



# 5<sup>th</sup> Alabama Women's State Senior Match Play Championship

July 11-13, 2023

Musgrove Country Club, Jasper, AL

Entries Open: May 8

Entries Close: June 27

Entry Fee: \$250 (Includes Championship Cart/Range Fees)



## ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to any female amateur golfer who is a legal resident of Alabama and has an active GHIN® USGA Handicap Index® at an AGA member club. Player must have reached 50<sup>th</sup> birthday by July 11, 2023. There will be two divisions: Championship and Tournament. Players must select their division during online registration.

**Senior Championship** – Approximately 5305 yards (Overall Champion)(AM & PM Matches)

**Senior Tournament** – Approximately 4987 yards

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". 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 24 players and players who select the senior championship division will be expected to play two matches at least one championship day. The AGA reserves the right to increase to the senior championship field size if needed. Exempt players are accepted at time of entry (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, the field will be determined by player ranking, past performance and Handicap Index as of June 27, 2023 with priority given to Championship Division. Players not gaining entry will be placed on the alternate wait list. Wait list alternates are ranked according to date/time an entry is received and processed.

- To submit an entry, go to <https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/3879549> and click on "Register Now"
- **All entries must be RECEIVED in the AGA office no later than 11:59pm, Tuesday, June 27, 2023. No entries will be accepted after that time.**
- An entry fee in the amount of \$250.00, 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, June 27, 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 Sunday, July 9, 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

- 18 holes of gross individual stroke play to determine seeding.
- Championship Division will be cut to the low 8 players from the stroke play qualifier and the remaining players will be placed into flights according to the number of entries within the division. A tie for the last qualifier's place in the Championship Division 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 will be determined by the Committee.
- Senior Tournament players will be divided into flights of four (4) to compete at match play based on qualifying round score. USGA recommended score card playoff procedure (last 9, last 6, etc.) will be used to decide a flight break tie.

- Match Play Seeding: General numerical draw will be used. For purposes of determining places in the draw, ties in qualifying rounds for the #1 seed in the First Flight will be decided by matching scorecards according to the USGA recommendation shown in the Committee Procedures section within the Rules of Golf – “Matching Scorecards”.
- Match Play stipulated round is 18 holes. In the event of a match standing all square after 18 holes, the stipulated round is extended on a hole-by-hole basis until a winner is determined.
- All players that lose in round one will be placed in a consolation flight.
- Senior Champion is the Senior Championship Division winner.

## CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

### Monday, July 10

Tee times available for practice.

### Tuesday, July 11

18-hole stroke play qualifier to determine positions for match play.

### Wednesday, July 12

Senior Championship Division: (AM) Round of 8. (PM) Semifinals.

Senior Championship Division Flights and Tournament Division: (AM) Semifinals.

### Thursday, July 13

Senior Championship Division: (AM) Finals and Consolation Finals.

Senior Championship Division Flights and Tournament Division: (AM) Finals and Consolation Finals.

## 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 18 Holes: Silver medal; if a tie, duplicate medals will be awarded.
- *Match Play:* Awards will be presented to the Champion and Runner-Up in the First Flight. All other flights, awards will be presented to the winner and consolation winner.

## 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) and format 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.

## CONDITIONS AGREEMENT

- I am a bona fide resident of the State of Alabama.
- I agree that the Alabama Golf Association has the right to reject, or withdraw, any entry at any time.
- I am an amateur golfer and I understand the "Rules of Amateur Status" as established by the United States Golf Association.
- I hereby grant permission to the Alabama Golf Association rights to use my name, image, likeness and sound of my voice as recorded on audio or video devices without payment or any other consideration. I understand that my image may be edited, copied, exhibited, published or distributed and waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product wherein my likeness appears. Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of my image or recording.
- I assume full responsibility for all my acts, whether they are negligent or otherwise, and hold harmless the Alabama Golf Association, its committee members, officers, board of directors, staff, and host club from any and all liability for any event or consequence relating to entry or participation in this event.
- I have read and agree to abide by the [Alabama Golf Association Code of Conduct](#).

## EXEMPTIONS

Player in the categories listed below are exempt into the 2023 Alabama Women's State Senior Match Play Championship. The AGA reserves the right to revise any of these exemption categories. Exempt players who wish to participate in the Championship must file an entry by June 27. Exempt players must meet all the eligibility requirements set forth in Eligibility Section. Exemptions only apply to Championship Division.

1. Winner of the 2020 AGA Women's State Senior Match Play Championship:  
2020- Susan West
2. From the 2022 AGA Women's State Senior Match Play Championship, those players who advanced to the Semifinals:  
Theresa Mahlik Amanda Miller Lea Green
3. Winner of the 2021 & 2022 AGA Women's State Senior Championship:  
2021- Donna Lowen 2022- Patricia Ehrhart
4. One exemption for the Championship Host Club.
5. Special exemptions bestowed by the AGA.