



# 5<sup>th</sup> Southeast Mid-Amateur Four-Ball Championship

August 25-27, 2023

Willow Point Golf & Country Club, Alexander City, AL

Entries Open: June 12

Entries Close: July 25

Entry Fee: \$895.00 per side (Includes all Cart/Range Fees)

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## ENTRY FEE

Championship entry fee is \$895.00 per side. Entry fee includes:

- Practice round cart/range fees
- Championship cart/range fees
- Breakfast and lunch from Friday thru Sunday
- Player gift package

## ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to sides of male amateur golfers who have an active USGA Handicap Index<sup>®</sup> issued through a [USGA Allied Golf Association](#). Maximum allowable combined team handicap is **8.8** for the Mid-Amateur Division; **12.8** for Senior Division under the USGA Handicap System™. Two players who play as partners comprise a side. Partners are not required to be from the same club or state. Both members of the side must qualify under the following age requirements:

**Mid-Amateur Division** – Both players must have reached his 25th birthday by August 25, 2023.

**Senior Division** – Both players must have reached his 50th birthday by August 25, 2023.

**Note:** If a Senior Division side wishes to compete in the Mid-Amateur Division, they **must** indicate this preference on the entry application.

This championship is co-conducted by the Alabama Golf Association (AGA) and Willow Point Golf & Country Club. Entries are subject to rejection or withdraw at any time, including during the event, by the Championship Committee. The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct or unauthorized 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”.

## ENTRIES AND ONLINE REGISTRATION

All sides, 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 72 total sides (48 Mid-Amateur and 24 Senior). If necessary, open spots in a division may be filled with sides from the other division. Exempt sides are accepted at time of registration (See “Exemptions” on page 3). Non-exempt sides will be determined by the Championship Committee. Sides not gaining entry will be placed on the alternate wait list.

The entry of a side is deemed complete when both players have completed the entry process. If a side completes an entry and it is later determined that one or both players are ineligible (e.g., due to an invalid handicap index or an amateur status issue), the side is deemed to have completed an invalid entry and both players’ entries will be withdrawn. A player will not be permitted to enter the Championship as an individual.

- To submit an entry, go to <https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/3870154>.
- **All entries must be RECEIVED in the AGA office no later than 11:59pm, Tuesday, July 25, 2023. No entries will be accepted after that time.**
- Entry fee in the amount of \$895.00, payable by **credit card**, must accompany the entry application, \$10.00 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 side at time of registration.

## REFUND POLICY

**Withdrawal:** If an accepted side withdraws for any reason before the close of registration at **11:59pm on Tuesday, July 25, 2023**, the entry fee will be refunded, subject to a \$30.00 service fee. If an accepted side withdraws for any reason after the close of registration and before **11:59pm on Wednesday, August 23, 2023**, 75% of the entry fee will be refunded. No refunds

will be made for withdrawals after **Wednesday, August 23, 2023**.

**No Shows:** Sides 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” sides may be subject to suspension from future Southeastern Mid-Amateur Four-Ball Championships.

**Alternates:** Full refund if side 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 Four-Ball stroke play. Field will be cut to low 30 scores and ties after 36 holes. Number of sides making the cut is calculated based upon percentage of sides in each division compared with the total field.
- In the event of a tie for first place in the Mid-Amateur or Senior Division, 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 Championship Committee. All other ties will be split equally.
- Initial groupings will be for first two rounds; the field will be cut and re-paired by score after the second round.

#### CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

##### Thursday, August 24

Tee times available for practice round.

##### Friday, August 25

First round of four-ball stroke play.

Hosted breakfast and lunch for championship contestants.

##### Saturday, August 26

Second round of four-ball stroke play.

Hosted breakfast and lunch for championship contestants.

- Field cut to low 30 sides for final round. Number of sides making the cut in each division is calculated based upon percentage of sides in each division compared with the total field.

##### Sunday, August 27

Final round of four-ball stroke play.

Hosted breakfast and lunch for championship contestants.

#### CART/RANGE FEES

- *Practice Round:* Cart/range fees are included in the entry fee. Cart is mandatory during practice round.
- *Championship:* Championship cart/range fees are included in the entry fee. Cart is mandatory during championship rounds.

#### CADDIES

- Caddies are not allowed.

#### 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 Division Champions. Merchandise prizes are awarded to top finishers in each division.
- Prizes in the Southeastern Mid-Amateur Four-Ball Championship comply with USGA Rules of Amateur Status (see USGA Rules of Golf).

#### EXEMPTIONS EARNED

- Champions in each division receive a 3-year exemption
- Sides who complete 54 holes in each division receive an exemption in to the 2024 Championship (sides must remain intact)

## **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 Willow Point 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 trophies have been presented. Special requests for starting times or pairings may not be granted.

## **EXEMPTIONS**

Players and sides in the categories listed below are exempt into the 2023 Southeast Mid-Amateur Four-Ball Championship. The Championship Committee reserves the right to revise any of the exemption categories. Exempt sides who wish to participate in the Championship must file an entry by July 25, 2023. Exempt players and sides must meet all the eligibility requirements set forth in Eligibility Section.

\*Note: For a side to be exempt, both players must be exempt under one of the following categories.

1. Division winners of the Southeast Mid-Amateur Four-Ball Championship since 2020 (sides must remain intact).
  - 2020 - Will Swift/Jackson King
  - 2020 - Bob Royak/Paul Royak
  - 2021 - Alan Coshatt/Dalton Melnyk
  - 2021 - Kevin Jordan/Ray Harris
  - 2022 - Alan Coshatt/Dalton Melnyk
  - 2022 - Robert Nelson/Walker Grant
2. Sides who returned a 54-hole score in the 2022 Southeast Mid-Amateur Four-Ball Championship:

Alan Coshatt/Dalton Melnyk	Brent Whitehead/Kirk Whitehead	Harlan Winn/Thomas Iturbe
Blair Hamm/Clay Guerin	Blake Watts/Dallas Poe	Connor Elder/Trip Smalley
James Salter/Tobin Ayers	M Tyler McKeever/Steven Groover	Chris Devlin/Payton Osborn
Norman Waldrop/Paul Vardaman	Hunter Hawkins/Scott Weatherly	Freeman Fite/Jackson King
Kyle Hammond/William Hanna	Michael Noe/Trent Alexander	Eric Howle/Woodie Eubanks
Jimmy Ward/Tucker Jenkins	Jack Mize/Todd Sessums	Ivan Truss/Matt Barnes
Chris Vines/Landon Miller		
Robert Nelson/Walker Grant	Jeff Taylor/Shaw Pritchett	Kevin Jordan/Ray Harris
Chris Hughes/Tony Bili	Jim Jackson/Joey Holley	Brady Night/Charley Knight
Mark Woods/Tommy Coggin	Sidney Dykes/Thad Estes	Bruce Alter/Jack Doane
Allen Martindale/Mike Maze	Andy Prewitt/Dennis Goldasich	
3. Champions of USGA Allied Golf Association conducted State/Regional Four-Ball, Mid-Amateur Four-Ball or Senior Four-Ball championships since 2020.
4. Players ranked within the Top 100 of their respective State Amateur player rankings as of date of entry.
5. Players ranked within the Top 100 of their respective State Mid-Amateur or Senior Amateur player rankings as of date of entry.
6. Players ranked within the Top 4000 of the Scratch Players World Amateur Rankings or World Amateur Golf Rankings (WAGR) as of date of entry.
7. Special exemptions bestowed by the Championship Committee