



104th Alabama Men's State Amateur Championship

July 29 - August 1, 2020

Saugahatchee Country Club, Auburn, AL

Entries Open: May 11 | Entries Close: July 14

Entry Fee: \$270 (Includes 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](#). 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. Fax, mail-in, or telephone applications are not accepted. Championship field size is 144 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 July 14, 2020. 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 expand the championship field size and to conduct a sectional qualifying round at a site and date to be determined.

- To submit an entry, go to <http://www.alabamagolf.org/2020-championships> and click on register.
- **All entries must be RECEIVED in the AGA office no later than 11:59pm, Tuesday, July 14, 2020. No entries will be accepted after that time.**
- An entry fee in the amount of \$270.00, 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. 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 14, 2020**, 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 Monday, July 27, 2020**, 50% of the entry fee will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after **Monday, July 27, 2020**.

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

- 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 playoff will be held immediately following play. The winner will be the player with the lowest aggregate score for the playoff holes. In the event of a further tie, play will immediately continue hole-by-hole until Champion is determined. The playoff 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. Then re-paired by score after the third round for the fourth round.

CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Tuesday, July 28

Tee times available for practice.

Wednesday, July 29

First round of individual stroke play.

Thursday, July 30

Second round of individual stroke play.

Field cut to low 60 scores and ties.

Friday, July 31

Third round of individual stroke play.

Saturday, August 1

Final round of individual stroke play.

CART/RANGE FEES; GOLF CARTS

***Note: Due to the uncertainty surrounding Covid-19 and social distancing rules that may affect the 2020 Alabama State Amateur Championship, the AGA reserves the right to change policy to a walking only event. Players will be notified at close of entries if this policy change is implemented.**

- *Practice Rounds:* Practice round fees are not included in the entry fee. Mandatory fee for practice rounds is payable at the host club.
- *Championship Site:* Championship site cart/range fees 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. Merchandise prizes are awarded to top finishers. Champion will have his name engraved on the *Sam Perry Trophy*.
- 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 (2020-2029).
- Champion receives 10-year exemption into the Alabama State Mid-Amateur Championship (2020-2029) (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 2021 Alabama Men's State Amateur Championship and 2020 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 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 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 QUALIFYING

Players in the following categories will be eligible for exemption in the 2020 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 July 14, 2020 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):

2019-Jack Goldasich	2018-Matt Lorenz	2012-Andy McRae
2006-Ben Moody	2002, 2005-Will Swift	1997-Richard Jeffers
1996-John Coles, III	1993-Bob Frazier	1991-William Walker
1990-Robbie Cotten		

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

2019-Ethan Hagood	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:

2019-Vic Kyatt	2018-Stewart Whitt	2017-Stewart Whitt
2016-Clay Guerin	2015-Jeff Taylor	

4. Winners of the last two AGA Boys State Junior Championship:

2019-Gordon Sargent	2018-Nick Dunlap
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5. Winners of the AGA State Senior Championship since 2016:

2019-Robert Nelson	2018-Claud Cooper
2017-Robert Nelson	2016-Bryan Askew

6. Winners of the AGA State Four-Ball Championship since 2016:

2019- Will Swift/Clay Guerin	2018-Will Swift/Clay Guerin
2017-Heath West/Matt Johnson	2016-Steve Hudson/Robert Nelson

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

7. Winners of the 2019 AGA State Senior Four-Ball Championship:

2019-Richard Jeffers/Claud Cooper

8. From the 2019 AGA State Amateur Championship, players who posted a 72-hole score:

Jack Goldasich	Ford Goldasich	Austin Coggin	Will McFadden	James Medley
Trent Alexander	Rob Richards	Sam Murphy	Stewart Whitt	Sam Goldasich
Chris Atchley	Jackson King	Jake Dezoort	Woodie Eubanks	Issac Alexander
Dawson Garrett	Logan Archer	Haymes Snedeker	Sheldon Statkewicz	
Robson Copenhaver	Austin Cody	Eli Hodges	Jason Tate	Clay Guerin
Taylor Rinks	Jones Free	Owen Burt	Paul Bruce	Matt Lorenz
Brant Bishop	Aaron Jackson	Harrison Davis	Michael Noe	Victor Kyatt
Artharv Argade	Chase Kennedy	Harlan Winn	John Snoddy	Connor Newton

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| Jackson Singletary | Jordy Hayden | Dawson Atkinson | Austin Sparks | Caleb O'Toole |
| Matt Smith | Adam Strachan | Eric Howle | Garrison Guthrie | Bart Barnes |
| Nick Robillard | Matthew Madden | Matt Gourgeot | Will Thrash | Harrison Mink |
| Jake Tiffin | Sam Jeffcoat | Tyler Hitchner | Ken Goforth | Scott Weaver |
| Cameron Spehar | Matthew Burrow | John Gaal | | |
- 9.** From the 2019 AGA State Match Play Championship, those players who advanced to the Round of 16:
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| Stewart Whitt | Harlan Winn | Cole Davidson | Ethan Hagood | Mac Murphy |
| Matt Gourgeot | Dakota Terry | Jackson King | Reynolds Lambert | |
| Robson Copenhaver | Scott Weaver | Woodie Eubanks | James Medley | Victor Kyatt III |
| Charles Wood | Jason Tate | | | |
- 10.** From the 2019 AGA State Mid-Amateur, the 10 lowest scores and anyone tying for 10th place:
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| Vic Kyatt | Woodie Eubanks | Clay Guerin | James Salter | Alan Coshatt |
| Jacob Randall | Josh Upton | Lance Goodson | Thomas Kayworth | Jack Brown |
- 11.** From the 2019 Alabama Open, amateurs finishing among the top 30 overall:
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| Tyler Hitchner | Drew Mathers | Luke Wilson | Jake Dezoort | Issac Alexander |
| Cole Davidson | Dylan Moncus | Owen Burt | | |
- 12.** Any player who qualified for either the 2019 USGA Open Sectional Qualifying or 2019 USGA Senior Open Championship:
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| Ford Clegg | Austin Gean | | | |
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- 13.** Any player who qualified for the 2019 USGA Amateur, Mid-Amateur, Senior or Junior Championships:
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| Garrison Guthrie | Sam Murphy | David Hancock | Steven Groover | Clay Guerin |
| William Buhl | William Walker III | Stewart Alexander | Thomas Ponder | |
- 14.** Any player who qualified for the 2020 USGA Amateur Four-Ball Championship:
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| Matt Gourgeot | Brinson Holder | Harlan Winn | | |
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- 15.** The 2019 Alabama Men's Player of the Year:
William Buhl
- 16.** The 2019 Alabama Senior Men's Player of the Year:
Robert Nelson
- 17.** The 2019 Alabama Junior Boys Player of the Year:
Gordon Sargent
- 18.** Any player who ranks within the top 60-point leaders and anyone tying for 60th place of the Alabama Men's Amateur Rankings as of May 1, 2020:
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| William Buhl | Jack Goldasich | Vic Kyatt | Stewart Whitt | Ford Goldasich |
| Ethan Hagood | Clay Guerin | Woodie Eubanks | Harlan Winn | Austin Coggin |
| Will McFadden | Jackson King | James Medley | Alan Coshatt | Sam Murphy |
| Trent Alexander | Rob Richards | Will Swift | Sam Goldasich | Reynolds Lambert |
| Mac Murphy | James Salter | Dakota Terry | Josh Upton | Matt Gourgeot |
| Drew Mathers | Tobin Ayers | Ty Cole | Thomas Kayworth | Matt Johnson |
| Jacob Randall | Steven Groover | Jason Tate | Robson Copenhaver | Chris Atchley |
| Brinson Holder | Lance Goodson | Addison Lambeth | Jacob Stinson | William Walker III |
| Ford Clegg | Jake DeZoort | Dylan Moncus | Eric Howle | Jack Brown |
| Scott Cornette | Austin Gean | Walker Grant | Elliot Jones | Brendan Keller |
| Andrew Kniphfer | Lew Mitchell | Jones Brown | Cole Davidson | William Thompson |
| Scott Weaver | Charles Wood | Ike Alexander | Garrett Burgess | Dawson Garrett |
| Blake Mozley | | | | |
- 19.** Any player who ranks within the top 40-point leaders and anyone tying for 40th place of the Alabama Junior Boys Rankings as of May 1, 2020:
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| Gordon Sargent | Jones Free | Harrison Davis | Garrison Guthrie | Price Brown |
| Max Johnson | Ryan Eshleman | Matthew Madden | Mac Scott | J.P. Cave |
| Cole Davidson | Stuart Dickson | Cole Imig | Tom Fischer | Paul Bruce |
| Avery Stansell | Dawson Garrett | Harrison Sims | Nathan King | Griffin McCrary |
| Slade McCraw | Dawson Farni | Landon Wockenfuss | Adam Kilpatrick | Tristin Wisener |
| John Gaal | Stephen Baker | Peter Meilunas | Seth Rogers | Gregory Jones |
| Holden Atchison | Trent Trousdale | Andrew McCrary | Trey Rouse | Will Feagin |
| Ethan Hacker | George Burch | Hayden Carner | Grant Smith | Alex Roberts |
| Will Patrick | | | | |
- 20.** One exemption for Championship Host Club.
- 21.** Special exemptions bestowed by the AGA.