



26th Alabama State Senior Amateur Championship

May 19-21, 2023

Burningtree Country Club, Decatur, AL

Entries Open: March 6

Entries Close: May 9



Entry Fee: \$295.00 (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 10.4 and has reached his 50th birthday by May 19, 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 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". 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 96 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 May 9, 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/3869530> and click on register now.
- **All entries must be RECEIVED in the AGA office no later than 11:59pm, Tuesday, May 9, 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, May 9, 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, May 17, 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 TBD 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 order of play will be determined by the AGA. All other ties will be split equally.
- Initial groupings will be for the first two rounds. Following the cut, the field will be re-paired by score for the final round.

CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 18

Tee times available for practice.

Friday, May 19

First round of individual stroke play.

Saturday, May 20

Second round of individual stroke play.

Field cut to low TBD players and ties.

Field re-paired by score.

Sunday, May 21

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 will be awarded to the top finishers. Champion will have his name engraved on the *Hudson Cup*.

EXEMPTIONS EARNED

- Champion receives a 5-year exemption into the Alabama State Amateur Championship (2023-2027).
- Champion receives an exemption into the 2023 Alabama State Match Play Championship or 2023 Alabama State Senior Match Play Championship
- Champion receives an exemption into the 2023 Alabama State Mid-Amateur Championship
- Players finishing in the top 5 (and ties) will receive an exemption into the 2025 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. Special requests for starting times or pairings may not be granted.

EXEMPTIONS

Players in the categories listed below are exempt into the 2023 Alabama State Senior 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 May 9, 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 Alabama State Senior Amateur last ten years:

2022-Robert Nelson	2021-Doug McLeod	2020-David Hancock	2019-Robert Nelson	2018-Claud Cooper
2017-Robert Nelson	2016-Bryan Askew	2015-David Hancock	2014-Steve Hudson	2013-Emile Vaughan

2. From the 2022 Alabama State Senior Amateur Championship, the 30 lowest scores and anyone tying for 30th place:

Robert Nelson	Kevin Daugherty	Shaw Pritchett	Chris Lemley	Adam Jacobs
Claud Cooper	Gary Wigington	Doug Davis	Mike Greer	Mike Arasin
Jeff Taylor	Joseph Fortner	Steve Hudson	Bryan Askew	Danny Spybey
Doug McLeod	Tracy Lentz	George Tyner	Jon Key	David Hancock
Keith Crumpton	Alan Seigel	Joey Holley	Chris Cook	Al Delgreco
Chris Petrey	Chris Jones	Charles Noto	Tony Bili	Neill Hatcher

3. From the 2022 Alabama State Amateur Championship, the 30 lowest scores and anyone tying for 30th place:

4. Winners of the Alabama State Senior Match Play Championship last five years:

2022-Steve Hudson 2021-Shaw Pritchett

5. the 2022 Alabama State Senior Match Play Championship, those players who advanced to the Round of 16:

Claud Cooper	Steve Hudson	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 2022 Alabama Open, amateurs finishing among the top 30 overall:

7. Any player who qualified for either the 2022 USGA Open Championship Sectional Qualifying or 2022 USGA Senior Open Championship:

8. Any player who qualified for the 2022 USGA Amateur Championship, the 2022 USGA Mid-Amateur Championship or 2022 USGA Senior Amateur Championship:

John Wright John Fisher Buddy Alexander

9. Any player who qualified for the 2023 USGA Amateur Four-Ball Championship:

10. Any player who ranks within the top 40 point leaders and anyone tying for 40th place of the Alabama Senior Men's Amateur Rankings as of March 1, 2023:

Shaw Pritchett	Claud Cooper	Robert Nelson	Mike Arasin	John Wright
Steven Hudson	Kevin Daugherty	Chris Lemley	Jeff Taylor	Charles Noto
John Fisher	Gary Wigington	Chris Hummel	Patrick Drummond	Adam Jacobs
Chris Jones	Walker Grant	Doug Davis	Keith Crumpton	Mike Greer
Rick Stukes	Joseph Fortner	David Hancock	Bryan Askew	Stewart Alexander
Kevin Jordan	Ray Harris	Danny Spybey	Joey Holley	Chris Hughes
Gary Stephenson	Sam Gannaway	Tony Bili	Tony Olive	Dan Kuykendall
Ralph Mathews	Tracy Lentz	Doug McLeod		

11. The 2022 Alabama Senior Men's Player of the Year:

Shaw Pritchett

12. One exemption for Championship Host Club

13. Special exemptions bestowed by the AGA