



# 34<sup>th</sup> GAM Net Team Championship

Conducted by the Golf Association of Michigan

MONDAY, JULY 8, 2024

EDGEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

ENTRY DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2024



## ELIGIBILITY

This Championship is open to amateur golfers who: (1) are **individual members of the GAM at the time entries close**, (2) if male, have a GAM/USGA Handicap Index not exceeding 36.4, (3) if female, have a GAM/USGA Handicap Index not exceeding 40.4 and (4) have combined team Handicap Index not exceeding 45 strokes for male teams and 50 strokes for mixed teams. **Both team members must be at least 18 years of age at the time of competition.** Players may compete on only one team. Entries are subject to rejection at any time. Reasons for rejection may include unbecoming conduct. Unbecoming conduct in any GAM competition may result in future entry applications being declined. **Each wave shall be limited to 40 Teams.** If you are a transgendered individual, contact the GAM Executive Director at 248-478-9242, ext. 115, for the additional entry application procedure.

## FORMAT

This competition is a two-person team competition with handicaps known as Four-Ball Stroke Play in the Rules of Golf (Rule 23). In Four-Ball Stroke Play, two competitors play as partners, each playing his or her own ball. The lower net score of the partners is the team score for the hole. (This form of play is often referred to as "Best Ball"). **All Teams will compete against each other in each wave. There will be no women's teams.**

## SCHEDULE, FORMAT - 18 Hole Four-Ball Stroke Play

**Monday, July 8** - 18 holes Four-Ball Stroke Play. SHOTGUN START. AM Wave & PM Wave

**The top four teams in each Wave will advance to the Final Round at Plum Hollow CC on Sept. 26.**

## CADDIES, AUTOMOTIVE TRANSPORTATION

**Caddies are not allowed in any phase of the Championship. Carts are mandatory during all phases of the Championship. Spectators are not allowed on players' carts.**

## ENTRIES: FORM, FEES AND CLOSING DATE

Entrants may apply online at [www.gam.org](http://www.gam.org) or on forms, downloadable from the website. Entrants are solely responsible for securing and returning forms. **Each team shall pay an entry fee of \$200 to enter the Championship. Entry application and fee must reach the GAM office by Wednesday, June 26, 2024. Late or incomplete applications are not acceptable. Entry deadline means time of receipt at Association office, not time of postmark. Fax transmittals are not acceptable.** Refunds will be issued if the GAM office is notified ([tournaments@gam.org](mailto:tournaments@gam.org)) prior to the close of entries on June 26. After June 26, fees will be refunded only in the event of injury or illness (with doctor verification). If you must withdraw within 24 hours of the competition, please call (248) 478-9242 ext. 124. **No refunds will be made for any reason after the July 7.** There will be a \$20 service charge on all refunds. Entry fee covers range balls, lunch and cart fee for the Championship. Any player whose check is returned due to insufficient funds will have his/her entry denied and returned. **The committee reserves the right to extend the entry deadline in case the field is not full.**

## HANDICAP ALLOWANCES

Per World Handicap System recommendations, all players will receive 85% of their course handicap in this Four-Ball Stroke Play competition. No reductions will be made based on the difference in course handicap between teammates. All players will use a current handicap index in this competition, established on the date most administratively practical for the GAM. Adjustments may be made per the GAM Net Tournament Adjustment System.

## FINAL ROUND SUBSTITUTIONS

Wave qualifiers will be advised of the details for the Final Round via email or website ([www.gam.org](http://www.gam.org)). **Substitutions between the Championship and the Final Round will NOT be permitted.**

## 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 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.

## RULES OF GOLF

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

## PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each Wave. The winners of the Final Round will have their names engraved on the GAM Net Team Championship plaque.

## CONDITIONS, SCHEDULES

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

## GOLF BALLS

The "One-Ball" Rule will not be in effect.

## CHAMPIONSHIP YARDAGE

All projected yardage for the Championship will be posted on [www.gam.org](http://www.gam.org) by May 1, 2024. All projected yardage is subject to change.

## 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.

## NOTICE TO COMPETITORS – HANDICAP ADJUSTMENTS

This is a net handicap competition. The GAM, as the tournament host, takes its responsibility to create an equitable playing environment seriously. The Committee reserves the right to adjust a competitor's handicap before, during or after a round. The Committee also reserves the right to adjust a player's net score after the round is complete and to adjust his handicap for subsequent rounds for a multi-day competition. Accordingly, the competitors are advised the tournament committee will constantly be reviewing and analyzing the field and the attendant scores posted at various stages throughout (and possibly after) this competition. Should the committee determine that a competitor's handicap does not

accurately reflect the player's true scoring potential, reductions (or other sanctions) could be implemented.

Possible factors influencing the committee's decision include (but are not limited to):

- The failure to post scores (particularly qualifying scores for this competition.
- A gap of posted scores between competitions.

The competitors are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the USGA handicap guidelines and direct any questions or concerns regarding handicapping issues to the tournament committee.

## Net Team Champions

2023 - Sean Gouda/Yvette Johnson  
Flint GC/Meadowbrook CC

2022 - Bryon Scott & Joe DeNino  
Edgewood CC/Western G&CC

2021 - Michael Lam & Tapinder Kalsi  
Oakhurst G&CC/Red Run GC

2020 - Jack McHale & Michael McHale  
Spring Meadows CC/Meadowbrook CC

2019 - Ron Blackmore & Kevin Renaud  
Grosse Ile G&CC/Birmingham CC

2018 - Nicholas Badgley & Geoffrey Arnoldy  
Oak Pointe CC - Championship

2017 - Tom Hollandsworth & Ishmael Picklesimer  
Oakland Univ. G&LC - Sharf

2016 - Dwaine Jones & Kevin Kotzian  
Travis Pointe Country Club

2015 - Dwaine Jones & Kevin Kotzian  
Grosse Ile Golf & Country Club

2014 - Paul Fisher & Keith Meadows  
CC of Lansing

2013 - Lance Knupp & Jason Korody  
Spring Meadows CC

2012 - John McCurry & Brad Righettoni  
Prestwick Village Golf Club

2011 - Rich Rachner & Rick Rachner  
University of Michigan Golf Course

2010 - Garrett Keais & Steven McEwen  
Lochmoor Club

2009 - Sal Petrusis & Al Petrusis  
Edgewood Country Club

2008 - Tom Waske & Bill Hobson  
Michaywe Pines Golf Course

2007 - Carl Manning & Tom Hollman  
The Fortress

2006 - Derek Kolano & Mark Bentley  
Otsego Club-The Tribute

2005 - Andrew Hooper & Matt Walter  
Forest Dunes Golf Club

2004 - Howard Mullen & Steve Coda  
Egypt Valley Country Club

2003 - John Carnick & Roger Chapman  
Metamora Golf & Country Club

2002 - Michael McHale & Jack McHale  
Tanglewood Golf Club

2001 - Michael McHale & Jack McHale  
The Sawmill Golf Club

2000 - Paul Albanese & Andy Alvey  
Apple Mountain Golf Club

1999 - Carl Montague & Tom Popilek  
Hawk Hollow Golf Course

1998 - Paul Drumm & Dave Spaulding  
Egypt Valley Country Club

1997 - Tom DeGregorio & Al Paulikas  
Port Huron Golf Club

1996 - Ken Potok & Norm Rodgers  
Spring Meadows Country Club

1995 - Joe Bonigiovanni & Scott Worthy  
Edgewood Country Club

1994 - Don Matt & Pete Misukewicz  
Birmingham Country Club

1993 - Jim Scovic & Dennis Augustin  
Metamora Golf & Country Club

1992 - Keith Vaughn & Rob Vaughn  
Forest Lake Country Club

1991 - Ken Beesley & Craig Valassis  
Atlas Valley Country Club

# 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 13, 2024, 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](http://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 2024 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](mailto: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.

**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 – 34th GAM NET TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP  
ENTRY DEADLINE - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2024**

Please charge the card below for the full entry	Please charge the players equal amounts on the cards below
<b>Payment Information Send To: GAM, 39255 Country Club Drive Suite B-40, Farmington Hills, MI 48331</b>  <b>Entry Fee: \$200 (Per Team) Method of Payment:</b> Credit Card ____ Check ____ (Make checks payable to GAM) <b>Card Type:</b> Mastercard ____ Visa ____ Discover ____ <b>Number:</b> _____ <b>Cardholder Name:</b> _____ <b>Expiration Date:</b> ____/____/____ <b>CVV:</b> ____ <b>Billing Address:</b> _____ <b>City:</b> _____ <b>Zip:</b> _____	<b>Payment Information Send To: GAM, 39255 Country Club Drive Suite B-40, Farmington Hills, MI 48331</b>  <b>Entry Fee: \$200 (Per Team) Method of Payment:</b> Credit Card ____ Check ____ (Make checks payable to GAM) <b>Card Type:</b> Mastercard ____ Visa ____ Discover ____ <b>Number:</b> _____ <b>Cardholder Name:</b> _____ <b>Expiration Date:</b> ____/____/____ <b>CVV:</b> ____ <b>Billing Address:</b> _____ <b>City:</b> _____ <b>Zip:</b> _____

Name _____ GHIN No. _____ Home Club _____ Home Address _____ Gender: Male or Female Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____ Relation _____ Birthdate: _____ E-mail Address _____ Current USGA Index ____ . ____ Effective Date _____	Name _____ GHIN No. _____ Home Club _____ Home Address _____ Gender: Male or Female Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____ Relation _____ Birthdate: _____ E-mail Address _____ Current USGA Index ____ . ____ Effective Date _____
<p><b>Please rank select your preference for AM of PM Wave There is a limit of 40 teams per Wave.</b></p> <p><b>AM WAVE</b> _____ <b>PM WAVE</b> _____</p> <p><b>I have read the Tournament Players 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.</b></p> <p><b>Signature of Applicant</b> _____ <b>Date</b> _____</p> <p><b>Signature of Applicant</b> _____ <b>Date</b> _____</p>	