legal resident of Alabama; 2. be a member in good standing of a club which is a member of the Alabama Golf Association (AGA) and have an active GHIN USGA Handicap Index[®] at an AGA member club or is a golf professional employed at an AGA member club.** A side is eligible if one partner is an amateur member of an AGA member club or if one partner is a golf professional employed by an AGA member club. In the Open Division and Senior Open Division, a side is eligible if one partner meets the amateur requirements stated above or is an amateur awaiting reinstatement ("A/R") and if one partner is a golf professional employed by an AGA member club. Pro-Pro sides are **not** eligible.

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 unauthorized 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 **48** 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's entry will be withdrawn. A player is not permitted to enter the Championship as an individual.

- To submit an entry, visit <http://www.alabamagolf.org/2019-championships> and click on "Register"
- **All entries must be RECEIVED in the AGA office no later than 11:59pm, September 3, 2019. Entries will not be accepted after that time.**
- Entry fee in the amount of \$395.00, 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 your email address.

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 for any reason before the close of registration at **11:59pm on Monday, September 9, 2019**, the entry fee will be refunded, subject to a \$30.00 service fee. If an accepted side withdraws for any reason after the close of registration and before **11:59pm on Wednesday, September 11, 2019**, 50% of the entry fee will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after **Wednesday, September 11, 2019**.

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 a side does not gain entry into the championship.

All dates and time refer to **date and time of receipt** at the AGA office.

CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

- Championship is 36 holes of flighted gross stroke play using two different scoring formats.
- Round one is 18 holes of Four-Ball stroke play.

- Round two is 18 holes of modified alternate shot stroke play. Each side plays alternate shot except that both team members hit from their designated tee and then select the ball to be played. A side must complete the hole with the ball selected.

Teams select the division in which to compete if eligible:

Amateur Division: Side comprised of two amateurs. Champion is the team posting the lowest 36-hole gross score. Flights are determined based on number of entries using 50% team Handicap Index.

Senior Division: Side comprised of two amateurs who have both reached their 50th birthday by September 14, 2019. Champion is the team posting the lowest 36-hole gross score. Flights are determined based on number of entries using 50% team Handicap Index.

Open Division: Side comprised of one golf professional and one amateur (or an amateur awaiting reinstatement "A/R").

Senior Open Division: Side comprised of one golf professional and one amateur (or an amateur awaiting reinstatement "A/R") who have both reached their 50th birthday by September 14, 2019.

Approximate yardage (*Note yardage is subject to change)

Amateur Division Males; Professional/Open/Senior Open Division Males: 6200 yards

Senior Division Males; Amateur Division Females; Professional/Open Division Females: 5600 yards

Senior/Senior Open Division Females: 5000 yards

Note: AGA reserves the right to adjust format dependent upon the number of entries

CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Friday, September 13

Tee times available for practice rounds.

Saturday, September 14

Championship Round 1 – 18 holes of Four-Ball Stroke Play (AM Tee Times)

Sunday, September 15

Championship Round 2 – 18 holes of Modified Alternate Shot Stroke Play (AM Tee Times)

CART/RANGE FEES

- *Practice Round:* Practice round cart/range fees is not included in the entry fee. Cart rental is mandatory for practice rounds payable at the host club.
- *Championship Round:* Championship round cart/range fees are paid by the AGA and included in the entry fee. Cart use is mandatory for the championship round.

CADDIES

- *Caddies:* Caddies are not allowed for championship rounds.

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

- Trophies and merchandise is awarded to the overall champion in each division and winner in each flight.
- In the event of a tie for the overall champion in each 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.
- Merchandise is distributed to top teams in each amateur flight. Open division merchandise is distributed based on the size of the field to both professionals and amateurs.
- Ties for merchandise prizes are split except for the overall champion in each division (determined by an on-course playoff) and winner in each flight (determined by a score card playoff using the USGA recommended tie-breaker method).

- 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.

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 or a PGA Golf Professional at a member club of the Alabama 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](#).