

# 107<sup>th</sup> Alabama State Amateur Championship

June 7-10 2023

The Country Club of Mobile, Mobile, AL



Entries Open: March 6

Entries Close: May 8 (Birmingham Qualifier)  
May 11 (All other qualifiers and exempt players)

Entry Fee: \$325 Exempt (\$125 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](http://www.alabamagolf.org). Fax, mail-in, or telephone applications are not accepted.

- To submit an entry, go to <https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/3869723> and click on "Register now".
- **Entries for the Birmingham qualifier must be RECEIVED in the AGA office no later than 11:59pm, Monday, May 8, 2023. No entries for the Birmingham qualifier will be accepted after that time.**
- **Entries for all other qualifiers (and exempt players) must be RECEIVED in the AGA office no later than 11:59pm, Thursday, May 11, 2023. No entries will be accepted after that time.**
- An entry fee in the amount of \$325.00 for exempt players or \$125.00 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 \$200.00. \$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](http://www.alabamagolf.org). The appropriate entry fee must be paid by each player at time of registration.

## REFUND POLICY

### QUALIFYING

**Withdrawal (Birmingham Qualifier):** If an accepted player withdraws for any reason before the close of registration at **11:59pm on Monday, May 8, 2023**, the entry fee will be refunded, subject to a \$30.00 service fee.

**Withdrawal (All other qualifiers and exempt players):** If an accepted player withdraws for any reason before the close of registration at **11:59pm on Thursday, May 11, 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 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.

- Birmingham Qualifier - **11:59pm on Tuesday, May 9, 2023**
- Athens Qualifier - **11:59pm on Monday, May 22, 2023**
- Mobile Qualifier - **11:59pm on Monday, May 22, 2023**
- Prattville Qualifier - **11:59pm on Sunday, May 28, 2023**

### CHAMPIONSHIP

**Successful Qualifier Withdrawal:** If a successful qualifier withdraws for any reason after paying his remaining championship balance of \$200 and before **11:59pm on Monday, June 5, 2023**, 75% of the remaining championship balance 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 Thursday, May 11, 2023**, 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 5, 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.

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

May 24 - Canebrake Club, Athens

May 24 - Azalea City Golf Course, Mobile

May 30 - RTJ @ Capitol Hill (Senator), Prattville (limited to first 50 players)

## 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 6

Tee times available for practice.

### Wednesday, June 7

First round of individual stroke play.

### Thursday, June 8

Second round of individual stroke play.

Field cut to low 60 scores and ties.

### Friday, June 9

Third round of individual stroke play.

### Saturday, June 10

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 (2023-2032).
- Champion receives 10 year exemption into the Alabama State Mid-Amateur Championship (2023-2032) (must be 25 years of age or older by first day of Championship).
- Players posting a 72-hole score will receive exemptions into the 2024 Alabama Men's State Amateur Championship and 2023 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 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 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 2023 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 11, 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. All former winners of the AGA State Amateur Championship:

2022-Connor Newton	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:  
 2022-Jack Goldasich                      2021-Matthew Myers                      2019-Ethan Hagood                      2017-Matt Gourgeot  
 2014-Tyler Hitchner
3. Winners of the AGA State Mid-Amateur last five years:  
 2022-Haymes Snedeker                      2021-Tyler Hitchner/Will McCurdy                      2020-Robby Prater                      2019-Vic Kyatt  
 2018-Stewart Whitt
4. Winner of the 2022 AGA Boys State Junior Championship:  
 Jackson Mitchell
5. Winners of the AGA State Senior Championship last five years:  
 2023-                      2022-Robert Nelson                      2021-Doug McLeod                      2020-David Hancock  
 2019-Robert Nelson
- (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:  
 2023-                      2022-Clay Guerin/James Salter                      2021-Alex Balog/Daniel Burns  
 2020- Johnny Komara/Tim Harwick                      2019- 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 2022 AGA State Senior Four-Ball Championship:  
 Shaw Pritchett/Jeff Taylor
8. Winner of the 2022 AGA State Senior Match Play Championship:  
 Steve Hudson
9. Winners of the 2022 Southeast Mid-Amateur Four-Ball Championship (Mid-Amateur Division)  
 Alan Coshatt
10. From the 2023 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 2023 AISA State High School Champion, individual champion or co-champion.
12. From the 2022 AGA State Amateur Championship, any player that posted a 72-hole score:
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|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Connor Newton     | Max Johnson     | Brantley Scott    | Jack Goldasich    | Ford Clegg      |
| Ryan Eshleman     | Will McFadden   | Tyler Hitchner    | Carter Goodwin    | Ken Goforth     |
| Ethan Hagood      | John Bruce      | Harrison Davis    | Ford Goldasich    | Jackson Bowman  |
| Trey Rouse        | Trent Alexander | Jacob LeCroy      | Harrison Hughston | Trace Bracknell |
| Mac Scott         | Jones Free      | Tobin Ayers       | Will Patrick      | John Gaal       |
| Kade Mathner      | Kyle Cornelius  | Alex Balog        | Price Brown       | Cole Imig       |
| Matthew Streitman | Tyler Watts     | Tanner Guthrie    | Harrison Sims     | Hal Dove        |
| Dylan Moncus      | Jonathan Nelson | Ryley Heath       | Taylor Eyster     | Christian Copen |
| Eric Howle        | Peter Meilunas  | Wesley Pate       | William Stelt     | Bishop Stringer |
| Eric Boutwell     | Jake Nolen      | Tim Harwick       | Matt Johnson      | Billy Andrews   |
| Conner Elder      | Tom Fischer     | Josiah Gilbert    | Lance Goodson     | Dawson Farni    |
| Woodie Eubanks    | Gregory Jones   | Jackson King      | Paul Bruce        | Graham Hodges   |
| Morgan Slaton     | Zackery Coker   | Giovanni Rescigno | Seth Rogers       | Jordan Plunkett |
13. From the 2022 AGA State Match Play Championship, those players who advanced to the Round of 16:
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|---------------|------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Alex Balog    | Ross Napier      | George Burch | Jack Goldasich | Trace Bracknell |
| Matthew Myers | Austin Sparks    | Dylan Moncus | Matt Barnes    | Woodie Eubanks  |
| Connor Smith  | Reynolds Lambert | Sam Audia    | Will Patrick   | Tobin Ayers     |
| Harrison Sims |                  |              |                |                 |
14. From the 2022 AGA State Mid-Amateur, the 25 lowest scores and anyone tying for 25<sup>th</sup> place:
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|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Haymes Snedeker | Hunter Hawkins  | Austin Sparks    | Connor 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   |                 |                  |                 |                |
15. From the 2022 AGA Boys State Junior, the 5 lowest scores and anyone tying for 5<sup>th</sup> place:  
 Jackson Mitchell                      Chase Kyes                      Ward Harris                      Tyler Watts                      Cole Komyati  
 Trace Bracknell
16. Finalists from the 2023 AGA State Four-Ball Championship:
- (NOTE: Blank entry will be filed by the AGA for player who becomes exempt after close of entries.)
17. From the 2022 Alabama Open, amateurs finishing among the top 30 overall:

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|---------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------|------------------|
| Ross Napier   | Jake DeZoort      | Ty Cole      | Paul Bruce  | Arrington Mooney |
| Gary Glassman | Matthew Streitman | Philip Darst | Price Brown | Jackson Bowman   |
| George Burch  | Derick Disch      | Luke Couch   | Zach Ashley |                  |
- 18.** Any player who qualified for either the 2022 USGA Open Sectional Qualifying or 2022 USGA Senior Open Championship:
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| Ford Clegg | Nick Dunlap | Thomas Ponder |  |  |
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- 19.** Any player who qualified for the 2022 USGA Amateur, Mid-Amateur, Senior or Junior Championships:
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|----------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Gordon Sargent | Ford Clegg       | Nick Dunlap   | Thomas Ponder     | Harrison Davis |
| Will Patrick   | Haymes Snedeker  | Lance Goodson | Trent Alexander   | Tyler Hitchner |
| James Salter   | John Fisher      | John Wright   | Stewart Alexander | Nick Dunlap    |
| Josiah Gilbert | Jackson Mitchell | Morgan Slaton |                   |                |
- 20.** Any player who qualified for the 2023 USGA Amateur Four-Ball Championship:
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|-----------------|---------------|--------------|------------|----------------|
| Brinson Holder  | Matt Gourgeot | Matt Johnson | Heath West | Hunter Hawkins |
| Scott Weatherly |               |              |            |                |
- 21.** The 2022 Alabama Men’s Player of the Year:  
Gordon Sargent
- 22.** The 2022 Alabama Senior Men’s Player of the Year:  
Shaw Pritchett
- 23.** The 2022 Alabama Junior Boys Player of the Year:  
Nick Dunlap
- 24.** Any player who ranks within the top 50 point leaders and anyone tying for 50<sup>th</sup> place of the Alabama Men’s Amateur Rankings as of March 1, 2023:
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|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Gordon Sargent | Jack Goldasich | Ford Clegg      | Connor Newton   | Austin Sparks   |
| Hunter Hawkins | Max Johnson    | Nick Dunlap     | Brantley Scott  | Haymes Snedeker |
| Ross Napier    | Will McFadden  | Dylan Moncus    | Woodie Eubanks  | Daniel Burns    |
| Alex Balog     | Carter Goodwin | Noah Dennis     | Matt Gourgeot   | Connor Elder    |
| Clay Guerin    | Ford Goldasich | Trace Bracknell | James Salter    | Matthew Myers   |
| Ryley Heath    | Ken Goforth    | Tyler Hitchner  | Wil Clowdus     | Tanner Guthrie  |
| Thomas Ponder  | Steven Groover | Ethen Hagood    | Hayden Carner   | Alan Coshatt    |
| Jacob LeCroy   | Matt Johnson   | Stewart Whitt   | John Bruce      | Ty Cole         |
| George Burch   | Paul Bruce     | Will McCurdy    | Brinson Holder  | Harrison Davis  |
| Maxime Faure   | Tracy Lentz    | Trey Rouse      | Wilson McDonald |                 |
- 25.** Any player who ranks within the top 15 point leaders and anyone tying for 15<sup>th</sup> place of the Alabama Junior Boys Rankings as of March 1, 2023:
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|------------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Jackson Mitchell | Ward Harris   | Jon Ed Steed      | Tyler Watts    | Trace Bracknell |
| Charles Warren   | Trip Duke     | Chase Kyes        | William Stelt  | Andrew Hinson   |
| Michael Crocker  | Bailey Sutter | Parker Moellinger | Josiah Gilbert | Thomas Crane    |
- 26.** Players ranked within the Top 4000 of the Scratch Players World Amateur Rankings or World Amateur Golf Rankings (WAGR) as of date of entry.
- 27.** One exemption for Championship Host Club.
- 28.** Special exemptions bestowed by the AGA.