

110th Alabama State Amateur Championship

June 10-13, 2026

The Country Club of Birmingham, Birmingham, AL

Entries Open: March 2

Entries Close: May 7

Entry Fee: \$325 Exempt (\$125 Qualifying)



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/5680518> and click on "Register now".
- **Entries for all qualifiers (and exempt players) must be RECEIVED in the AGA office no later than 11:59pm, Thursday, May 7, 2026. 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 (All qualifiers and exempt players): If an accepted player withdraws for any reason before the close of registration at **11:59pm on Thursday, May 7, 2026**, 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 Sunday, May 10, 2026**
- Bessemer Qualifier - **11:59pm on Tuesday, May 12, 2026**
- Mobile Qualifier - **11:59pm on Tuesday, May 12, 2026**
- Jasper Qualifier - **11:59pm on Sunday, May 17, 2026**
- Auburn Qualifier - **11:59pm on Tuesday, May 19, 2026**
- Prattville Qualifier - **11:59pm on Sunday, May 24, 2026**

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 8, 2026**, 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 7, 2026**, 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 8, 2026**, 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 12 - Goose Pond Colony Resort, Scottsboro (limited to first 84 players) (Mandatory carts, no caddies at this site)

May 14 - Bent Brook Golf Course, Bessemer (limited to first 84 players) (Mandatory carts, no caddies at this site)

May 14 - Azalea City Golf Course, Mobile (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 - Pines Crossings, Auburn (limited to first 84 players) (Mandatory carts, no caddies at this site)

May 26 - 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 9

Tee times available for practice.

Wednesday, June 10

First round of individual stroke play.

Thursday, June 11

Second round of individual stroke play.

Field cut to low 60 scores and ties.

Friday, June 12

Third round of individual stroke play.

Saturday, June 13

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.**

- *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:* **The championship will be walking only.**
- *Championship Site Practice Rounds:* Practice round access fees are not included in the entry fee.

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 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.
- 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 2026 U.S. Amateur Championship, August 10-16, 2026 at Merion Golf Club in Ardmore, PA.
- Champion receives an exemption into the 2027 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 (2026-2035).
- Champion receives 10 year exemption into the Alabama State Mid-Amateur Championship (2026-2035) (must be 25 years of age or older by first day of Championship).
- The Top 5 Finishers will receive an exemption into the 2027 U.S. Amateur Championship Final Qualifying.
- Players finishing in the top 40 (and ties) will receive exemptions into the 2027 Alabama Men's State Amateur Championship and 2026 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 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 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 2026 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 7, 2026 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:

2025-Bailey Sutter	2024-Tom Fischer	2023-Tyler Watts	2019-Jack Goldasich
2017-Taylor Eyster	2012-Andy McRae	2009, 2010-Hunter Hamrick	2006-Ben Moody
2002, 2005-Will Swift	2004-Lance Goodson Jr.	1998-Scott Weatherly	1997-Richard Jeffers
1989-John Wright			

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

2025-JP Groat	2024-Nick Robillard	2022-Jack Goldasich	
2021-Matthew Myers	2019-Ethan Hagood	2017-Matt Gourgeot	2016-Bo Hayes

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

2025-Hunter Hawkins	2024-Ben Reeves	2023-Connor Elder
2022-Haymes Snedeker	2021-Tyler Hitchner/Will McCurdy	

4. Winner of the 2025 AGA Boys State Junior Championship:

Rawlin Sutter

5. Winners of the AGA State Senior Championship last three years:

2026-TBD	2024-Shaw Pritchett
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(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:

2026-TBD	2025-Blair Hamm/Ethan Hagood	2024-Tyler Watts/Barak Erwin
2023-Blake Watts/Will McCurdy	2022-Clay Guerin/James Salter	

(NOTE: Blank entry will be filed by the AGA for player who becomes exempt after close of entries.)

7. Winner of the 2025 AGA State Senior Match Play Championship:

Shaw Pritchett

8. From the 2025 AGA State Amateur Championship, the 40 lowest scores and anyone tying for 40th place:

Bailey Sutter	Charles Warren	Jon Ed Steed	Will McCurdy	Jackson Spybey
Buddy Fleming	Pierce Becker	Thomas Crane	Sylas Elliot	Zach Day
Ben Reeves	Cameron Rockett	Jackson Skinner	Michael Crocker	Ryley Heath
William Stelt	Clark Browne	Cole Komyati	John Luke Tyner	Tyler Hitchner
Cole Imig	Ben Shedd	Andrew Gladden	Morgan Slaton	Jay Wilson
Aaron Jackson	Gavin Isbell	Stephen Baker	Charlie Hoyle	Jack Lowery
Trip Duke	Will Drake	John Bruce	Andrew Turner	Hudson Lawson
Garrison Guthrie	Jace Duckworth	Graham Patton		

9. From the 2025 AGA State Match Play Championship, those players who advanced to the Quarterfinals:

Logan Rawson	William Stelt	Reid Larson	Jackson Mitchell
Will McCurdy	JP Groat	Jace Duckworth	Gavin Isbell

10. From the 2025 AGA State Mid-Amateur, the 10 lowest scores and anyone tying for 10th place:

Hunter Hawkins	Jackson King	Blaise Wilson	Casey O'Toole
Blake Kelley	Ty Cole	Stewart Whitt	Alex Balog
Maxime Faure	Tobin Ayers	Logan Rawson	

11. From the 2025 AGA Boys State Junior, the 3 lowest scores and anyone tying for 3rd place:

Rawlin Sutter	Bailey Sutter	Andrew Turner	Thomas Crane
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12. From the 2025 Alabama Open, amateurs finishing among the top 5 overall:

Morgan Slaton

13. Any player who played in either the 2025 USGA Open Championship or 2025 USGA Senior Open Championship:

14. Any player who played in the 2025 USGA Amateur, Mid-Amateur, Senior or Junior Championships:

Tyler Watts	Rawlin Sutter	JP Groat	Andrew Hinson	Cameron Rockett
Cole Imig	Tom Fischer	Josiah Gilbert	Bailey Sutter	Will Drake
Robert Nelson	Shaw Pritchett	Adam Jacobs	John Snoddy	Trent Alexander
Tobin Ayers	Blake Watts			

15. Any player who played in the 2026 USGA Amateur Four-Ball Championship:

Logan Rawson	Van Thigpen	William Catanzaro	John Hilliard Catanzaro
Conner Elder	Zachary Hughes	Mac Scott	

16. The 2025 Alabama Men's Player of the Year:

Tyler Watts

17. The 2025 Alabama Senior Men's Player of the Year:

Shaw Pritchett

18. The 2025 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 January 1, 2026:

Tom Fischer	Josiah Gilbert	Tyler Watts	Bailey Sutter	Will McCurdy
Charles Warren	JP Groat	Hunter Hawkins	Jackson Mitchell	Logan Rawson
Jon Ed Steed	Blaise Wilson	Jace Duckworth	Blake Watts	Jackson Spybey
Pierce Becker	Gavin Isbell	William Stelt	Blair Hamm	Casey O'Toole
Jackson King	Buddy Fleming	Ty Cole		

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 2, 2026:

Tyler Watts	Bailey Sutter	Rawlin Sutter	SJ Thomas	JP Groat
Jack Lowery	Denton Brooks	Buddy Fleming	Clark Browne	Michael Heaton

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.