



# 87<sup>th</sup> Alabama Women's State Amateur Championship

July 10-12, 2019

Cherokee Ridge Country Club, Union Grove, AL

Entries Open: May 20

Entries Close: July 2

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



## ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to any female amateur golfer who is a legal resident of Alabama, and has an active GHIN® USGA Handicap Index® at an AGA member club. There will be two divisions: Championship and Tournament. Players must select their division during online registration.

**Championship Division** – Approximately 6000 yards (Overall Champion)

**Tournament Division** – Approximately 5300 yards

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". 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 56 players. Exempt players are accepted at time of entry (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, the field will be determined by player ranking, past performance and Handicap Index as of July 1, 2019 with priority given to Championship Division. Players not gaining entry will be placed on the alternate wait list. Wait list alternates are ranked according to date/time an entry is received and processed.

- 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 2, 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, July 2, 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 Sunday, July 7, 2019**, 50% of the entry fee will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after **Sunday, July 7, 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

- 18 holes of gross individual stroke play to determine seeding within each Division.
- Championship Division will be cut to low 16 players from the stroke play qualifier and the remaining players will be placed into flights according to the number of entries within the division. A tie for the last qualifier's place in the Championship Division 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. Remaining

- Championship Division Flights will be divided into flights of four (4) to compete at match play based on qualifying round score. USGA recommended score card playoff procedure (last 9, last 6, etc.) will be used to decide a flight break tie.
- Tournament Division players will be divided into flights of four (4) to compete at match play based on qualifying round score. USGA recommended score card playoff procedure (last 9, last 6, etc.) will be used to decide a flight break tie.
  - Match Play Seeding: General numerical draw will be used. For purposes of determining places in the draw, ties in qualifying rounds for the #1 seed in the Championship Flight will be decided by USGA recommended score card playoff procedure (last 9, last 6, etc.) and all others 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 extended on a hole-by-hole basis until a winner is determined.
  - In each division, all players that lose in round one will be placed in a consolation flight.
  - Overall Champion is the Championship Division winner.

## CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

### Tuesday, July 9

Tee times available for practice.

### Wednesday, July 10

18-hole stroke play qualifier for all divisions to determine positions for match play.

### Thursday, July 11

Championship Division: (AM) Round of 16. (PM) Quarterfinals and Consolation Quarterfinals.

Championship Division Flights, Tournament Division: (AM) Semifinals.

### Friday, July 12

Championship Division: (AM) Semifinals and Consolation Semifinals. (PM) Final and Consolation Final.

Championship Division, Tournament Division: (AM) Finals and Consolation Finals.

## 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 18 Holes in Championship Division: Silver medal; if a tie, duplicate medals will be awarded.
- *Match Play:* Awards will be presented to the Champion and runner-up in the Championship Division. All other flights, awards will be presented to the winner and consolation winner.

## 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) and format at any time during the championship. The competition is

