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*Elite Amateur*  
GOLF SERIES

# 117<sup>th</sup> Southern Amateur Championship

July 19-22, 2023

The Honors Course, Ooltewah, TN

Entries Open: March 13    Entries Close: \*May 22

\*On-Site Qualifier Entries Close: July 12

Entry Fee: Sectional Qualifying = \$195; On-Site Qualifier = \$225 (Includes Qualifying Round Course 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](http://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 22, 2023. Entries will not be accepted after that time. Exception: On-Site Qualifier entry close date is 11:59pm CST on Wednesday, July 12, 2023.**
- An entry fee in the amount of \$195.00 for Sectional Qualifying, \$225.00 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 \$155.00 (\$125.00 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](http://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 22, 2023**, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> for an additional \$25.00 fee. Sectional Qualifying site transfers are not allowed after close of registration on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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:

- Indian Hills Country Club, Tuscaloosa, AL: **11:59pm CST on Monday, May 29, 2023**
- Mark Bostick Golf Course at UF, Gainesville, FL: **11:59pm CST on Monday, May 29, 2023**
- Rivermont Golf Club, Johns Creek, GA: **11:59pm CST on Saturday, June 3, 2023**
- University Club of Baton Rouge, Baton Rouge, LA: **11:59pm CST on Saturday, June 3, 2023**
- Country Club of Virginia, Richmond, VA: **11:59pm CST on Sunday, June 4, 2023**
- \*Sunnehanna Country Club, Johnstown, PA: **11:59pm CST on Thursday, June 8, 2023**
- Mayacoo Lakes Country Club, West Palm Beach, FL: **11:59pm CST on Monday, June 12, 2023**
- North Ridge Country Club, Raleigh, NC: **11:59pm CST on Sunday, June 18, 2023**
- Black Creek Club, Chattanooga, TN: **11:59pm CST on Saturday, June 24, 2023**
- The Club at Olde-Stone, Bowling Green, KY: **11:59pm CST on Sunday, June 25, 2023**

- University of Texas Golf Club, Austin, TX: **11:59pm CST on Monday, June 26, 2023**
- Tangle Ridge Golf Club, Grand Prairie, TX: **11:59pm CST on Tuesday, June 27, 2023**
- Diamante Country Club, Hot Springs Village, AR: **11:59pm CST on Thursday, June 29, 2023**
- \*Oak Hills Golf Club, Columbia, SC: **11:59pm CST on Friday, June 30, 2023**

#### On-Site Qualifier

**Withdrawal:** If an accepted player withdraws for any reason before the close of registration at **11:59pm CST on Wednesday, July 12, 2023**, 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 **11:59pm CST on Friday, July 14, 2023**, 50% of the entry fee will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after **11:59pm CST on Friday, July 14, 2023**.

**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 \$155.00 and before **11:59pm CST on Sunday, July 16, 2023**, 50% of the remaining championship balance will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after **Sunday, July 16, 2023**.

**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), 18<sup>th</sup> hole, 1<sup>st</sup> hole, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup>.**
- 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 \$225.00 entry fee.
- Qualifying sites may be cancelled due to a lack of participation.

## **SECTIONAL QUALIFYING SCHEDULE**

June 1	Indian Hills Country Club, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
June 1	Mark Bostick Golf Course at UF, Gainesville, Florida
June 6	University Club of Baton Rouge, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
June 6	Rivermont Golf Club, Johns Creek, Georgia
June 7	Country Club of Virginia (Creek Course), Richmond, Virginia
June 11	*Sunnehanna Country Club, Johnstown, Pennsylvania (Dual Qualifier with Sunnehanna Amateur Championship)
June 15	Mayacoo Lakes Country Club, West Palm Beach, Florida
June 21	North Ridge Country Club, Raleigh, North Carolina
June 27	Chattanooga Golf & Country Club, Chattanooga, Tennessee
June 28	The Club at Olde-Stone, Bowling Green, Kentucky
June 29	University of Texas Golf Club, Austin, Texas
June 30	Tangle Ridge Golf Club, Grand Prairie, Texas
July 2	Diamante Country Club, Hot Springs Village, Arkansas
July 3	*Oak Hills Golf Club, Columbia, South Carolina (Dual Qualifier with South Carolina Amateur)
July 17	On-Site Qualifier: The Honors Course, Ooltewah, Tennessee

\* Dual qualifier with the [South Carolina 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.

## **CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE**

### **Monday, July 17**

On-Site Sectional Qualifier. Player Registration on Clubhouse back patio.

### **Tuesday, July 18**

Player Registration on Clubhouse back patio. Tee times available for practice round.

### **Wednesday, July 19**

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

### **Thursday, July 20**

Second round of stroke play. Hosted breakfast and lunch for championship contestants.  
Field cut to low 66 scores and ties.

### **Friday, July 21**

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

### **Saturday, July 22**

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

## **COURSE FEES**

- *Sectional Qualifying and On-Site Qualifier:* Sectional Qualifying course 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, 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 course 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 19-22.

## **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 The Honors Course (\$120 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 provided to each player during registration.

- *Spectators:* SGA welcomes spectators at our championships. For your safety, we request that spectators walk near the cart path at all times. For disabled spectators there will be viewing areas behind #9 and #18 greens to view play from those locations.

#### **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 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 and a Calamity Jane Putter.

#### **EXEMPTIONS EARNED**

- Champion receives a five-year exemption in the Southern Amateur Championship (2024-2028).

#### **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.

