



Elite Amateur
GOLF SERIES

116th Southern Amateur Championship

July 13-16, 2022

Sea Island Golf Club (Plantation), St. Simons Island, GA

Entries Open: February 28 Entries Close: *May 23

*On-Site Qualifier Entries Close: July 6

Entry Fee: Sectional Qualifying = \$175; On-Site Qualifier = \$200 (Includes Qualifying Round Cart/Range Fee)

ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to any male amateur golfer who has a current Handicap Index® not exceeding **3.4** under the World Handicap System as of the close of entries.

ENTRIES AND ONLINE REGISTRATION

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

- Non-exempt players must compete in a sectional qualifier to gain a spot in the championship starting field.
- To submit an entry, click [HERE](#) to view sectional qualifying site schedule and click the "Register" link for that site.
- Players must have a Golf Genius profile with the SGA to register. To create a profile, select a sectional qualifier, click the specific event's "Register" link. On the qualifier site portal page, click the "Register Now" button on the left margin. 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., 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 Monday, May 23, 2022. Entries will not be accepted after that time. Exception: On-Site Qualifier entry close date is 11:59pm CST on Wednesday, July 6, 2022.**
- An entry fee in the amount of \$175.00 for Sectional Qualifying, \$200.00 for On-Site Qualifier is payable by **credit card** and must accompany the entry application.
- For players who successfully qualify, the SGA will charge the remaining championship entry fee balance of \$175.00 (\$150.00 for On-Site Qualifier) to the credit card used for qualifying.
- Registration Priority: Sectional Qualifying and On-Site Qualifier = First come, first served (waitlist for each qualifying site ordered by entry time/date).
- Upon successfully completing the entry procedure, an email confirmation will be automatically generated and sent to your 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

Sectional Qualifying

Withdrawals or Transfers: If an accepted player withdraws for any reason before the close of registration at **11:59pm CST on Monday, May 23, 2022**, the entry fee will be refunded, subject to a \$50.00 service fee. A player may transfer to another qualifying site without penalty if the SGA is notified prior to close of registration. Exception: A player may transfer to the On-Site Qualifier by May 23rd for an additional \$25.00 fee. Sectional Qualifying site transfers are not allowed after close of registration on May 23rd.

If an accepted player withdraws for any reason after the close of registration and before the deadlines listed below for any reason, 50% of the entry fee will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after the deadlines listed below:

- Country Club of Virginia (Tuckahoe Creek Course), Richmond, VA: **11:59pm CST on Sunday, May 29, 2022**
- University of Texas Golf Club, Austin, TX: **11:59pm CST on Monday, May 30, 2022**
- Indian Hills Country Club, Tuscaloosa, AL: **11:59pm CST on Monday, May 30, 2022**
- Dallas Athletic Club (Gold Course), Dallas, TX: **11:59pm CST on Saturday, June 4, 2022**
- University Club, Baton Rouge, LA: **11:59pm CST on Saturday, June 4, 2022**
- North Ridge Country Club (Oaks Course), Raleigh, NC: **11:59pm CST on Sunday, June 5, 2022**
- *Sunnehanna Country Club, Johnstown, PA: **11:59pm CST on Thursday, June 9, 2022**
- Governors Towne Club, Atlanta, GA: **11:59pm CST on Friday, June 10, 2022**
- Chattanooga Golf & Country Club, Chattanooga, TN: **11:59pm CST on Monday, June 20, 2022**
- Chenal Country Club, Little Rock, AR: **11:59pm CST on Friday, June 24, 2022**

- The Club at Olde-Stone, Bowling Green, KY: **11:59pm CST on Sunday, June 26, 2022**
- Mayacoo Lakes Country Club, West Palm Beach, FL: **11:59pm CST on Monday, June 27, 2022**
- *Parkersburg Country Club, Vienna, WV: **11:59pm CST on Saturday, July 2, 2022**
- Mark Bostick Golf Course, Gainesville, FL: **11:59pm CST on Saturday, July 2, 2022**
- *Oak Hills Golf Club, Columbia, SC: **11:59pm CST on Saturday, July 2, 2022**

On-Site Qualifier

Withdrawal: If an accepted player withdraws for any reason before the close of registration at **11:59pm CST on Wednesday, July 6, 2022**, 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 the deadlines listed below for any reason, 50% of the entry fee will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after **11:59pm CST on Wednesday, July 6, 2022**.

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 gain entry into the sectional qualifier.

Championship

Successful Qualifier Withdrawal: If a successful qualifier withdraws for any reason after paying his remaining championship balance of \$175.00 and before **11:59pm CST on Sunday, July 10, 2022**, 50% of the remaining championship balance will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after **Sunday, July 10, 2022**.

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.

SCHEDULE

Competition will be in two stages:

1. **Sectional Qualifying** - 18 holes of stroke play for non-exempt players.
2. **Championship** - 156 players (includes exempt players and sectional qualifiers).

CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

- 72 holes of stroke play. The field will be cut to the low 66 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 “sudden-death” 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 first two rounds; the field will be cut and grouped by score after the second round for the third round; grouped by score after third round for the fourth round.

EXEMPTIONS FROM SECTIONAL QUALIFYING

Players extended a *Bobby Jones Invitation* by the SGA Amateur Competition Committee are exempt from sectional qualifying.

SECTIONAL QUALIFYING AND ALTERNATES

- Sectional qualifying is 18 holes of stroke play.
- The number of qualifiers' places at each site is determined by the SGA after entries close, based on the size of the field. Ties for the final qualifying position will be determined by sudden death playoff immediately following the conclusion of play. Unless otherwise determined in a sudden death playoff, alternates will be ordered by the scores at each qualifying site 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).
- If a successful qualifier from a Sectional Qualifying site withdraws, the spot will be filled with an alternate from that sectional qualifying site until Sunday, July 10th at 11:59pm EST. After that time, the spot will be filled by the Amateur Competition Committee. On-Site championship alternates are ranked by current WAGR ranking.
- Qualifying site assignment is based on the date/time the SGA receives and processes each entry form. **Qualifying site assignments cannot be changed after close of registration on Monday, May 23rd.**
- 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 are ranked according to date/time an entry is received and processed. Qualifying site player information is sent after entries are accepted.
- Any player, regardless of whether they have competed in a Sectional Qualifier, may compete in the On-Site Qualifier. Each player must complete a separate On-Site Qualifier entry application and pay the \$200.00 entry fee.
- Qualifying sites may be cancelled due to a lack of participation.

SECTIONAL QUALIFYING SCHEDULE

June 1	Country Club of Virginia (Tuckahoe Creek Course), Richmond, Virginia
June 2	University of Texas Golf Club, Austin, Texas
June 2	Indian Hills Country Club, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
June 7	Dallas Athletic Club (Gold Course), Dallas, Texas
June 7	University Club, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
June 8	North Ridge Country Club (Oaks Course), Raleigh, North Carolina
June 12	*Sunnehanna Country Club, Johnstown, Pennsylvania (Dual Qualifier with Sunnehanna Amateur Championship)
June 13	Governors Towne Club, Acworth, Georgia
June 23	Chattanooga Golf & Country Club, Chattanooga, Tennessee
June 27	Chenal Country Club, Little Rock, Arkansas
June 29	The Club at Olde-Stone, Bowling Green, Kentucky
June 30	Mayacoo Lakes Country Club, West Palm Beach, Florida
July 5	Mark Bostick Golf Course, Gainesville, Florida
July 5	*Parkersburg Country Club, Vienna, West Virginia (Dual Qualifier with West Virginia Amateur)
July 5	*Oak Hills Golf Club, Columbia, South Carolina (Dual Qualifier with South Carolina Amateur)
July 11	On-Site Qualifier: Sea Island Golf Club (Plantation Course), St. Simons Island, Georgia

* Dual qualifier with the [South Carolina Golf Association](#), [West Virginia Golf Association](#), & [Sunnehanna Amateur Championship](#).

Player may register to participate in only the Southern Amateur qualifier or, if eligible, participate in both qualifiers with the SCGA.

Players must register with both organizations and pay both entry fees for the Sunnehanna Amateur Championship & West Virginia Golf Association.

CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Tuesday, July 12

Player Registration. Tee times available for practice round.

Wednesday, July 13

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

Thursday, July 14

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

Field cut to low 66 scores and ties.

Friday, July 15

Third round of stroke play. Hosted breakfast and lunch for championship contestants.

Saturday, July 16

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

CART/RANGE FEES

- *Sectional Qualifying and On-Site Qualifier:* Sectional Qualifying cart/range fees are paid by the SGA and included in the entry fee. Competitors have the option to either walk or use a golf cart during qualifying rounds (Austin, Baton Rouge, Bowling Green, On-Site, Tuscaloosa, and West Palm Beach qualifying sites are mandatory carts). Cart rental is mandatory for practice rounds payable at the host club.
- *Championship Site:* Championship site practice and championship round range fees paid by the SGA.

HOSTED BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

- Hosted breakfast and lunch are provided by the SGA to championship contestants each day of the championship from July 13-16.

TRANSPORTATION; PUSH/PULL CARTS

- Competitors and caddies 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.
- Personal Push/Pull carts are allowed.

CADDIES; SPECTATORS; GOLF CART REQUESTS

- *Caddies:* Caddies are allowed for sectional qualifying and championship rounds. Club caddies will be available at Sea Island (\$120 + \$40 tip per round).
- *Sectional Qualifying Caddie/Spectator Cart Policy:* During the play of a hole, either the player or his caddie may ride in a golf cart but not both at the same time. Spectators are not allowed to ride in a player's golf cart at any time.
- Caddies are required to wear an SGA issued caddie bib at the championship proper. Bibs will be available at the designated starting tee and must be returned to the SGA at the conclusion of each round in the scoring area.

- *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.

PRIZES

- *Sectional Qualifying:* Lowest Score at each qualifying site: Silver medal. If a tie, duplicate medals will be awarded.
- *Championship:* A silver medal will be presented to the three lowest scores and low Mid-Amateur (age 25+) after 72 holes. Champion will have his name engraved on the *George W. Adair Trophy*, which is enshrined in the Atlanta Athletic Club clubhouse, Johns Creek, Georgia.

EXEMPTIONS EARNED

- Champion receives a five-year exemption in the Southern Amateur Championship (2023-2027).

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 including sectional qualifying.

CLOSE OF COMPETITION

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

SPECIAL REQUESTS

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

