



33rd Alabama State Mid-Amateur Championship

September 17-19, 2021

Hoover Country Club, Hoover, AL

Entries Open: July 19

Entries Close: September 7

Entry Fee: \$295 (Includes Championship Cart/Range Fees)



ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to any male amateur golfer who is a legal resident of Alabama, has an active GHIN® USGA Handicap Index® at an AGA member club that does not exceed 8.4 and is 25 years of age as of September 17, 2021.

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, must register online at www.alabamagolf.org. Fax, mail-in, or telephone applications are not accepted. Championship field size is 132 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 September 7, 2021. 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 conduct a sectional qualifying round to determine the final field and alternate order.

- To submit an entry, go to <https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/2717929> and click on register now.
- **All entries must be RECEIVED in the AGA office no later than 11:59pm, Tuesday, September 7, 2021. No entries will be accepted after that time.**
- An entry fee in the amount of \$295.00, 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, September 7, 2021**, 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 Tuesday, September 14, 2021**, 50% of the entry fee will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after **Tuesday, September 14, 2021**.

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

- 54 holes of gross individual stroke play.
- The field will be cut to the low 60 players and ties after 36 holes.
- The lowest score for 54 holes will be the Champion.
- In the event of a tie for the Championship, 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.
- Initial groupings will be for two days; the field will be cut and re-paired by score after the second round.

CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 16

Tee times available for practice.

Friday, September 17

First round of individual stroke play.

Saturday, September 18

Second round of individual stroke play.

Field cut to low 60 players and ties.

Sunday, September 19

Final round of individual stroke play.

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

Awards will be presented to the top three finishers. Merchandise prizes are awarded to the top finishers. Champion will have his name engraved on the *Elbert S. Jemison Jr. Trophy*.

EXEMPTIONS EARNED

- Champion receives a 5 year exemption into the Alabama State Amateur Championship (2022-2026) and the Alabama State Match Play Championship (2022-2026).
- Players finishing in the Top 10 (and ties) will receive an exemption into the 2022 Alabama State Amateur Championship.
- Players finishing in the Top 8 (and ties) will receive an exemption into the 2022 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. The competition is closed when the championship trophy has been presented. Special requests for starting times or pairings may not be granted.

EXEMPTIONS

Players in the categories listed below are exempt into the 2021 Alabama State Mid-Amateur Championship. 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 September 7, 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. Winners of the AGA State Mid-Amateur last ten years:

2020-Robby Prater	2019-Vic Kyatt III	2018-Stewart Whitt	2017-Stewart Whitt	2016-Clay Guerin
2015-Jeff Taylor	2014-Vic Kyatt III	2013-Torrie Coghlin	2012-Steve Hudson	2011-Matt Johnson

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

- 2017-Taylor Eyster 2012-Andy McRae
- 3.** Winner of the 2021 AGA State Senior Championship:
Doug McLeod
- 4.** From the 2020 AGA State Mid-Amateur Championship, anyone posting a 54-hole score:
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| Robby Prater | Austin Sparks | Hunter Hawkins | Will Morrison | Jackson King |
| Matt Gorgeot | Daniel Creel | Matt Johnson | Lance Goodson | Will Thrash |
| Will Thompson | Shaw Pritchett | Stewart Whitt | Steven Groover | Tobin Ayers |
| Scott Cornette | Clint Provost | Steven Muncher | Richard Douglas | Mark Chambers |
| Corey Ray | Woodie Eubanks | Jacob Randall | Brent Dörner | Scott Barranco |
| Brannan Reaves | Sam Audia | Will McCurdy | Jeff Taylor | Thomas Jean |
| Joey Holley | John Wright | Claud Cooper | Nick Davis | Will Swift |
| Andy McRae | Will Clowdus | Evan Holland | Whitt Luker | Chase Bagwell |
| Michael Watson | Alex Balog | Chris Jones | Victor Kyatt | Jeremy Willingham |
| Mike Arasin | Brinson Holder | Anoop Sattineri | Jackson Beindorf | Scott Gilreath |
| Levi Shelton | Alan Coshatt | Nick Lee | Connor Elder | Josh Upton |
| Marshall Watts | JT Watkins | Wes Cahoon | Jordan Maynor | Timothy Freund |
| David Kyatt | Jay Hayes | Ben Moody | Trip Smalley | |
- 5.** From the 2021 AGA State Amateur Championship, anyone posting a 72-hole score:
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| Jacob Randall | Bart Barnes | Tyler Hitchner | Austin Sparks | |
| Brinson Holder | Clay Guerin | Woodie Eubanks | Nick Davis | Johnny Komara |
| Chris Hummel | Tobin Ayers | James Salter | Daniel Ozley | |
| Bradley Funderburk | Stewart Whitt | Jonathan Nelson | Trent Alexander | Jake Nolen |
| Lance Goodson | Alex Balog | Eric Howle | | |
- 6.** From the 2021 AGA State Match Play Championship, those players who advanced to the Round of 16:
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| Matthew Myers | Woodie Eubanks | Tobin Ayers | Clay Guerin | Brent Cooper |
| Bart Barnes | | | | |
- 7.** From the 2021 AGA State Senior Match Play Championship, those players who advanced to the Quarterfinals:
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| John Wright | Mike Arasin | Jeff Taylor | Claud Cooper | Steve Hudson |
| Joseph Fortner | Shaw Pritchett | Emile Vaughan | | |
- 8.** From the 2021 Alabama Open, amateurs finishing among the top 30 overall:
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| Hunter Hawkins | Ty Cole | Brad Moultrie | Tyler Hitchner | |
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- 9.** Any player who qualified for either the 2021 USGA Open Championship Sectional Qualifying or 2021 USGA Senior Open Championship:
Claud Cooper
- 10.** Any player who qualified for the 2021 USGA Amateur Championship, the 2021 USGA Mid-Amateur Championship or 2021 USGA Senior Amateur Championship:
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| Will Morrison | Shaw Pritchett | Austin Sparks | Robert Nelson | |
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- 11.** Any player who qualified for the 2021 USGA Amateur Four-Ball Championship:
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| Matt Gorgeot | Brinson Holder | Trent Alexander | Michale Noe | |
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- 12.** Any player who ranks within the top 50 point leaders and anyone tying for 50th place of the Alabama Men's Amateur Rankings as of July 19, 2021:
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| Tyler Hitchner | Robby Prater | Austin Sparks | Hunter Hawkins | Jacob Randall |
| Jackson King | Will Morrison | Matt Gorgeot | Daniel Burns | Alex Balog |
| Will Thompson | Jackson Beindorf | Sheldon Statkewicz | Bart Barnes | Stewart Whitt |
| Will Swift | Matt Johnson | Shaw Pritchett | Wil Clowdus | Daniel Creel |
| Lance Goodson | Steven Groover | Brinson Holder | Clay Guerin | Will McCurdy |
| Thomas Looney | Steven Locke | Michael Noe | Mike Blasey | Jeff Taylor |
| Ty Cole | Garrett Burgess | Trent Alexander | Matt Ritchie | |
- 13.** The 2020 Alabama Men's Player of the Year:
- 14.** The 2020 Alabama Senior Men's Player of the Year:
John Wright
- 15.** One exemption for Championship Host Club
- 16.** Special exemptions bestowed by the AGA