



35th Alabama State Mid-Amateur Championship

October 6-8, 2023

Gadsden Country Club, Gadsden, AL

Entries Open: August 7

Entries Close: September 26

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 October 6, 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. Fax, mail-in, or telephone applications are not accepted. Championship field size is 120 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 26, 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 sectional qualifying round to determine the final field and alternate order.

- To submit an entry, go to <https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/3873263> and click on register now.
- **All entries must be RECEIVED in the AGA office no later than 11:59pm, Tuesday, September 26, 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. 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 26, 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 Wednesday, October 4, 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

- 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, October 5

Tee times available for practice.

Friday, October 6

First round of individual stroke play.

Saturday, October 7

Second round of individual stroke play.

Field cut to low 60 players and ties.

Sunday, October 8

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 (2024-2028) and the Alabama State Match Play Championship (2024-2028).
- Players finishing in the Top 10 (and ties) will receive an exemption into the 2024 Alabama State Amateur Championship.
- Players finishing in the Top 8 (and ties) will receive an exemption into the 2024 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 2022 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 6, 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:

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| 2022-Haymes Snedeker | 2021-Tyler Hitchner/Will McCurdy | 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 | | |

2. Winners of the AGA State Amateur Championship last ten years:
2017-Taylor Eyster
3. Winner of the 2023 AGA State Senior Championship:
Shaw Pritchett
4. From the 2022 AGA State Mid-Amateur Championship, anyone posting a 54-hole score:

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| Haymes Snedeker | Hunter Hawkins | Austin Sparks | Conner Elder | Wil Clowdus |
| Daniel Burns | Matt Johnson | Steven Groover | Will McCurdy | Woodie Eubanks |
| Shaw Pritchett | John Wright | Jackson Beindorf | Michael Johnson | Cory Gilmer |
| Blair Hamm | John Luke Tyner | Logan Rawson | Clay Guerin | Claud Cooper |
| Chase Bagwell | Robert Nelson | Will Swift | Matt Gourgeot | Alex Balog |
| Thomas Looney | Jake Nolen | Hampton Callaghan | Tripp Owens | Matt Barnes |
| Brinson Holder | Braxton Gillespie | Jonathan Nelson | Wells Hooper | Thomas Jean |
| Tobin Ayers | Will Morrison | Wesley Willings | Connor Smith | Murray Flint |
| Jeremy Seamon | Hunter Bronson | Victor Kyatt | Emile Vaughan | Danny Spybey |
| Patrick Doggett | Will Thrash | Elliott Jones | Brett Greene | Chris Hummel |
| Austin Hynson | Lew Mitchell | Major Lee | Andy McRae | Derick Disch |
| Harlan Winn | Jeff Taylor | Eric Howle | Andrew Kniphfer | Rod Kinsey |
5. From the 2023 AGA State Amateur Championship, anyone posting a 72-hole score:

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| Blake Watts | Haymes Snedeker | Conner Elder | Daniel Burns | Blair Hamm |
| Will McCurdy | Wil Clowdus | Vincent Cave | Sam Audia | Austin Hynson |
| Clay Guerin | Trent Alexander | Shaw Pritchett | Matt Richie | Jackson King |
| James Mitchell | Robert Nelson | Trip Smalley | Tobin Ayers | Billy Andrews |
| Brinson Holder | Eric Howle | | | |
6. From the 2023 AGA State Match Play Championship, those players who advanced to the Round of 16:
Daniel Burns Trent Alexander Stewart Whitt Alex Balog
7. From the 2023 AGA State Senior Match Play Championship, those players who advanced to the Quarterfinals:
Shaw Pritchett Claud Cooper Tony Olive Adam Jacobs Jeff Taylor
Chris Hummel Robbie Cotten Dana Amberson
8. From the 2023 Alabama Open, amateurs finishing among the top 30 overall:
Jonathan Nelson
9. Any player who qualified for either the 2023 USGA Open Championship Sectional Qualifying or 2023 USGA Senior Open Championship:
Bradley Funderburke Scott Cornette
10. Any player who qualified for the 2023 USGA Amateur Championship, the 2023 USGA Mid-Amateur Championship or 2023 USGA Senior Amateur Championship:
Trent Alexander Emile Vaughan Steve Hudson
11. Any player who qualified for the 2023 USGA Amateur Four-Ball Championship:
Brinson Holder Matt Gourgeot Matt Johnson Heath West Hunter Hawkins
Scott Weatherly
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 August 7, 2023:

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| Daniel Burns | Hunter Hawkins | Haymes Snedeker | Blake Watts | Conner Elder |
| Alex Balog | Will McCurdy | Austin Sparks | Matt Johnson | Wil Clowdus |
| Woodie Eubanks | Freeman Fite | Steven Groover | Bryan Askew | Alan Coshatt |
| Bradley Funderburke | Ty Cole | Brinson Holder | Matt Gourgeot | Clay Guerin |
| Jackson King | Jonathan Nelson | Scott Weatherly | Stewart Whitt | Tim Harwick |
13. The 2022 Alabama Men's Player of the Year:
14. The 2022 Alabama Senior Men's Player of the Year:
Shaw Pritchett
15. One exemption for Championship Host Club
16. Special exemptions bestowed by the AGA