



48th Southern Junior Championship

August 12-14, 2020

Blessings Golf Club, Fayetteville, AR

Entries Open: March 2

Entries Close: June 9

Entry Fee: \$250.00

Scratch Players
WORLD AMATEUR RANKING



ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to any male amateur golfer who has a current Handicap Index® not exceeding **8.4** under the World Handicap System as of the close of entries, and has reached his 14th birthday by June 17, 2020, but not his 19th birthday by June 19, 2020.

Note: Entrant *cannot* be a member of a college golf team or have participated in any supervised team activities.

*Players age eligible as of June 19 will remain eligible if they turn 19 years old on or before August 14th.

ENTRIES AND ONLINE REGISTRATION

Field size is 120 players. Exempt players are accepted at time of registration (see "Exemptions" section). Non-exempt players are selected based on Junior Golf Scoreboard national ranking as of the entry close date then by Handicap Index® if necessary. Non-exempt applicants will be notified of their entry status via email following the close of entries.

All players, including exempt, must register online at www.southerngolf.org. Fax, mail-in, or telephone applications are not accepted.

- To submit an entry, visit <http://www.southerngolf.org>, create an "SGA Registration Account" then click on "Southern Junior > Register".
- An application for a player who is a minor upon the date of submission, in the state in which he resides (e.g., Alabama, under the age of 18) must be submitted by a parent/guardian, and list parent/guardian's name, phone number, and email address. The parent/guardian must agree to be bound by all terms and conditions on their behalf and on behalf of the minor player.
- **All entries must be RECEIVED in the SGA office no later than 11:59pm CST on Tuesday, June 9, 2020. Entries will not be accepted after that time.**
- An entry fee in the amount of \$250.00, payable by **credit card**, must accompany the entry application.
- Upon successfully completing the online entry procedure, an email receipt confirmation will be sent to the applicant's email address.
- Confirmation of acceptance is sent to applicants when their status is determined. Status may be checked at www.southerngolf.org.

The SGA 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. Entries are subject to rejection or withdraw at any time, including during the event, by the SGA or the host club. The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct during a stipulated round. All players must conform to the "[USGA Rules of Amateur Status](#)" and abide by the "[SGA Code of Conduct](#)".

REFUND POLICY

Withdrawal: If an accepted player withdraws for any reason before the close of registration at **11:59pm CST on Tuesday, June 9, 2020**, the entry fee will be refunded, subject to a \$50.00 service fee. If an accepted player withdraws for any reason after the close of registration and before **11:59pm CST on Sunday, August 9, 2020**, 50% of the entry fee will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after **Sunday, August 9, 2020**.

- How to Withdraw Prior to Entry Closing Date: Login to your SGA Registration Account online and withdraw.
- How to Withdraw After Entry Closing Date: Complete the [SGA Withdrawal Form](#)

No Shows: Players that fail to notify the SGA 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 SGA events.

Alternates: Full refund if player does not participate in the championship.

All dates and time refer to **date and time of receipt** at the SGA office.

CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

- 54 holes of stroke play.
- The field will be cut to the low 66 players and ties after 36 holes.
- The lowest score for 54 holes will be the Champion.
- In the event of a tie for the overall Championship only, a hole-by-hole play-off will be held immediately following play. The play-off holes and their order of play will be determined by the Rules Committee.
- Initial groupings will be for two days; the field will be cut and grouped by score after the second round for the third round.

PRIZES & AWARDS

Awards will be presented to the top three finishers. Champion will have his name engraved on the *Perry Adair Trophy* that is housed in the SGA office. Ties for second and third place will be determined using the USGA recommended scorecard playoff procedure to break ties (last 9 (Holes 10-18), last 6 (Holes 13-18), last 3 (Holes 16-18), 18th hole, 1st hole, 2nd hole, etc. until the tie is broken).

State Team Competition – All United States players are automatically entered into a State Team competition. Each state is comprised of the low four players from the same state. State residency is determined by the player's home address listed on their entry application. State Team winner is determined after the first 36 holes of play. Each of the winning team members receives an award. In the event of a tie, the aggregate score of all team members from round two will be used. If there is still a tie, then round one aggregate score is used. If an additional tiebreaker is necessary, then the highest 36-hole individual total score is matched, followed by the second highest, third highest and fourth highest until the tie is broken.

EXEMPTIONS AND RANKINGS EARNED

- Champion receives one exemption into the 2021 Southern Amateur Championship.
- Champion receives an exemption into all future Southern Junior Championships in which he is eligible to compete.
- Champion receives Fully Exempt Status with AJGA for 2 seasons (2020 & 2021).
- Champion receives exemption into 2020 Northeast Junior Championship.
- Champion receives exemption into 2021 Gator Invitational Junior Championship.
- 2nd-15th places receive AJGA Stars (see AJGA.org website).
- Players making the 36-hole cut receive Rolex AJGA Ranking points.

EXEMPTIONS

Players in the categories listed below are exempt into the 2020 Southern Junior Championship if otherwise eligible. The SGA reserves the right to revise the exemption categories. Exempt players must file an entry application and pay the \$250.00 entry fee by June 9, 2020.

- A. Any previous Southern Junior Champion
- B. Made the 36-Hole Cut at the 2019 Southern Junior Championship
- C. Competed in the 2019 Southern Amateur Championship
- D. Advanced to Match Play at the 2019 U.S. Junior Amateur
- E. Top 1000 in [Junior Golf Scoreboard Rankings](#)
- F. Top 500 in [Rolex AJGA Rankings](#)
- G. Current State Amateur, State Junior and Regional Junior Champions from USGA Allied Golf Associations (e.g. Carolinas Junior Champion, Louisiana State Junior Champion)
- H. Most Recent Junior Ryder Cup or Junior Presidents Cup Team Members
- I. Any player extended an invitation by the SGA Junior Competition Committee

*Remaining field selected based on Junior Golf Scoreboard Ranking as of entry close date then by Handicap Index® if necessary.

CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Tuesday, August 11

Player Registration. Tee times available for practice.

Wednesday, August 12

First round of stroke play. Hosted lunch for championship contestants.

Thursday, August 13

Second round of stroke play. Hosted lunch for championship contestants.

Field cut to low 66 scores and ties.

Friday, August 14

Final round of stroke play. Hosted lunch for championship contestants.

RANGE AND PRACTICE ROUND FEES

- Championship site practice and championship round range fees are paid by the SGA.

HOSTED LUNCH

- Hosted lunch is provided by the SGA to championship contestants each day of the championship.

TRANSPORTATION; PUSH/PULL CARTS

- Competitors must walk during championship rounds. Optional condition prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures: *Model Local Rules: G-6 Prohibiting Use of Motorized Transportation* will be in effect. See “Golf Cart Requests” section below for disabled golf cart requests.
- Push/Pull carts are allowed.

CADDIES; SPECTATORS; GOLF CART REQUESTS

- *Caddies:* Caddies are not allowed.
- *Spectators:* SGA welcomes spectators at our championships. For your safety, we request that spectators walk near the cart path at all times.
- *Disabled Golf Cart Policy:* In consistency with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), SGA will grant an individual with a bona fide disability a golf cart if the following conditions are met:
 1. Requesting individual completes and submits a [Disabled Golf Cart Request Form](#) by the close of entries,
 2. Host club has a golf cart available,
 3. Requesting individual pays host club the appropriate cart fee,
 4. Requesting individual presents to the SGA staff or SGA representative a handicap card issued by a government agency.

RULES OF GOLF

USGA Rules of Golf govern play. Questions will be decided by the SGA Rules Committee whose decision will be final. Notice to Players and Conditions of Competition are posted at host club and distributed at the starting tee(s). The SGA reserves the right to alter the conditions or schedules as stated, including alteration of the stipulated round(s) at any time during the championship.

CLOSE OF COMPETITION

The competition is closed when the *Perry Adair Trophy* has been presented to the winner.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Special requests for starting times or pairings may not be granted.

CONDITIONS AGREEMENT

- I certify that all the information given in my entry is factual.
- I agree that the Southern 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 Southern 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 Southern Golf Association, its committee members, officers, board of directors, staff, and host club staff and personnel 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 [Southern Golf Association Code of Conduct](#).

