



Inaugural Southeast Mid-Amateur Four-Ball Championship

August 23-25, 2019

Willow Point Golf & Country Club, Alexander City, AL

Entries Open: June 3

Entries Close: July 30

Entry Fee: \$795.00 per side (Includes all Cart/Range Fees)

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Championship entry fee is \$795.00 per side. Entry fee includes:

- Practice round cart/range fees
- Championship cart/range fees
- Hosted player reception on Thursday evening
- Breakfast and lunch from Friday thru Sunday
- Player gift package

ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to sides of male amateur golfers who have an active USGA Handicap Index® issued through a [USGA Allied Golf Association](#). Maximum allowable combined team handicap is **8.8** for the Mid-Amateur Division; **12.8** for Senior 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 or state. Both members of the side must qualify under the following age requirements:

Mid-Amateur Division – Both players must have reached his 25th birthday by August 23, 2019.

Senior Division – Both players must have reached his 50th birthday by August 23, 2019.

Note: If a Senior Division side wishes to compete in the Mid-Amateur Division, they **must** indicate this preference on the entry application.

This championship is co-conducted by the Alabama Golf Association (AGA) and Willow Point Golf & Country Club. Entries are subject to rejection or withdraw at any time, including during the event, by the Championship Committee. 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".

ENTRIES AND ONLINE REGISTRATION

All sides, including those exempt, must register online at www.alabamagolf.org. Fax, mail-in, or telephone applications are not accepted. Championship field size is 80 total sides (50 Mid-Amateur and 30 Senior). If necessary, open spots in a division may be filled with sides from the other division. Exempt sides are accepted at time of registration (See "Exemptions" on page 3). Non-exempt sides will be determined by the Championship Committee. Sides not gaining entry will be placed on the alternate wait list.

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/2019-championships>. Scroll down to August 23-25 Southeast Mid-Amateur Four-Ball and click on "Register".
- **All entries must be RECEIVED in the AGA office no later than 11:59pm, Tuesday, July 30, 2019. No entries will be accepted after that time.**
- Entry fee in the amount of \$795.00, 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 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 side withdraws for any reason after the

close of registration and before **11:59pm on Tuesday, August 20, 2019**, 50% of the entry fee (\$397.50) will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after **Tuesday, August 20, 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 Southeastern Mid-Amateur Four-Ball Championships.

Alternates: Full refund if 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

- 54 holes of Four-Ball stroke play. Field will be cut to low 30 scores 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.
- In the event of a tie for first place in the Mid-Amateur or Senior 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 Championship Committee. All other ties will be split equally.
- 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, August 22

Tee times available for practice round.

Hosted player reception.

Friday, August 23

First round of four-ball stroke play.

Hosted breakfast and lunch for championship contestants.

Saturday, August 24

Second round of four-ball stroke play.

Hosted breakfast and lunch for championship contestants.

Field cut to low 30 sides for final round.

Sunday, August 25

Final round of four-ball stroke play.

Hosted breakfast and lunch for championship contestants.

CART/RANGE FEES

- *Practice Round:* Cart/range fees are included in the entry fee. Cart is mandatory during practice round.
- *Championship:* Championship cart/range fees are included in the entry fee. Cart is mandatory during championship rounds.

CADDIES

- Caddies are not allowed.

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 Division Champions. Merchandise prizes are awarded to top finishers in each division.
- Prizes in the Southeastern Mid-Amateur Four-Ball Championship comply with USGA Rules of Amateur Status (see USGA Rules of Golf).

EXEMPTIONS EARNED

- Champions in each division receive a 3-year exemption

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 Willow Point 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 trophies have been presented. Special requests for starting times or pairings may not be granted.

CONDITIONS AGREEMENT

- We certify that all the information given in my entry is factual.
- We agree that the Alabama Golf Association has the right to reject, or withdraw, any entry at any time.
- We are amateur golfers and understand the "Rules of Amateur Status" as established by the United States Golf Association.
- We hereby grant permission to the Alabama Golf Association rights to use our name, image, likeness and sound of our voices as recorded on audio or video devices without payment or any other consideration. We 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, we waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of my image or recording.
- We assume full responsibility for all our acts, whether they are negligent or otherwise, and hold harmless the Alabama Golf Association, its committee members, officers, board of directors, staff, and Willow Point Golf & Country Club from any and all liability for any event or consequence relating to entry or participation in this event.
- We have read and agree to abide by the [Alabama Golf Association Code of Conduct](#).

EXEMPTIONS

Players and sides in the categories listed below are exempt into the 2019 Southeastern Mid-Amateur Four-Ball Championship. The Championship Committee reserves the right to revise any of the exemption categories. Exempt sides who wish to participate in the Championship must file an entry by July 30, 2019. Exempt players and sides must meet all the eligibility requirements set forth in Eligibility Section.

*Note: For a side to be exempt, both players must be exempt under one of the following categories.

1. Division winners of the Southeast Mid-Amateur Four-Ball Championship since 2019.
2. Champions of USGA Allied Golf Association conducted State/Regional Four-Ball, Mid-Amateur Four-Ball or Senior Four-Ball championships since 2017.
3. Players ranked within the Top 100 of their respective State Amateur player rankings as of date of entry.
4. Players ranked within the Top 50 of their respective State Mid-Amateur or Senior Amateur player rankings as of date of entry.
5. Players ranked within the Top 2500 of the Scratch Players World Amateur Rankings or World Amateur Golf Rankings (WAGR) as of date of entry.
6. Special exemptions bestowed by the Championship Committee