



54th Southern Junior Championship

June 17-19, 2026

University of Georgia Golf Course, Athens, GA

Entries Open: March 3

Entries Close: May 5

Entry Fee: \$350.00



ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to any male amateur golfer who has a current Handicap Index® not exceeding **4.4** under the World Handicap System as of the close of entries, and has reached his 14th birthday by June 17, 2026, but not his 19th birthday by June 19, 2026.

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

ENTRIES AND ONLINE REGISTRATION

Field size is 156 players. All players, including exempt, must register online at www.southerngolf.org. Fax, mail-in, or telephone applications are not accepted.

- To submit an entry ONLINE, then click the “Register Now” button on the left side of the page.
- Players must have a Golf Genius profile with the SGA to register. To create a profile, click the event’s “Register Now” button on the left margin of the championship portal page. Under the login fields, click the “Click Here to Register” under “Don’t have an account?” header.
- An application for a player who is a minor upon the date of submission, in the state in which he resides (e.g., South Carolina, 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, May 5, 2026. Entries will not be accepted after that time.**
- An entry fee in the amount of \$350.00, payable by **credit card**, must accompany the entry application.
- A non-refundable **\$40.00 fee applies to all applications**. A refund of \$310.00 is provided to players not accepted into the championship field by June 18.
- 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 withdrawal 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 **11:59pm CST on Tuesday, May 5, 2026**, the entry fee will be refunded, subject to a \$25.00 service fee in addition to the non-refundable application fee of \$40.00 (i.e., \$285.00 refunded). If an accepted player withdraws for any reason after the close of registration and before **11:59pm CST on Sunday, June 14, 2026**, 50% of the entry fee will be refunded (i.e., \$175.00 refunded). No refunds will be made for withdrawals beginning **Monday, June 15, 2026**.

- 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, minus the \$40.00 non-refundable application fee, if a 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 50 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 Rounds 1 and 2; the field will be cut and grouped by score after Round 2 for Round 3.

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).

EXEMPTIONS AND RANKINGS EARNED

- Champion receives one exemption into the 2027 Southern Amateur Championship.
- Champion receives an exemption into all future Southern Junior Championships in which he is eligible to compete.
- Top 5 finishers receive Fully Exempt Status with AJGA for 2 seasons (2026 & 2027).
- 1st-25th places receive AJGA Stars (see AJGA.org website).
- Players making the 36-hole cut receive Rolex AJGA Ranking points.

EXEMPTIONS AND FIELD SELECTION

Players in the categories listed below are exempt into the 2026 Southern Junior Championship if otherwise eligible. Exempt and invited players are accepted into the field after application review and confirmation. Exempt and invited players must file an entry application and pay the \$350.00 entry fee by May 5, 2026. The SGA reserves the right to revise the below exemption categories.

- A. Any previous Southern Junior or Southern Amateur Champion
- B. Players who finished in Top 10 and ties at the 2025 Southern Junior Championship
- C. Players who posted a 36-hole score at the 2025 Southern Amateur Championship
- D. Players ranked inside the Top 125 of Junior Golf Scoreboard Rankings as of March 3, 2026
- E. Players ranked inside the Top 125 of Rolex AJGA Rankings as of March 3, 2026
- F. Players ranked in World Amateur Golf Rankings by May 5, 2026
- G. Any player extended an invitation by the SGA Junior Competition Committee

If spots remain in the starting field, non-exempt players are selected by the SGA Junior Competition Committee after the close of entries on May 5. Non-exempt applicants will be placed on an alternate list and ranked by their Junior Golf Scoreboard ranking as of May 5. SGA will notify non-exempt players of their entry status via email following the close of entries on May 5.

CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Tuesday, June 16

Player Registration. Tee times available for practice.

Wednesday, June 17

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

Thursday, June 18

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

Field cut to low 50 scores and ties.

Friday, June 19

Final round of stroke play. Hosted lunch for championship contestants. Awards ceremony immediately following play.

COURSE FEES

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

HOSTED LUNCH

- Hosted lunch is provided by the SGA to championship contestants Wednesday thru Friday from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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.
- Personal Push/Pull carts are allowed.

CADDIES AND SPECTATORS

- *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.
- *Spectator Carts*: Due to the limited number of golf carts at the host club, *spectator carts will not be available*.

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](#).