

106th Alabama State Amateur Championship

June 8-11, 2022

Bent Brook, Bessemer, AL (Brook-Windmill)

Entries Open: March 7

Entries Close: May 10

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/3313445> and click on "Register now".
- **All entries (including exempt players) must be RECEIVED in the AGA office no later than 11:59pm, Tuesday, May 10, 2022. 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 (Qualifiers and exempt players): If an accepted player withdraws for any reason before the close of registration at **11:59pm on Tuesday, May 10, 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 the deadlines listed below for any reason, 75% of the entry fee will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after the deadlines listed below.

- Prattville Qualifier - **11:59pm on Sunday, May 15, 2022**
- Athens Qualifier - **11:59pm on Monday, May 23, 2022**
- Mobile Qualifier - **11:59pm on Monday, May 23, 2022**
- Birmingham Qualifier - **11:59pm on Saturday, May 21, 2022**

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 Monday, June 6, 2022**, 75% of the remaining championship balance (\$138.75) 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 10, 2022**, 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 Monday, June 6, 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.

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 17 - RTJ @ Capitol Hill (Senator), Prattville (limited to first 50 players)

May 23 - Riverchase Country Club, Birmingham (limited to first 96 players) (Mandatory carts at this site)

May 25 - Canebrake Club, Athens

May 25 - Azalea City Golf Course, Mobile

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 7

Tee times available for practice.

Wednesday, June 8

First round of individual stroke play.

Thursday, June 9

Second round of individual stroke play.

Field cut to low 60 scores and ties.

Friday, June 10

Third round of individual stroke play.

Saturday, June 11

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. Competitors have the option to either walk or use a golf cart during qualifying rounds (Riverchase qualifying will be mandatory carts). Cart rental is mandatory for practice rounds.
- *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 (2022-2031).
- Champion receives 10 year exemption into the Alabama State Mid-Amateur Championship (2022-2031) (must be 25 years of age or older by first day of Championship).
- Players posting a 72-hole score will receive exemptions into the 2023 Alabama Men's State Amateur Championship and 2022 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 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 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 2022 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 10, 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. All former winners of the AGA State Amateur Championship :

2021-Gordon Sargent	2020-Gordon Sargent	2019-Jack Goldasich	2017-Taylor Eyster
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:

2021-Matthew Myers	2019-Ethan Hagood	2018-Sam Murphy	2017-Matt Gourgeot
2014-Tyler Hitchner	2011-Mclain Leberte		

3. Winners of the AGA State Mid-Amateur last five years:

- 2021-Tyler Hitchner/Will McCurdy 2020-Robby Prater 2019-Vic Kyatt
2018-Stewart Whitt 2017-Stewart Whitt
- 4.** Winner of the 2021 AGA Boys State Junior Championship:
2021-Paul Bruce
- 5.** Winners of the AGA State Senior Championship last five years:
2022- 2021-Doug McLeod 2020-David Hancock
2019-Robert Nelson 2018-Claud Cooper
- (NOTE: Blank entry will be filed by the AGA for player who becomes exempt after close of entries.)
- 6.** Winners of the AGA State Four-Ball Championship last five years:
2022- 2021-Alex Balog/Daniel Burns 2020- Johnny Komara/Tim Harwick
2019- Will Swift/Clay Guerin 2018-Will Swift/Clay Guerin
- (NOTE: Blank entry will be filed by the AGA for player who becomes exempt after close of entries.)
- 7.** Winners of the 2021 AGA State Senior Four-Ball Championship:
Claud Cooper/Jeff Taylor
- 8.** Winner of the 2021 AGA State Senior Match Play Championship:
Shaw Pritchett
- 9.** Winners of the 2021 Southeast Mid-Amateur Four-Ball Championship (Mid-Amateur Division)
Alan Coshatt
- 10.** From the 2022 AHSAA State High School Championship, each individual classification champion or co-champion.
(* Classifications are: Boys 1A-2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, 6A, 7A.)
(NOTE: Blank entry will be filed by the AGA for player who becomes exempt after close of entries.)
- 11.** From the 2022 AISA State High School Champion, individual champion or co-champion.
- 12.** From the 2021 AGA State Amateur Championship, any player that posted a 72-hole score:
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| Gordon Sargent | Connor Newton | Ford Goldasich | William Wann | Carter Goodwin |
| Connor Doyal | Jacob Randall | Bart Barnes | Matt Smith | Jake DeZoort |
| Dylan Moncus | Austin Coggin | Ryan Eshleman | Price Brown | Tyler Hitchner |
| JP Cave | Austin Sparks | Brinson Holder | Paul Bruce | Owen Burt |
| Clay Guerin | Woodie Eubanks | Mac Scott | Nick Davis | Johnny Komara |
| Jones Free | Chris Hummel | Tobin Ayers | Dax Weed | Will McFadden |
| James Salter | Reagan Harrell | Daniel Ozley | William Wethington | Connor Reid |
| Ethan Hagood | Harrison Mink | Bradley Funderburke | Harrison Sims | Jordan Plunkett |
| Garrison Guthrie | George Burch | Stewart Whitt | Jonathan Nelson | Gregory Jones |
| Peter Meilunas | Coe Murdock | Max Johnson | Harrison Davis | Blakely Burrow |
| Jack Poole | Evans Gross | Trent Alexander | Allen Burnett | Tanner Guthrie |
| Jake Nolen | John Bruce | Lance Goodson | Alex Balog | Noah Martino |
| Eric Howle | Graham Hodges | | | |
- 13.** From the 2021 AGA State Match Play Championship, those players who advanced to the Round of 16:
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| Austin Coggin | Harrison Sims | Frankie Wade | Woodie Eubanks | Tobin Ayers |
| Clay Guerin | Ford Goldasich | Connor Doyal | Dylan Moncus | Sam Jeffcoat |
| Will McFadden | Brent Cooper | Ben Fuller | Kyle Cornelius | Bart Barnes |
| Matthew Myers | | | | |
- 14.** From the 2021 AGA State Mid-Amateur, the 20 lowest scores and anyone tying for 20th place:
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|--------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Will McCurdy | Tyler Hitchner | Wes Carter | Murray Flint | Chase Kenedy |
| Nick Davis | Taylor Rinks | Brinson Holder | Daniel Burns | Will Swift |
| Tobin Ayers | Will Morrison | Whitt Luker | Major Lee | Doug Davis |
| Robby Prater | Jackson Beindorf | Jake Nolen | Michael Hicks | Connor Elder |
| Kyle South | Matt Johnson | | | |
- 15.** Finalists from the 2022 AGA State Four-Ball Championship:
- (NOTE: Blank entry will be filed by the AGA for player who becomes exempt after close of entries.)
- 16.** From the 2021 Alabama Open, amateurs finishing among the top 30 overall:
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| Hunter Hawkins | Noah Dennis | Frankie Wade, Jr | Ross Napier | Matthew Smith |
| Jake DeZoort | Brad Moultrie | Garrison Guthrie | Dylan Moncus | Tyler Hitchner |
| Gregory Jones | | | | |
- 17.** Any player who qualified for either the 2021 USGA Open Sectional Qualifying or 2021 USGA Senior Open Championship:
Ford Clegg Thomas Ponder Mac Murphy Mike Blasey Claud Cooper
- 18.** Any player who qualified for the 2021 USGA Amateur, Mid-Amateur, Senior or Junior Championships:
Nick Dunlap Gordon Sargent Hayden Carner Trace Bracknell Ward Harris
Nick Robillard Jack Goldasich Sam Murphy Chris Devlin Robert Nelson

John Fisher	Stewart Alexander	Shaw Pritchett	Hunter Hawkins	Will Morrison
Blake Watts	Austin Sparks			

19. Any player who qualified for the 2022 USGA Amateur Four-Ball Championship:

Steven Groover	Ward Harris	Jackson Mitchell	Ty Cole	Clay Guerin
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20. The 2021 Alabama Men's Player of the Year:

Gordon Sargent

21. The 2021 Alabama Senior Men's Player of the Year:

John Wright

22. The 2021 Alabama Junior Boys Player of the Year:

Nick Dunlap

23. 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 March 7, 2022:

Gordon Sargent	Austin Coggin	Tyler Hitchner	Hunter Hawkins	Connor Newton
Sam Murphy	Clay Guerin	Ford Goldasich	Connor Doyal	Ryan Eshleman
Daniel Burns	William Wann	Will McCurdy	Sam Jeffcoat	Bart Barnes
Jacob Randall	Caleb O'Toole	Carter Goodwin	Woodie Eubanks	Matt Smith
Dylan Moncus	Ford Clegg	Ty Cole	Will Morrison	Wes Carter
Mac Scott	Will McFadden	Alex Balog	Brent Cooper	Kyle Cornelius
Brinson Holder	Jake DeZoort	Tobin Ayers	Chase Kennedy	Nick Davis
Murray Flint	Will Patrick	Shaw Pritchett	Will Swift	Frankie Wade
Will Thompson	Wil Clowdus	Alan Coshatt	Nick Robillard	Thomas Ponder
Eric Howle	Owen Burt			

24. 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 7, 2022:

Nick Dunlap	Tristin Wisener	Jackson Mitchell	Tom Fischer	Chase Kyes
Harrison Sims	Gibson Charlton	Michaels Crocker	Trace Bracknell	John Bruce
Stuart Dickson	William Stelt	Ward Harris	Trip Duke	Christopher Yeilding

25. One exemption for Championship Host Club.

26. Special exemptions bestowed by the AGA.