



107th Michigan Women's Amateur Championship

Conducted by the Golf Association of Michigan

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SPRING LAKE COUNTRY CLUB

SPRING LAKE, MICHIGAN

ENTRY DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2023



ELIGIBILITY

- 1) Entries are open to all female amateur golfers who meet the Golf Association of Michigan State Residency Criteria as of April 1, 2023. Eligible contestants will receive a confirmation by email if a working email address is provided on the player's application. Verification of entry may also be accomplished by logging on to www.gam.org and clicking on the Championship entered.
- 2) At time of entry golfers must have a GAM/USGA Handicap Index not exceeding 15.4.
- 3) The field will be limited to 84 players. Entries are subject to rejection at any time, including during the Championship. The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct. Unbecoming conduct in any GAM competition may result in future entries being denied. Accepted contestants will receive confirmation by email if an address is provided. Verification of entry may also be accomplished by logging on to www.gam.org and clicking on the Championship you have entered. If you are a transgendered individual, contact the GAM Executive Director at 248-478-9242, ext. 115, for the additional entry application procedure.

ENTRIES: FORM, FEE, DEADLINE DATE

All entrants shall make application on GAM forms, obtainable from the GAM website www.gam.org, and the GAM office. Entries are also accepted online at www.gam.org for participants with a valid credit card. Copies are acceptable. Only one entry may be submitted per person. Entry fee of \$155 (GAM member) or \$200 (Non-Member) shall be paid at time of application by every applicant. Entry fee will be refunded for any reason if the GAM office is notified (tournaments@gam.org) before entries close on **July 26**. After **July 26**, entry fee will be refunded only in the event of injury or illness verified by a doctor's statement. If you must withdraw within 24 hours of the tournament, please call (248) 478-9242 ext. 124. There will be a \$20 service charge deducted from all refunds. Any player whose check is returned due to insufficient funds will have her entry denied and returned. **Entry form and fee must reach the GAM office by Wednesday, July 26, 2023.** Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. The date of a postmark is not relevant. Fax transmittals will not be accepted. The committee reserves the right to extend the entry deadline in case the field is not full. No refunds will be given after August 6th.

PRACTICE PRIVILEGES

Practice round availability and fees are at the discretion of the host club.

CONDITIONS & SCHEDULES

The Michigan Women's Amateur Championship Committee reserves the right to alter any of the conditions and schedules herein. The decision of the Championship Committee in any matter shall be final.

PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the Champion and Runner-Up. The 36-hole medalists will also receive a prize, and mementos will be given to the Sweet 16 players. The Champion's name will be engraved on the Patti Shook-Boice Michigan Women's Amateur trophy.

GOLF BALLS

The "One-Ball" Rule is NOT in effect.

ENTRIES:

Places in the field will be held until **May 1, 2023**, for the following players:

- Top five players in the 2022 GAM Women's Championship
 - *Sophie Stevens, Bridget Boczar, Jessica Jolly, Mikaela Schulz*
- Quarterfinalists from the 2022 Michigan Women's Amateur
 - *Alissa Fish, Anci Dy, Maya Hunter, Anika Dy, Megha Vallabhaneni*

Top five players on the 2022 Women's Honor Roll

- *Kimberly Dinh, Laura Bavaird*

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

DMD's that measure distance only are allowed in this competition. If a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his/her play, AND USES IT FOR THOSE OTHER CONDITIONS, the player is in breach of Rule 4.3, for which the penalty is TWO STROKES for the first breach of this rule and DISQUALIFICATION for a subsequent breach during the stipulated round

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

STROKE PLAY – 36-hole qualifying to determine the low 32 players for match play.

Monday August 7 - First round, 18 holes, stroke play

Tuesday August 8 - Second round, 18 holes, stroke play. A tie for the final match play spot shall be decided immediately after completion of the second round by a sudden death playoff.

Buffet lunch will be available after one of the two stroke-play rounds

MATCH PLAY – USGA general numerical draw shall be used. The stipulated round shall be extended to as many holes as necessary for the match to be won.

Wednesday August 9 – AM – Round of 32, 18 holes
PM – Sweet 16 Dinner

Thursday August 10 - AM – Round of 16, 18 holes
PM – Round of 8, 18 holes

Friday August 11 - AM – Semifinal matches, 18 holes
PM – Final match, 18 holes

SWEET 16 DINNER

The dinner will be held at Spring Lakes Country Club on Wednesday evening, August 9, following the first round of match play. Winners of their first match and one guest are invited to attend the dinner sponsored by the GAM. Other guests are welcome to attend at a cost of \$30.

CADDIES, AUTOMOTIVE TRANSPORTATION

All entrants must provide their own caddies or carry their own clubs for all phases of the Championship. Players shall walk at all times during a stipulated round. **Pull carts will be allowed during the Championship if the host site allows them.**

RULES OF GOLF

Play will be governed by the 2023 USGA Rules of Golf.

DRESS CODE

Shirts with collars and sleeves are required; however women may wear collarless shirts with sleeves or sleeveless shirts with collars. Neither tank tops, tee shirts, short shorts, gym shorts, cut-offs, bathing suits nor **denim pants/shorts** are permitted. Players and caddies are expected to adhere to the dress code. Those inappropriately attired may be asked to change clothes before being allowed access to the course. The GAM will adhere to any more specific dress code required by a host facility.

CHAMPIONSHIP YARDAGE

All projected yardage for the Championship will be posted at www.gam.org by July 1, 2023. The projected yardage is subject to change.

Golf Association of Michigan Tournament Player's Information

If you plan to participate in a tournament sponsored by the Golf Association of Michigan, it is important that you read the following information. It is your responsibility to know the rules and conditions of the competition concerning participation in GAM competitions.

CONDITIONS OF PLAY: The Golf Association of Michigan reserves the right to decline any entry. Any person whose entry is accepted shall be subject to the rules and conditions of play set forth by the GAM. The GAM reserves the right to alter the conditions or shorten any competition due to weather or other conditions warranting such action. Any act of unsportsmanlike conduct, as written in the GAM PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT stated below, will be cause for removal from a tournament or suspension from participating in future GAM competitions. NOTE: The GAM will not make any provisions for a player asking for special consideration due to other commitments.

GAM PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT: By submitting an entry, or by participating in any GAM competition, the player understands that his/her participation is at the sole discretion of the GAM. The player's entry may be rejected for any reason, at the discretion of the Official-in-Charge, at any time before the close of the competition (as defined in the USGA Rules of Golf). Unbecoming conduct or actions at any GAM event, or state, national, or international event, or conduct or actions deemed detrimental to the GAM, the spirit of the game, or to the host facilities are grounds for such rejection. During competition, a serious breach in etiquette may result in warning, penalty, or immediate disqualification.

A serious breach in etiquette may include, but is not limited to:

1. Cheating
2. Willful destruction of golf course or GAM property
3. Deliberate failure to properly care for the course
4. Abusive language or conduct towards GAM and/or host facility, staff, volunteers, or other players
5. Club throwing and/or physical endangerment of others
6. Offensive or excessively loud behavior
7. Alcohol and/or substance impaired behavior
8. Repeated withdrawals or no cards during or after the round
9. Inappropriate golf attire
10. Not meeting handicap/score posting requirements
11. Other conduct deemed to be unbecoming
12. Improper use of a cell phone by a player or caddie during the stipulated round

Should such an incident occur, the Official-in-Charge may submit a report to the Code of Conduct Subcommittee consisting of the Championship Committee Chair, Championship Committee Vice Chair, Executive Director, Senior Director of Competitions (if not Official-in-Charge), and any pertinent Subcommittee Chair or on-site Rules Official. The player that committed the breach and other involved people may be contacted for input. The report will be finalized by this Subcommittee and submitted to the Championship Committee for approval. Sanctions may include suspension from future GAM competitions, losing exempt status for future year(s), or being declared ineligible for GAM team competitions and/or player awards. The GAM can also stipulate that sanctions only be lifted after the player meets reasonable conditions for reinstatement. The decision to reject an entry during an event by the Official-in-Charge is final. However, any further sanctions imposed by the Championship Committee may be appealed to the GAM Executive Committee, whose decision shall be final.

TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY: This GAM Championship may be entered at any time starting Wednesday, March 15, 2023, provided the entry is received on or before the entry closing date and the field is not full. Late or incomplete entries are not acceptable and will be returned. Time limit for entries means time of receipt at the GAM office (not time of postmark). Entries should be mailed early to allow ample time for delay in delivery. Entries with insufficient funds will be considered incomplete and unacceptable and will be withdrawn. The entrant is responsible for any fees incurred by the GAM for NSF checks and must pay such fees before entry in further GAM competitions is allowed.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ENTRY: All entrants whose applications are accepted will be notified only by e-mail. Verification of entry may also be accomplished by logging on to www.gam.org and clicking on to the Championship you have entered. An entrant who has not received email confirmation or is not listed on the website is solely responsible for determining the status of the application by calling the GAM office at (248) 478-9242. Each entry is date and time stamped upon receipt to establish the order in which limited fields are filled on a first come - first served basis. Applications that do not meet the criteria for acceptance will receive a new date and time stamp upon re-submission or, in the case of a held application, when the application is qualified for acceptance. Checks accompanying applications that are unresolved by the entry deadline will be returned.

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION: Information concerning course assignment, pairings, starting times, etc., will be published online as soon as possible after entries close. If you have problems locating this information on the website, please call the GAM office at (248) 478-9242.

QUALIFYING PLACES, TIES, ALTERNATES, SUBSTITUTIONS: The number of qualifiers and alternates in each sectional will be determined by the Committee, after entries close. A tie for last place and/or alternate spot shall be decided immediately after completion of play by a hole-by-hole playoff (except for select Net Championships) On the day of Sectional Qualifying, every qualifier should notify the Official-in-Charge or GAM staff whether he will play in the Championship. If a qualifier or exempt player decides to withdraw, he must notify the Association office promptly. Failure to comply may result in future entries for GAM competitions being declined. Before the Championship begins, substitution with alternates in order of qualifying scores at each sectional will be allowed for non-exempt qualifiers who withdraw. If an exempt player withdraws, the Committee will establish the Sectional site order to fill the position. Alternates have no status at the Championship, including practice rounds or practice privileges of any type.

RULES OF GOLF: Play will be governed by the 2023 USGA Rules of Golf, the USGA or GAM 2023 Local Rules and Conditions hard card and any Local Rules so provided on a Hole Location Sheet. Questions will be settled by the Association's Rules of Golf Committee for the Championship, whose decisions shall be final.

WITHDRAWALS/NO SHOWS/NO CARDS: Any player who has applied to participate in a GAM competition and wishes to withdraw for any reason MUST notify the GAM office at tournaments@gam.org prior to the competition. If within 24 hours of the competition, please call (248) 478-9242 ext. 124. If withdrawing on the day of the competition, call the course you are assigned to play. Players who fail to follow this procedure will be listed as a NO SHOW. A player who withdraws during a round MUST return the official score card to the Official-in-Charge with an explanation. Otherwise, the player will be listed as a NO CARD. Players must also inform the Committee in advance if they are unable to compete in subsequent rounds of a multi-round championship. Repeated NO SHOWS, NO CARDS or withdrawal between rounds may result in rejection of future applications.

13/10-STROKE RULE: The GAM expects all contestants in championship play to exhibit playing skills that are comparable with their peers. Thus, if a player repeatedly returns scores that are not within 13 strokes of the Course Rating, or in the case of net competitions, repeatedly returns net scores that are not within 10 strokes of the Course Rating, and/or falsely represents his/her Handicap Index, his future entry applications may be rejected by the GAM. The player will be notified in writing of his/her status and expected to prove his/her playing ability is consistent with the requirements of the GAM by submitting evidence supporting such a claim.

EXEMPTIONS: Players identified as exempt on entry applications shall be exempt from Sectional Qualifying provided they meet all other eligibility requirements

PHOTOGRAPHIC/VIDEO: By submitting an application, the player agrees to allow the GAM to use the player's photographic/video image for any GAM media related use(s).

NON-METAL SPIKE POLICY: It is a condition of the competition that shoes with either traditionally-designed spikes (regardless of composition, i.e., ceramic, plastic, etc.) or, regardless of design, spikes comprised either entirely or partially of metal (if such metal may come in contact with the course) are prohibited during the stipulated round.

Penalty for breach of this condition: Disqualification

**APPLICATION FOR ENTRY – 107th MICHIGAN WOMEN’S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP
ENTRY DEADLINE - WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2023**

Payment Information

Send To: GAM, 39255 Country Club Drive Suite B-40, Farmington Hills, MI 48331

Entry Fee: Member \$155 (Non-Member \$200) Method of Payment: Credit Card ___ Check ___ (Make checks payable to GAM)

Card Type: Mastercard ___ Visa ___ Discover ___ **Card Number:** _____

Cardholder Name: _____ **Expiration Date:** ___/___ **CVV:** ___

Billing Address: _____ **City:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Name _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Mailing Address: _____ **Age** _____

City: _____ **Zip** _____ **Cell Phone** _____

Emergency Contact: _____ **Phone** _____ **Relation** _____

E-mail Address: _____ **GHIN No.** _____

Club Name: _____ **Current USGA Index:** _____ **Effective Date** _____

NOTE: Applicants who are not GAM members must complete the handicap information below.

A player’s memo with pairings and practice round information will be sent by e-mail. Please provide your e-mail address below.

AFFIRMATION: I have read the Tournament Player’s Information, and I agree to observe all regulations and conditions stated. As a condition of entry, I understand and agree to follow and observe the GAM Player Code of Conduct. I have conformed with all aspects of the Rules of Amateur Status. I agree that there are certain risks inherent in the game of golf and accept personal and sole liability for all such risks including, but not limited to, any health-related risks.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

CERTIFICATION OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN (Required if applicant is under the age of 18):

As parent or guardian of the applicant, I hereby certify the facts in this entry form and state that I am familiar with her plans to participate and that she does so with my approval. Further, I, for myself and the applicant, hereby release the GAM, its Committee members, officers, and employees from any and all liability for any event or consequence whatsoever in any way arising out of or relating to the applicant’s entry or participation in this Championship with the sole and singular exception of liability arising out of bad faith or willful misconduct. In case of emergency occurring during this Championship, I authorize a qualified medical doctor to take all necessary measures in the treatment of this applicant.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ Phone: _____

Print Name: _____ Relation to Applicant: _____

HANDICAP VERIFICATION FOR NON-GAM MEMBERS:

Any Player who is not a GAM member must have this section completed by an officer, handicap chairman, or the head professional from her home club:

The most current USGA Handicap Index for the player identified above:

Current Index: _____ Effective Date: _____

Club Name: _____ City: _____

Verified By (Please Print): _____ Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Title: _____

State Champions

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| Mrs. John W. Case | 1914 |
| Miss Madge Miller | 1915 |
| Mrs. William L. McGiverin (Dorothy Hutchinson) | 1916 |
| Miss Lucille Desenberg | 1917, 1918, 1919, 1921 |
| Mrs. J. Stuart Pritchard | 1920 |
| Mrs. P. H. Sherican | 1922 |
| Miss Elsie Hilding | 1923 |
| Mrs. Stewart Hanley | 1924, 1927, 1930, 1934 |
| Mrs. Harley G. Higbie | 1925, 1926, 1931, 1932, 1933 |
| Mrs. Sidney R. Small | 1928 |
| Miss Mary Holton | 1929 |
| Miss Ellen Hess | 1935 |
| Mrs. Donald Weiss | 1936, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1957 |
| Miss Jean Kyer | 1937 |
| Miss Margaret Russell | 1938 |
| Miss Marjorie Row (Mrs. John Hume) | 1942 |
| No Championships Held (WWII) | 1943-1945 |
| Miss Sally Sessions | 1946 |
| Miss Mary Agnes Wall | 1947, 1948, 1952 |
| Miss Shirley Spork | 1949 |
| Miss Patricia Devany | 1950 |
| Mrs. C. U. Wilson | 1951 |
| Mrs. Harold Marguardt | 1953 |
| Mrs. Edgar O. Reynolds | 1954 |
| Miss Wiffie Smith | 1955 |
| Miss Sally Sharp (Mrs. T.M. Werner) | 1956, 1958, 1961, 1963 |
| Mrs. E. L. Goddard | 1959 |
| Mrs. Keith LeClair | 1960, 1962 |
| Miss Sharon Miller | 1964, 1965 |
| Miss Joyce Kazmierski | 1966, 1968 |
| Miss Patti Shook (Mrs. William Boice) | 1967, 1971, 1973, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979 |
| Miss Mary Bryan | 1969 |
| Miss Bonnie Lauer | 1970, 1972 |
| Mrs. Robert Cushing | 1974 |
| Miss Suzanne Conlin (Mrs. Thomas Keller) | 1975 |
| Miss Susan Scripsema (Mrs. James Parsons) | 1980 |
| Miss Elaine Crosby | 1981 |
| Miss Joan Garety | 1982, 1997 |
| Miss Meg Mallon | 1983 |
| Miss Lisa Marino | 1984, 1985, 1986 |
| Miss Becky Iverson | 1987 |
| Miss Kelly Holland | 1988 |
| Miss Suzy Green | 1989 |
| Mrs. Mary Jane Anderson Hiestand | 1990, 1995, 2002 |
| Miss Erica Zonder | 1991 |
| Miss Paige Green | 1992 |
| Miss Debbie Williams | 1993, 1994 |
| Miss Stacy Slobodnik | 1996, 1998 |
| Miss Kim Benedict | 1999, 2001, 2003 |
| Miss Stacy Snider | 2000 |
| Miss Sarah Martin | 2004 |
| Miss Mandi McConnell | 2005 |
| Miss Lindsay Davis | 2006 |
| Miss Laura Bavaird | 2007, 2008 |
| Miss Britney Hamilton | 2009 |
| Miss Natalie Brehm | 2010 |
| Miss Christine Meier | 2011, 2013 |
| Miss Emmie Pietila | 2012 |
| Miss Jennifer Elsholz | 2014 |
| Miss Allyson Geer | 2015, 2016 |
| Miss Aya Johnson | 2017 |
| Miss Kerrigan Parks | 2018 |
| Miss Elayna Bowser | 2019 |
| Miss Anna Kramer | 2020 |
| Miss Kimberly Dinh | 2021 |
| Miss Anci Dy | 2022 |

GAM Residency Principles

With the Michigan Amateur Championship and Michigan Women's Amateur Championship, the GAM seeks to identify the premier amateur golfers among those who call the state home. The Association has established its own criteria for use in questions of residency. **The issue of a player's residency is in the sole discretion of the GAM.**

A player is responsible for reviewing and confirming compliance with the GAM Residency Criteria. Should questions or concerns about residency status exist, a player must contact the GAM at least two weeks prior to the entry deadline at 248.478.9242 ext. 111 or tournaments@gam.org.

As a part of the application process, an applicant shall attest that they meet the GAM Residency Criteria. The GAM has the right, at any time, to request documentation from an applicant verifying that claimed status. Any falsification, misrepresentation, or deliberate omission of facts or documents pertinent to the applicant's eligibility may result in the player being disqualified, stripped of any prize or title, and that person being declared ineligible to participate in any future GAM tournaments.

The GAM reserves the right to consider exceptional circumstances and rule in the best interest of the Association and its Championships on matters of residency.

GAM Residency Criteria

To meet the GAM Residency Criteria for the Michigan Amateur or Michigan Women's Amateur, a player must belong to one or more of the following categories:

1. A person who establishes their legal residence in Michigan and intends to stay here permanently. Generally, this depends on where you live, work, or attend school; where you have lived, worked, or attended school; in the case of a student, where your parents or guardians live; and other evidence that there is intent to make Michigan a permanent home. You have severed any previous out-of-state ties.

Residents are generally found to have:

- Michigan driver's license
 - Michigan license tag on vehicle
 - Voter registration in Michigan
 - Ownership or lease of Michigan residence
 - Michigan homestead exemption declared on residence
 - Place of employment in Michigan
 - Proof of payment of utilities at property for which residency is being claimed
 - Michigan address listed on state and federal income tax returns
2. A student whose parents or guardians are permanent legal residents of Michigan as shown by permanent employment in the State, establishment of a primary household here and severance of out-of-state ties.
 3. Your spouse or partner is employed in Michigan in a full-time, permanent position and this employment is your primary purpose for your family living in the State.
 4. Military personnel based in Michigan on active duty, their spouse, and dependent children.

A dependent student does not meet the GAM Residency Criteria if his or her parents or guardians are not permanent legal residents of Michigan as described above.

A student is presumed to be a dependent of his/her parents or guardians if they are 24 years of age or younger and have primarily been involved in educational pursuits or have not been financially self-supporting through employment.

Circumstances that generally do not show permanent residency include:

- Employment in a temporary or short-term position usually intended for internship, apprenticeship, or training
- Employment in a position normally held by a student
- Your spouse is employed permanent in the State, but you are in Michigan for temporary reasons
- Your relatives live in Michigan
- You lived in Michigan permanently in the past

The GAM may request documentation to determine a player's residency. If you feel your Michigan residency may be in question, please contact the GAM. To guarantee a thorough review, contact the GAM at least two weeks prior to the entry deadline. In the event a residency question is presented later than that time, the GAM reserves the right to remove a player from the field.