



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Alabama State Senior Match Play Championship

August 3-6, 2023

RTJ at The Shoals, Muscle Shoals, AL



Entries Open: May 30

Entries Close: July 18

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 10.4 and has reached his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday by August 3, 2023.

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](http://www.alabamagolf.org). Fax, mail-in, or telephone applications are not accepted. Championship field size is limited to 36 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, 2023. 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/3873196> and click on Register.
- **All entries must be RECEIVED in the AGA office no later than 11:59pm, Tuesday, July 18, 2023. 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](http://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 18, 2023**, 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 1, 2023**, 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 2

Tee times available for practice.

### Thursday, August 3

First round of individual stroke play qualifying.

### **Friday, August 4**

Second round of individual stroke play qualifying.

Field cut to low 16 players for match play.

### **Saturday, August 5**

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

### **Sunday, August 6**

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 *Sam Farlow Trophy*.
- Prizes in AGA amateur championships comply with USGA Rules of Amateur Status (see USGA Rules of Golf).

### **EXEMPTIONS EARNED**

- Champion receives exemption into the 2024 Alabama State Amateur Championship.
- Champion receives 5-year exemption into the Alabama State Senior Amateur Championship and Alabama State Senior Match Play Championship (2024-2028).
- Players advancing to the Quarterfinals will receive an exemption into the 2023 Alabama State Mid-Amateur Championship
- Players advancing to the Quarterfinals will receive an exemption into the 2024 Alabama State Senior 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 Senior 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 18, 2023 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 Senior Match Play Championship last five years:

- 2022-Steve Hudson                      2021-Shaw Pritchett
- 2.** Winner of the AGA State Senior Championship last three years:  
 2023- Shaw Pritchett                      2022-Robert Nelson                      2021-Doug McLeod
- 3.** Winner of the AGA State Super Senior Championship last three years:  
 2023- Dana Amberson                      2022-David Head                      2021-Fred Clark
- 4.** From the 2023 AGA State Senior Amateur, the 5 lowest scores and anyone tying for 5th:  
 Shaw Pritchett                      Kenny Miller                      David Hancock                      Robert Nelson                      Walker Grant  
 Rucker Brown
- 5.** From the 2022 AGA State Senior Match Play Championship, those players who advanced to the Round of 16:  
 Steve Hudson                      Claud Cooper                      Keith Crumpton                      Patrick Drummond                      Chris Hummel  
 Shaw Pritchett                      Mike Greer                      Rick Stukes                      Bryan Askew                      Mike Arasin  
 Joseph Fortner                      Charles Noto                      Chris Lemley                      Sam Gannaway                      Gary Stephenson  
 Tony Olive
- 6.** From the 2023 AGA State Amateur Championship, the 30 lowest scores and anyone tying for 30<sup>th</sup> place:
- 7.** From the 2022 AGA State Mid-Amateur, the 30 lowest scores and anyone tying for 30<sup>th</sup>:  
 Shaw Pritchett                      John Wright                      Claud Cooper                      Robert Nelson
- 8.** Any player who qualified for the 2023 USGA Senior Open Championship:
- 9.** Any player who qualified for the 2022 USGA Amateur Championship, 2022 USGA Mid-Amateur Championship or 2022 USGA Senior Amateur Championship:  
 John Wright                      Stewart Alexander                      John Fisher
- 10.** Any player who qualified for the 2023 USGA Amateur Four-Ball Championship:
- 11.** Any player who ranks within the top 10 point leaders and anyone tying for 10<sup>th</sup> place of the Alabama Senior Men's Amateur Rankings as of June 1, 2022:  
 Shaw Pritchett                      Claud Cooper                      Mike Arasin                      Steve Hudson                      John Wright  
 Robert Nelson                      Kenny Miller                      David Hancock                      Walker Grant                      John Fisher

**12.** The 2022 Alabama Senior Men's Player of the Year:  
 Shaw Pritchett

**13.** Special exemptions bestowed by the AGA.