



103rd Alabama Men's State Amateur Championship

June 6-9, 2019

Turtle Point Yacht & Country Club, Killen, AL



Entries Open: March 4

Entries Close: April 30 (Montgomery Qualifying)
May 14 (All other qualifiers and exempt players)

Entry Fee: \$270 Exempt (\$110 Qualifying) (Includes Qualifying/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 (see "Exemptions from Sectional Qualifying" on page 4), must register online at www.alabamagolf.org. Fax, mail-in, or telephone applications are not accepted.

- To submit an entry, go to <http://www.alabamagolf.org/2019-championships> and click on register.
- **Entries for the Montgomery qualifier must be RECEIVED in the AGA office no later than 11:59pm, Tuesday, April 30, 2019. No entries for the Montgomery qualifier will be accepted after that time.**
- **Entries for all other qualifiers (and exempt players) must be RECEIVED in the AGA office no later than 11:59pm, Tuesday, May 14, 2019. No entries will be accepted after that time.**
- An entry fee in the amount of \$270.00 for exempt players or \$110.00 for non-exempt players (see exemption list at bottom of entry form) payable by **credit card**, must accompany the entry application, \$5.00 of which will be donated to the Alabama Turfgrass Research Foundation. For players who successfully qualify, the AGA will charge the credit card used to register for sectional qualifying the remaining championship balance of \$160.00.
- 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

SECTIONAL QUALIFYING

Withdrawal (Montgomery qualifier): If an accepted player withdraws for any reason before the close of registration at **11:59pm on Tuesday, April 30, 2019**, the entry fee will be refunded, subject to a \$30.00 service fee.

Withdrawal (All other qualifiers and exempt players): If an accepted player withdraws for any reason before the close of registration at **11:59pm on Tuesday, May 14, 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 the deadlines listed below for any reason, 50% of the entry fee will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after the deadlines listed below.

- Montgomery Qualifier - **11:59pm on Saturday, May 4, 2019**
- Birmingham Qualifier - **11:59pm on Friday, May 17, 2019**
- Glencoe Qualifier - **11:59pm on Wednesday, May 22, 2019**
- Mobile Qualifier - **11:59pm on Sunday, May 26, 2019**
- Athens Qualifier - **11:59pm on Sunday, May 26, 2019**

CHAMPIONSHIP

Successful Qualifier Withdrawal: If a successful qualifier withdraws for any reason after paying his remaining championship balance of \$160 and before **11:59pm on Monday, June 3, 2019**, 50% of the remaining championship balance (\$80) will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after **Monday, June 3, 2019**.

Exempt Player Withdrawal: If an exempt player withdraws for any reason before the close of registration at **11:59pm on Tuesday, May 14, 2019**, the entry fee will be refunded, subject to a \$30.00 service fee. If an exempt player withdraws for any reason after the close of registration and before **11:59pm on Monday, June 3, 2019**, 50% of the entry

fee will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after **Monday, June 3, 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.

SCHEDULE

Competition will be in two stages:

1. **Sectional Qualifying** - 18 holes individual stroke play for non-exempt players.
2. **Championship** - 156 players, including exempt players, will advance to the Championship. 72 holes individual stroke play.

SECTIONAL QUALIFYING AND ALTERNATES

- Sectional qualifying is 18 holes of stroke play.
- The number of qualifiers' places at each site is determined by the AGA after entries close, based on the size of the field. All ties for the final qualifying position qualify for the championship. Alternates for qualifiers unable to compete in the Championship will be ordered by the qualifying scores at each site using the USGA recommended score card playoff procedure to break ties.
- If a Sectional Qualifying location cannot fill its qualifiers' places, or if an exempt player withdraws, the place made available will be re-allotted to another location. A re-allotment schedule will be prearranged by the AGA.
- Qualifying assignment is based on the date/time the AGA receives and processes each entry form. **Qualifying site assignments cannot be changed after entries close.**
- If a qualifying site is full at the time of registration, a player may opt to be placed on that site's alternate wait list or register at another qualifying site. A player may only register for one qualifying site.
- Wait list alternates and on-site alternates are ranked according to date/time an entry is received and processed. Qualifying site player information is sent after entries are accepted.

*Note: Qualifying sites may be cancelled due to a lack of participation.

QUALIFYING SCHEDULE

May 7 – Cottonwood Golf Club, Montgomery

May 20 - Riverchase Country Club, Birmingham (limited to first 96 players)

May 25 - RTJ @ Silver Lakes, Glencoe (limited to first 60 players)

May 29 - Canebrake Club, Athens

May 29 - Azalea City Golf Course, Mobile

CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

- The field will be cut to the low 60 players and ties after 36 holes.
- The lowest score for 72 holes will be the Champion.
- In the event of a tie for the Championship, a three-hole aggregate play-off will be held immediately following play. The winner will be the player with the lowest aggregate score for the play-off holes. In the event of a further tie, play will immediately continue hole by hole until Champion is determined. 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

Tuesday, June 4

Tee times available for practice.

Wednesday, June 5

Tee times available for practice.

Thursday, June 6

First round of individual stroke play.

Friday, June 7

Second round of individual stroke play.

Field cut to low 60 scores and ties.

Saturday, June 8

Third round of individual stroke play.

Sunday, June 9

Final round of individual stroke play.

CART/RANGE FEES; GOLF CARTS

- *Qualifying Site:* Qualifying site cart/range fees paid by the AGA and are included in the entry fee. Competitors have the option to either walk or use a golf cart during qualifying rounds (Riverchase qualifying will be mandatory carts). Cart rental is mandatory for practice rounds.
- *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 paid by the AGA and are 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 sectional qualifying and 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

- *Sectional Qualifying Rounds:* Lowest Scorer for 18 Holes in each location: Silver medal; if a tie, duplicate medals will be awarded.
- *Championship:* Awards will be presented to the top three finishers. Merchandise prizes are awarded to top finishers. Champion will have his name engraved on the *Sam Perry 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 a lifetime exemption into the Alabama Men's State Amateur Championship.
- Champion receives 10 year exemption into the Alabama State Match Play Championship (2019-2028).
- Champion receives 10 year exemption into the Alabama State Mid-Amateur Championship (2019-2028) (must be 25 years of age or older by first day of Championship).
- Players finishing in the top 30 (and ties) will receive exemptions into the 2020 Alabama Men's State Amateur Championship and 2019 Alabama State Mid-Amateur Championship (must be 25 years of age or older by first day of Championship).
- Players finishing in the top 16 (and ties) will receive an exemption into the 2019 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 including sectional qualifying. 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 FROM SECTIONAL QUALIFYING

Players in the following categories will be eligible for exemption in the 2019 Championship only. 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 May 14, 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. All former winners of the AGA State Amateur Championship (Last 30 years listed):

2018-Matt Lorenz	1993-Bob Frazer
2012-Andy McRae	1996-John Coles, III
2006-Ben Moody	1991 Winston Walker
2002, 2005-Will Swift	1990-Robbie Cotten
1997-Richard Jeffers	1989-John Wright

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

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

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 2018 AGA Boys State Junior Championship:

5. Winners of the AGA State Senior Championship last five years:

2019- TBD	2018-Claud Cooper	2017-Robert Nelson
2016-Bryan Askew	2015-David Hancock	

(NOTE: Blank entry will be filed by the AGA for player who becomes exempt after close of entries.)

6. Winners of the AGA State Four-Ball Championship last five years:

2019- TBD	2018-Will Swift/Clay Guerin	2017-Heath West/Matt Johnson
2016-Steve Hudson/Robert Nelson	2015-Matt Gourgeot/Tony Olive	

(NOTE: Blank entry will be filed by the AGA for player who becomes exempt after close of entries.)

7. Winners of the 2018 AGA State Senior Four-Ball Championship:

Joey Holley	Stan Sherlin
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8. From the 2019 AHSAA State High School Championship, each individual classification champion or co-champion.

(* Classifications are: Boys 1A-2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, 6A, 7A.)

(NOTE: Blank entry will be filed by the AGA for player who becomes exempt after close of entries.)

9. From the 2019 AISA State High School Champion, individual champion or co-champion.

10. From the 2018 AGA State Amateur Championship, the 30 lowest scores and anyone tying for 30th place:

Matt Lorenz	Austin Gean	John Racciatti Jr.	Jason Tate	Drew Mathers
Woodie Eubanks	John Hayden	Vic Kyatt	Steven Groover	Richard Douglas
Will Swift	Logan Archer	Nick Robillard	Clay Guerin	Thomas Ponder
Jordan Plunkett	Ryan Mayberry	Eric Howle	Mac Scott	William Walker III
Rovanta Young	William Wann	Chance Caylor	Lance Goodson Jr.	James Medley
Conner Elder	Dawson Atkinson	Tyler Hitchner	John Catanzaro	

11. 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
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| 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 | |
- 12.** From the 2018 AGA State Mid-Amateur, the 10 lowest scores and anyone tying for 10th place:
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| Stewart Whitt | Trip Smalley | Matt Johnson | Clay Guerin | Sam Audia III |
| Steve Muncher | Jason Tate | Ty Cole | Alan Coshatt | Matthew Myers |
| Wes Carter | | | | |
- 13.** Finalists from the 2019 AGA State Four-Ball Championship:
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(NOTE: Blank entry will be filed by the AGA for player who becomes exempt after close of entries.)
- 14.** From the 2018 Alabama Open, amateurs finishing among the top 30 overall:
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| Tyler Hitchner | Austin Gean | Caleb O'Toole | Dawson Atkinson | |
| Rob Richards | David Gannon | Jordy Hayden | Jack Poole | |
- 15.** Any player who qualified for either the 2018 USGA Open Sectional Qualifying or 2018 USGA Senior Open Championship:
- 16.** Any player who qualified for the 2018 USGA Amateur, Mid-Amateur, Senior or Junior Championships:
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| Patrick Martin | Thomas Ponder | Ford Clegg | Ken Goforth | |
| Will Clowdus | John Wright | Stewart Alexander | Claud Cooper | Richard Jeffers |
- 17.** Any player who qualified for the 2019 USGA Amateur Four-Ball Championship:
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| Steven Groover | Stewart Whitt | Kevin Carden | John Randall | |
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- 18.** The 2018 Alabama Men's Player of the Year:
Clay Guerin
- 19.** The 2018 Alabama Senior Men's Player of the Year:
Claud Cooper
- 20.** The 2018 Alabama Junior Boys Player of the Year:
- 21.** 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 January 1, 2019:
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| Clay Guerin | Matt Lorenz | Sam Murphy | Austin Gean | Woodie Eubanks |
| John Racciatti, Jr. | Will Swift | Harlan Winn | Jason Tate | Vic Kyatt |
| Stewart Whitt | Matt Johnson | Frankie Wade, Jr. | Mac Murphy | Drew Mathers |
| Sheldon Statkewicz | Trip Smalley | Sam Audia III | Patrick Martin | Ty Cole |
| John Hayden | Nick Robillard | Alan Coshatt | Steven Muncher | Sam Jeffcoat |
- 22.** Any player who ranks within the top 5 point leaders and anyone tying for 5th place of the Alabama Junior Boys Rankings as of March 4, 2019:
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| Gordon Sargent | Reynolds Lambert | Thomas Ponder | Hunter Battles | Max Johnson |
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- 23.** One exemption for Championship Host Club.
- 24.** Special exemptions bestowed by the AGA.