



109th Alabama State Amateur Championship

June 4-7 2025

RTJ Capitol Hill, Prattville, AL



Entries Open: March 3

Entries Close: May 1 (Scottsboro Qualifier)
May 13 (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 5.9.

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 (see "Exemptions from Qualifying" on page 4), must register online at www.alabamagolf.org. Fax, mail-in, or telephone applications are not accepted.

- To submit an entry, go to <https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/4397999> and click on "Register now".
- **Entries for the Scottsboro qualifier must be RECEIVED in the AGA office no later than 11:59pm, Thursday, May 1, 2025. No entries for the Scottsboro 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, Tuesday, May 13, 2025. 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. The appropriate entry fee must be paid by each player at time of registration.

REFUND POLICY

QUALIFYING

Withdrawal (Scottsboro Qualifier): If an accepted player withdraws for any reason before the close of registration at **11:59pm on Thursday, May 1, 2025**, 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 Tuesday, May 13, 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 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.

- Scottsboro Qualifier - **11:59pm on Saturday, May 3, 2025**
- Jasper Qualifier - **11:59pm on Monday, May 17, 2025**
- Mobile Qualifier - **11:59pm on Monday, May 17, 2025**
- Birmingham Qualifier - **11:59pm on Tuesday, May 20, 2025**
- Prattville Qualifier - **11:59pm on Sunday, May 25, 2025**

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 2, 2025**, 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 Tuesday, May 13, 2025**, 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 2, 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.

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 5 - Goose Pond Colony Resort, Scottsboro (limited to first 84 players) (Mandatory carts, no caddies at this site)

May 19 - Musgrove Country Club, Jasper (limited to first 84 players) (Mandatory carts, no caddies at this site)

May 21 - Azalea City Golf Course, Mobile (limited to first 84 players) (Mandatory carts, no caddies at this site)

May 22 - Riverchase Country Club, Birmingham (limited to first 84 players) (Mandatory carts, no caddies at this site)

May 27 - RTJ @ Capitol Hill (Senator), Prattville (limited to first 84 players) (Mandatory carts, no caddies at this site)

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 3

Tee times available for practice.

Wednesday, June 4

First round of individual stroke play.

Thursday, June 5

Second round of individual stroke play.

Field cut to low 60 scores and ties.

Friday, June 6

Third round of individual stroke play.

Saturday, June 7

Final round of individual stroke play.

CART/RANGE FEES; GOLF CARTS (CHAMPIONSHIP WILL BE WALKING ONLY)

- *Qualifying Site:* Qualifying site cart/range fees paid by the AGA and are included in the entry fee. **All qualifying sites will be mandatory carts.** Cart rental is mandatory for practice rounds.
- *Qualifying Site 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. **The championship will be walking only.**
- *Championship Site Practice Rounds:* Cart/range fees are not included in the entry fee. Cart rental is mandatory for practice rounds payable at the host club.

CADDIES

- *Caddies:* **Caddies will not be allowed during qualifying.** Caddies will be allowed at the Championship.
- Caddies are required to wear an AGA issued caddie bib at the championship.

SPECTATORS

- *Spectator Golf Cart Policy:* Due to the limited number of available golf carts, spectator carts will not be available during the championship.
- *Disability Golf Cart Policy:* Due to the limited number of available golf carts, disability carts will not be available during the Championship.
- 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 an exemption into the 2025 U.S. Amateur Championship, August 11-17, 2025 at The Olympic Club in San Francisco, CA.
- Champion receives an exemption into the 2026 U.S. Amateur Championship Final Qualifying.
- 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 (2025-2034).
- Champion receives 10 year exemption into the Alabama State Mid-Amateur Championship (2025-2034) (must be 25 years of age or older by first day of Championship).
- The Top 5 Finishers will receive an exemption into the 2025 U.S. Amateur Championship Final Qualifying.
- Players finishing in the top 40 (and ties) will receive exemptions into the 2026 Alabama Men's State Amateur Championship and 2025 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 2025 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 2025 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 13, 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. All former winners of the AGA State Amateur Championship:

2024-Tom Fischer	2023-Tyler Watts	2021-Gordon Sargent	2020-Gordon Sargent
2019-Jack Goldasich	2017-Taylor Eyster	2012-Andy McRae	2006-Ben Moody

- 2002, 2005-Will Swift
1989-John Wright
- 2004-Lance Goodson Jr.
- 1997-Richard Jeffers
- 1998-Scott Weatherly
2. Winners of the AGA State Match Play Championship last ten years:
2024-Nick Robillard
2019-Ethan Hagood
- 2023-Will Patrick
2017-Matt Gourgeot
- 2022-Jack Goldasich
- 2021-Matthew Myers
3. Winners of the AGA State Mid-Amateur last five years:
2024-Ben Reeves
2022-Haymes Snedeker
- 2023-Connor Elder
2021-Tyler Hitchner/Will McCurdy
- 2020-Robby Prater
4. Winner of the 2024 AGA Boys State Junior Championship:
Bailey Sutter
5. Winners of the AGA State Senior Championship last three years:
2025-TBD
(NOTE: Blank entry will be filed by the AGA for player who becomes exempt after close of entries.)
- 2024-Shaw Pritchett
- 2023-Shaw Pritchett
6. Winners of the AGA State Four-Ball Championship last five years:
2025-TBD
Guerin/James Salter
- 2024-Tyler Watts/Barak Erwin
2021-Alex Balog/Daniel Burns
- 2023-Blake Watts/Will McCurdy
- 2022-Clay
- (NOTE: Blank entry will be filed by the AGA for player who becomes exempt after close of entries.)
7. Winner of the 2024 AGA State Senior Match Play Championship:
Chris Hummel
8. From the 2024 AGA State Amateur Championship, the 40 lowest scores and anyone tying for 40th place:
Tom Fischer
Bailey Sutter
Austin Coggin
Ryan Eshleman
Christopher Devlin
Chase Kyes
Jackson King
Daniel Keddie
- Josiah Gilbert
Jackson Mitchell
Morgan Slaton
Ward Harris
Eric Boutwell
JP Cave
Stewart Whitt
Pierce Becker
- Hal Dove
Max Johnson
Brantley Scott
Phillip Darst
John Snoddy
Trip Duke
Cole Komyati
Blake Kelley
- Tyler Watts
Jon Ed Steed
Mac Scott
Jordan Plunkett
Casey O'Toole
Will Patrick
Cole Imig
- Hunter Hawkins
Ken Goforth
Jake Springer
Sylas Elliot
Ethan Hagood
Trace Bracknell
Elad Sebbag
9. From the 2024 AGA State Match Play Championship, those players who advanced to the Quarterfinals:
Ward Harris
Jackson Mitchell
- Nick Robillard
Blake Watts
- Will Patrick
Ty Cole
- Trey Rouse
Blaise Wilson
10. From the 2024 AGA State Mid-Amateur, the 10 lowest scores and anyone tying for 10th place:
Ben Reeves
Stewart Whitt
- Hunter Hawkins
Blaise Wilson
- Haymes Snedeker
John Snoddy
- Matt Johnson
Bradley Funderburk
- Shaw Pritchett
Blake Kelley
11. From the 2024 AGA Boys State Junior, the 3 lowest scores and anyone tying for 3rd place:
Bailey Sutter
- Gus Darnall
- Thomas Crane
12. From the 2024 Alabama Open, amateurs finishing among the top 5 overall:
13. Any player who played in either the 2024 USGA Open Championship or 2024 USGA Senior Open Championship:
Scott Cornette
14. Any player who played in the 2024 USGA Amateur, Mid-Amateur, Senior or Junior Championships:
Tom Fischer
Ben Reeves
Bailey Sutter
- Josiah Gilbert
Joel Alexander
Chase Kyes
- Gordon Sargent
Aaron Jackson
Robert Nelson
- Tyler Watts
John Tyner
Mike Arasin
- Will McCurdy
Hunter Hawkins
Voyed Couey
15. Any player who played in the 2025 USGA Amateur Four-Ball Championship:
Joel Alexander
Conner Pratt
- Will McCurdy
Andrew Gladden
- Blake Watts
- Jake Nolen
- Mason Seaborn
16. The 2024 Alabama Men's Player of the Year:
17. The 2024 Alabama Senior Men's Player of the Year:
Robert Nelson
18. The 2024 Alabama Junior Boys Player of the Year:
Tyler Watts
19. 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 March 1, 2025:
Gordon Sargent
Ben Reeves
Ty Cole
Bailey Sutter
Blake Kelley
- Tom Fischer
Nick Robillard
Hal Dove
Will Patrick
Morgan Slaton
- Tyler Watts
Jackson Mitchell
Blake Watts
Ken Goforth
Barak Erwin
- Josiah Gilbert
Blaise Wilson
Ward Harris
Paul Bruce
Matt Johnson
- Hunter Hawkins
Mac Scott
Haymes Snedeker
John Luke Tyner
Trey Rouse
20. Any player who ranks within the top 10 point leaders and anyone tying for 10th place of the Alabama Junior Boys Rankings as of March 1, 2025:

Bailey Sutter
Jack Lowery

Tyler Watts
Thomas Crane

Jon Ed Steed
Blake Cornell

Jackson Skinner
Hudson Lawson

Chase Kyes

21. Players with a ranking in the World Amateur Golf Rankings (WAGR) as of date of entry.

22. One exemption for Championship Host Club.

23. Special exemptions as selected by the AGA.