



# 29th Alabama State Senior Amateur Championship

May 15-17, 2026

The Country Club of Mobile, Mobile, AL

Entries Open: March 9

Entries Close: May 5



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 9.9 and has reached his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday by May 15, 2026.

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](http://www.alabamagolf.org). Fax, mail-in, or telephone applications are not accepted. Championship field size is 90 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 5, 2026. 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/5678398> and click on register now.
- **All entries must be RECEIVED in the AGA office no later than 11:59pm, Tuesday, May 5, 2026. 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](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, May 5, 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 **11:59pm on Wednesday, May 13, 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.

## 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 14**

Tee times available for practice.

**Friday, May 15**

First round of individual stroke play.

**Saturday, May 16**

Second round of individual stroke play.

Field cut to low TBD players and ties.

Field re-paired by score.

**Sunday, May 17**

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 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**

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 will be locally exempt for the 2027 U.S. Senior Open Championship (exemption from local qualifying)
- Champion receives a 10-year exemption into the Alabama State Senior Amateur Championship (2027-2036)
- Champion receives a 3-year exemption into the Alabama State Amateur Championship (2026-2028)
- Champion receives an exemption into the 2026 Alabama State Match Play Championship or 2026 Alabama State Senior Match Play Championship
- Champion receives an exemption into the 2026 Alabama State Mid-Amateur Championship
- Players finishing in the top 5 (and ties) will receive an exemption into the 2026 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 2026 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 5, 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:**

2024-Shaw Pritchett	2023-Shaw Pritchett	2022-Robert Nelson	2021-Doug McLeod
2020-David Hancock	2019-Robert Nelson	2018-Claud Cooper	2017-Robert Nelson
			2016-Bryan Askew

**2. From the 2025 Alabama State Senior Amateur Championship, the 30 lowest scores and anyone tying for 30<sup>th</sup> place:**

Shaw Pritchett	Chris Hummel	Matt Wilson	Claud Cooper	Thomas Jean
Mike Floyd	Charles Noto	Kevin Terrell	Robbie Cotten	Jeff Taylor
Lamar Adams	Mike Arasin	McGowin Miller	Scott McDade	Rusty Clark
Bryan Askew	Chris Lemley	Brannon Gravlee	Michael Weathers	Chris Jones
Rucker Brown	Vess Hollingsworth	Will Jourdan	Jason Harkins	Daniel Ganglehoff
Marc Wallace	Joseph Fortner	Flip Bradley	Chris Lamey	Mark Dillard

3. From the 2025 Alabama State Amateur Championship, any player completing 72 holes:

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

2025-Shaw Pritchett	2024-Chris Hummel	2023-Shaw Pritchett	2022-Steve Hudson	2021-Shaw Pritchett
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5. From the 2025 Alabama State Senior Match Play Championship, those players who advanced to the Round of 16:

Ty Cole	David Cooke	Thomas Jean	Chris Hummel
Joseph Fortner	Robbie Cotten	Shaw Pritchett	Tim Mitchell
Jeff Taylor	Lamar Adams	John Allred	Tom Davis
Walter Watts	Dusty Ellison	Jason Bourbeau	Michael Guerette

6. From the 2025 Alabama State Senior Four-Ball Championship, the lowest 10 sides and anyone tying for 10<sup>th</sup> place:

Jeff Taylor	Shaw Pritchett	Claud Cooper	McGowin Miller
Chris Hummel	Sam Mango	Andy Stewart	Paul Garner
Danny Spybey	Joey Holley	Joesph Fortner	Scott McGee
John Fisher	Scott Johnston	Chris Lemley	Tracy Lentz
Doug Davis	Tommy Coggin	Jeff Moss	Will Jourdan
Dave Loftin	Mark Woods	JJ Adams	Michael McGill

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

8. Any player who played in the 2025 USGA Amateur Championship, the 2025 USGA Mid-Amateur Championship or 2025 USGA Senior Amateur Championship:

Robert Nelson	Shaw Pritchett	Adam Jacobs
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9. Any player who played in the 2026 USGA Amateur Four-Ball Championship:

10. Any player who ranks within the top 40 point leaders and anyone tying for 40<sup>th</sup> place of the Alabama Senior Men's Amateur Rankings as of February 1, 2026:

Shaw Pritchett	Jeff Taylor	John Wright	Claud Cooper	Chris Hummel
Thomas Jean	Robbie Cotten	Robert Nelson	Matt Wilson	Joseph Fortner
McGowin Miller	Mike Arasin	Lamar Adams	David Cooke	Michael Guerrette
Charles Noto	Kevin Terrell	Mike Floyd	Adam Jacobs	Sam Mango
Scott Cornette	Shane Childress	Andy Stewart	Paul Garner	Dusty Ellison
Jason Bourbeau	John Allred	Tim Mitchell	Tom Davis	Ty Cole
Walter Watts	Rusty Clark	Scott McDade	Danny Spybey	Joey Holley

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

Shaw Pritchett

12. One exemption for Championship Host Club

13. Special exemptions bestowed by the AGA