

105th Alabama State Amateur Championship

June 9-12, 2021

Pine Tree Country Club, Birmingham, AL



Entries Open: March 1

Entries Close: May 4 (Mobile Qualifier)
May 11 (All other qualifiers and exempt players)

Entry Fee: \$295 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 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 <https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/2718230> and click on "Register now".
- **Entries for the Mobile qualifier must be RECEIVED in the AGA office no later than 11:59pm, Tuesday, May 4, 2021. No entries for the Mobile 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 11, 2021. No entries will be accepted after that time.**
- An entry fee in the amount of \$295.00 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. For players who successfully qualify, the AGA will charge the credit card used to register for qualifying the remaining championship balance of \$185.00. \$5.00 from each exempt player and successful qualifier entry fee 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

QUALIFYING

Withdrawal (Mobile Qualifier): If an accepted player withdraws for any reason before the close of registration at **11:59pm on Tuesday, May 4, 2021**, 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 11, 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 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.

- Auburn Qualifier - **11:59pm on Monday, May 24, 2021**
- Glencoe Qualifier - **11:59pm on Wednesday, May 19, 2021**
- Athens Qualifier - **11:59pm on Sunday May 23, 2021**
- Mobile Qualifier - **11:59pm on Sunday, May 9, 2021**
- Birmingham Qualifier - **11:59pm on Friday, May 21, 2021**

CHAMPIONSHIP

Successful Qualifier Withdrawal: If a successful qualifier withdraws for any reason after paying his remaining championship balance of \$185 and before **11:59pm on Sunday, June 6, 2021**, 50% of the remaining championship balance (\$92.50) will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after that time.

Exempt Player Withdrawal: If an exempt player withdraws for any reason before the close of registration at **11:59pm on Tuesday, May 11, 2021**, 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 Sunday, June 6, 2021**, 50% of the entry fee will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after that time.

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. **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.

QUALIFYING AND ALTERNATES

- 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 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 12 - RTJ @ Magnolia Grove (Crossings), Mobile

May 22 - RTJ @ Silver Lakes, Glencoe (limited to first 60 players)

May 24 - Riverchase Country Club, Birmingham (limited to first 96 players)

May 26 - Canebrake Club, Athens

May 27 - Auburn University Club, Auburn

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 hole-by-hole play-off will be held immediately following play. The play-off holes and 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 8

Tee times available for practice.

Wednesday, June 9

First round of individual stroke play.

Thursday, June 10

Second round of individual stroke play.

Field cut to low 60 scores and ties.

Friday, June 11

Third round of individual stroke play.

Saturday, June 12

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.
- *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

- *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*.
- 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 (2021-2030).
- Champion receives 10 year exemption into the Alabama State Mid-Amateur Championship (2021-2030) (must be 25 years of age or older by first day of Championship).
- Players posting a 72-hole score will receive exemptions into the 2022 Alabama Men's State Amateur Championship and 2021 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 2021 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.

EXEMPTIONS FROM QUALIFYING

Players in the following categories will be eligible for exemption in the 2021 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 11, 2021 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 :

2020-Gordon Sargent	2019-Jack Goldasich	2018-Matt Lorenz	2012-Andy McRae
2006-Ben Moody	2002, 2005-Will Swift	2004-Lance Goodson Jr.	1997-Richard Jeffers
1998-Scott Weatherly	1996-John Coles, III	1993-Bob Frazier	1989-John Wright

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

2019-Ethan Hagood	2018-Sam Murphy	2017-Matt Gourgeot
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Gordon Sargent

19. The 2020 Alabama Senior Men's Player of the Year:

John Wright

20. The 2020 Alabama Junior Boys Player of the Year:

Gordon Sargent

21. Any player who ranks within the top 30 point leaders and anyone tying for 30th place of the Alabama Men's Amateur Rankings as of March 1, 2021:

Gordon Sargent	Jacob LeCroy	Drew Mathers	Nick Robillard	Ford Clegg
Robby Prater	William Walker	Connor Reid	Thomas Ponder	Noah Martino
Jackson King	Austin Sparks	Clay Guerin	Hunter Hawkins	Matt Gurgeot
Garrett Johnson	Johnny Komara	Tim Harwick	Matt Johnson	Ward Harris
Lance Goodson	Woodie Eubanks	Will Morrison	Stewart Whitt	Sheldon Statkewitz
Jackson Beindorf	Brinson Holder	Dylan Moncus	Steven Groover	Jordan Plunkett
JP Cave	Will Swift			

22. Any player who ranks within the top 15 point leaders and anyone tying for 15th place of the Alabama Junior Boys Rankings as of March 1, 2021:

Gordon Sargent	Nick Dunlap	Chase Kyes	Cole Davidson	Jones Free
Justin Olive	Ward Harris	Brantley Scott	Paul Bruce	Kenneth Okins
Tom Fischer	Morgan Slaton II	Jackson Mitchell		
Trent Trousdale	Parker Moellinger			

23. One exemption for Championship Host Club.

24. Special exemptions bestowed by the AGA.