



24th Alabama State Match Play Championship

August 7-10, 2025

Terrapin Hills Country Club, Fort Payne, AL

Entries Open: May 27

Entries Close: July 24

Entry Fee: \$295 (Includes 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 6.9.

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, must register online at www.alabamagolf.org. Fax, mail-in, or telephone applications are not accepted. Championship field size is limited to 48 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 July 25, 2024. 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 qualifying round to determine the final field and alternate order.

- To submit an entry, go to <https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/5068563> and click on Register.
- **All entries must be RECEIVED in the AGA office no later than 11:59pm, Thursday, July 24, 2025. 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 Thursday, July 24, 2025**, 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 Tuesday, August 5, 2025**, 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

- 36 holes of gross individual stroke play to determine 16 players for match play. A tie for the last qualifier's place 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 of play will be determined by the Committee.
- Match Play Seeding: General numerical draw will be used. For purposes of determining places in the draw, ties in qualifying rounds will be decided by lot.
- Match Play stipulated round is 18 holes. In the event of a match standing all square after 18 holes, the stipulated round is deemed to extend on a hole-by-hole basis until a winner is determined.

CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 6

Tee times available for practice.

Thursday, August 7

First round of individual stroke play qualifying.

Friday, August 8

Second round of individual stroke play qualifying.

Field cut to low 16 players for match play.

Saturday, August 9

Round of 16 (AM) and Quarterfinal round (PM) of individual match play.

Sunday, August 10

Semifinals (AM) and Final match (PM).

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 not allowed for championship rounds

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 36 Holes: Silver medal; if a tie, duplicate medals will be awarded.
- *Match Play:* An award will be presented to the Champion and Runner-Up. Merchandise prizes are awarded to top finishers. Champion will have his name engraved on the *Grantland Rice Cup*.
- 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 10 year exemption into the Alabama State Amateur Championship and Alabama State Match Play Championship (2026-2035).
- Players advancing to the Quarterfinals will receive an exemption into the 2025 Alabama State Mid-Amateur Championship (must be 25 years of age or older by first day of Championship).
- Players advancing to the Quarterfinals will receive an exemption into the 2026 Alabama State Amateur Championship.
- Players advancing to the Quarterfinals will receive an exemption into the 2026 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 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.

EXEMPTIONS

Players in the categories listed below are exempt into the 2025 Alabama State Match Play 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 July 24, 2025 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 Match Play Championship last ten years:

2024-Nick Robillard	2023-Will Patrick	2022-Jack Goldasich	2021-Matthew Myers
2020-Not Played	2019-Ethan Hagood	2017-Matt Gourageot	2014-Tyler Hitchner

2. Winners of the AGA State Amateur Championship last ten years:

2024-Tom Fischer	2023-Tyler Watts	2021-Gordon Sargent	2020-Gordon Sargent
2019-Jack Goldasich			

3. Winners of the AGA State Mid-Amateur last five years:

2024-Ben Reeves	2023-Conner Elder	2022-Haymes Snedeker	2021-Tyler Hitchner/Will McCurdy
2020-Robby Prater			

4. Winner of the AGA Boys State Junior Championship the last three years (2022-2024):

2024-Bailey Sutter	2023-Michael Crocker	2022-Jackson Mitchell
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5. Winner of the 2025 AGA State Senior Championship:

6. From the 2024 AGA State Match Play Championship, those players who advanced to the Round of 16:

Ward Harris	Taylor Jones	Nick Robillard	Morgan Slaton	Will Patrick
Woodie Eubanks	Trey Rouse	Paul Bruce	Jackson Mitchell	Will Feagin
Blake Watts	Ken Goforth	John Bruce	Ty Cole	Blaise Wilson
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7. From the 2025 AGA State Amateur Championship, the 16 lowest scores and anyone tying for 16th place:

8. From the 2024 AGA State Mid-Amateur, the 8 lowest scores and anyone tying for 8th place:

Ben Reeves	Hunter Hawkins	Haymes Snedeker	Matt Johnson
Shaw Pritchett	Stewart Whitt	Blaise Wilson	John Snoddy

9. Any player who qualified for either the 2025 USGA Open Championship Sectional Qualifying or 2025 USGA Senior Open Championship:

10. Any player who qualified for the 2024 USGA Amateur Championship:

Tom Fischer	Josiah Gilbert	Gordon Sargent	Tyler Watts
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11. Any player who qualified for either the 2024 USGA Mid-Amateur Championship or 2024 USGA Senior Amateur Championship:

Will McCurdy	Ben Reeves	Joel Alexander	Aaron Jackson	John Tyner
Hunter Hawkins	Robert Nelson	Voyed Couey	Mike Arasin	

12. Any player who qualified for the 2024 USGA Junior Amateur Championship:

Tyler Watts	Bailey Sutter	Chase Kyes
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13. Any player who qualified for the 2025 USGA Amateur Four-Ball Championship:

Joel Alexander	Will McCurdy	Blake Watts	Jake Nolen	Mason Seaborn
Conner Pratt	Andrew Gladden			

14. Any player who ranks within the top 25 point leaders and anyone tying for 25th place of the Alabama Men's Amateur Rankings as of May 27, 2025:

Tom Fischer	Gordon Sargent	Josiah Gilbert	Hunter Hawkins	Ben Reeves
Nick Robillard	Tyler Watts	Jackson Mitchell	Blaise Wilson	Blake Watts
Ty Cole	Hal Dove	Bailey Sutter	Ward Harris	Haymes Snedeker
Will Patrick	Matt Johnson	Will McCurdy	Blair Hamm	Ken Goforth
Paul Bruce	John Luke Tyner	Morgan Slaton		

15. The 2024 Alabama Men's Player of the Year:

16. The 2024 Alabama Senior Men's Player of the Year:

Robert Nelson

17. The 2024 Alabama Junior Boys Player of the Year:

Tyler Watts

18. Special exemptions bestowed by the AGA.