



21st Alabama State Match Play Championship

August 4-7, 2022

Musgrove Country Club, Jasper, AL

Entries Open: May 31

Entries Close: July 21

Entry Fee: \$295 (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" 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 limited to 48 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 18, 2022. 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 qualifying round to determine the final field and alternate order.

- To submit an entry, go to <https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/3275304> and click on Register.
- **All entries must be RECEIVED in the AGA office no later than 11:59pm, Thursday, July 21, 2022. 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 Thursday, July 21, 2022**, 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, August 2, 2022**, 75% 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.

CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

- 36 holes of gross individual stroke play to determine 16 players for match play. A tie for the last qualifier's place 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.
- Match Play Seeding: General numerical draw will be used. For purposes of determining places in the draw, ties in qualifying rounds 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 deemed to extend on a hole-by-hole basis until a winner is determined.

CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 3

Tee times available for practice.

Thursday, August 4

First round of individual stroke play qualifying.

Friday, August 5

Second round of individual stroke play qualifying.

Field cut to low 16 players for match play.

Saturday, August 6

Round of 16 (AM) and Quarterfinal round (PM) of individual match play.

Sunday, August 7

Semifinals (AM) and Final match (PM).

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 36 Holes: Silver medal; if a tie, duplicate medals will be awarded.
- *Match Play:* An award will be presented to the Champion and Runner-Up. Merchandise prizes are awarded to top finishers. Champion will have his name engraved on the *Grantland Rice Cup*.
- 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 10 year exemption into the Alabama State Amateur Championship and Alabama State Match Play Championship (2023-2032).
- Players advancing to the Round of 16 will receive an exemption into the 2022 Alabama State Mid-Amateur Championship (must be 25 years of age or older by first day of Championship).
- Players advancing to the Round of 16 will receive an exemption into the 2023 Alabama State Amateur Championship.
- Players advancing to the Round of 16 will receive an exemption into the 2023 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 or, in stroke play qualifying followed by match play, when the side has teed off in their first match. Special requests for starting times or pairings may not be granted.

EXEMPTIONS

Players in the categories listed below are exempt into the 2022 Alabama State Match Play 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 July 21, 2022 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 Match Play Championship last ten years:
2021-Matthew Myers 2020-Not Played 2019-Ethan Hagood 2018-Sam Murphy
2017-Matt Gourgeot 2014-Tyler Hitchner
2. Winners of the AGA State Amateur Championship last ten years:
2022-Connor Newton 2021-Gordon Sargent 2020-Gordon Sargent 2019-Jack Goldasich
2012-Andy McRae
3. Winners of the AGA State Mid-Amateur last five years:
2021-Tyler Hitchner/Will McCurdy 2020-Robby Prater 2019 Vic Kyatt III 2018-Stewart Whitt
2017-Stewart Whitt 2016-Clay Guerin
4. Winner of the AGA Boys State Junior Championship the last three years (2018-2020):
2021-Paul Bruce 2020-Max Johnson 2019-Gordon Sargent
5. Winner of the 2022 AGA State Senior Championship:
Robert Nelson
6. From the 2021 AGA State Match Play Championship, those players who advanced to the Round of 16:
Austin Coggin Dylan Moncus Ben Fuller Tobin Ayers Ford Goldasich
Will McFadden Bart Barnes Woodie Eubanks Frankie Wade Brent Cooper
Matthew Myers Kyle Cornelius Clay Guerin Connor Doyal Sam Jeffcoat
Harrison Sims
7. From the 2022 AGA State Amateur Championship, the 16 lowest scores and anyone tying for 16th place:
Connor Newton Max Johnson Brantley Scott Jack Goldasich Ford Clegg
Ryan Eshleman Will McFadden Tyler Hitchner Carter Goodwin Ken Goforth
Noah Dennis Ethan Hagood John Bruce Harrison Davis Ford Goldasich
Trey Rouse
8. From the 2021 AGA State Mid-Amateur, the 8 lowest scores and anyone tying for 8th place:
Will McCurdy Tyler Hitchner Wes Carter Murray Flint Chase Kennedy
Nick Davis Taylor Rinks Brinson Holder Daniel Burns Will Swift
Tobin Ayers Will Morrison
9. Any player who qualified for either the 2022 USGA Open Championship Sectional Qualifying or 2022 USGA Senior Open Championship:
Nick Dunlap Ford Clegg Thomas Ponder
10. Any player who qualified for the 2021 USGA Amateur Championship:
Gordon Sargent Nick Dunlap Nick Robillard Chris Devlin Sam Murphy
Jack Goldasich
11. Any player who qualified for either the 2021 USGA Mid-Amateur Championship or 2021 USGA Senior Amateur Championship:
Shaw Pritchett Hunter Hawkins Will Morrison Stewart Alexander Robert Nelson
Blake Watts Austin Sparks John Fisher
12. Any player who qualified for the 2021 USGA Junior Amateur Championship:
Nick Dunlap Gordon Sargent Hayden Carner Trace Bracknell Ward Harris
13. Any player who qualified for the 2022 USGA Amateur Four-Ball Championship:
Steven Groover Ward Harris Jackson Mitchell Ty Cole Clay Guerin
14. 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 June 1, 2022:
Gordon Sargent Clay Guerin Hunter Hawkins Austin Coggin Connor Newton
Matthew Myers Sam Murphy Ford Goldasich Connor Doyal Ryan Eshleman
Tyler Hitchner Will McCurdy Sam Jeffcoat Bart Barnes Caleb O'Toole
Carter Goodwin Jacob Randall William Wann Matt Smith Dylan Moncus
Daniel Burns Ford Clegg Woodie Eubanks Ty Cole Wes Carter
15. The 2021 Alabama Men's Player of the Year:
Gordon Sargent
16. The 2021 Alabama Senior Men's Player of the Year:
John Wright
17. The 2021 Alabama Junior Boys Player of the Year:
Nick Dunlap

18. Special exemptions bestowed by the AGA.