

46th Michigan Girls' Junior State Amateur Championship

24th Michigan Girls' Junior State Match Play Championship

Conducted by the Golf Association of Michigan

JUNE 24-27, 2024

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LANSING, MICHIGAN

ENTRY DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2024



ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to all female amateur golfers who have not yet reached their 19th birthday by June 27, 2024, who are not full-time college students in the sole discretion of the GAM, and meet the GAM State Amateur Residency Criteria as of April 1, 2024. Entries are subject to approval or rejection at any time, including during the Championship. Reasons for rejection may include unbecoming conduct. Unbecoming conduct in any GAM competition may result in future entries being denied.

ENTRY FEE, CLOSING DATE

Entry applications and \$85.00 entry fee must reach the GAM office by Wednesday, June 12, 2024. Late or incomplete entries are not acceptable.

TIME OF STARTING

All players must be present, on the tee, and ready to play at the time laid down by the GAM Junior Committee. The order of play is not relevant. A competitor is solely responsible for timely arrival at the correct teeing area.

SCHEDULE, FORMAT

The field will be limited to 108 players. There will be two age divisions: Overall and 15-and-Under.

Monday, June 24: 18 holes (Stroke Play) AM – Overall Division | PM – 15 & Under Division

Tuesday, June 25: 18 holes (Stroke Play) AM – Overall Division | PM – 15 & Under Division

The low 16 players in the Overall Division from the 36-hole stroke play championship will qualify for match play. In addition, the low eight players from the 15 & Under Division will compete in a separate match-play bracket. A PLAYER AGE 15 OR UNDER THAT WISHES TO COMPETE IN THE OVERALL DIVISION MUST DECLARE SO PRIOR TO THE START OF THE TOURNAMENT.

A tie for the Championship, as well as the final match-play spots, shall be decided immediately after completion of the second round by a sudden death hole-by-hole playoff.

	<u>Overall</u>	<u>15 & Under</u>
Wed., June 26:	1 st Round Matches A.M. Quarterfinal Matches P.M.	Quarterfinal Matches A.M.
Thurs., June 27:	Semifinal Matches A.M. Final Match P.M.	Semifinal Matches P.M. Final Match P.M.

CHAMPIONSHIP YARDAGE

All projected yardage for the championship will be posted at www.gam.org by June 1, 2024. Yardage is subject to change.

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CADDIES, AUTOMOTIVE TRANSPORTATION

Caddies are not allowed in any phase of the Championship. Players shall not use automotive transportation in any phase of the Championship.

EXPENSES

A player may accept a reasonable amount of expenses from any outside source without forfeiting amateur status.

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.

CONDITIONS, SCHEDULES

The 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

Only brands of balls in the most recent USGA Conforming Golf Balls list may be used. The one-ball rule is not in effect.

PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top two finishers in each age division as well as the Match Play Champion and Runner-up in each division. The Overall champion will have her name engraved on the Mina L. Wright trophy which remains in the GAM office. Prizes conform to the guidelines of the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

DMD's that measure distance only are allowed in this competition. 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 the GENERAL PENALTY for the first breach of this rule and DISQUALIFICATION for a subsequent breach during the round.

PRACTICE

Practice at the host site will be available. Information will be sent out after the entries close. Practice on the course is prohibited on the days of the Championship.

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 *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 round

Should such an incident occur, the Official-in-Charge shall submit a report to the Championship Committee. Future sanctions may range from suspension from future GAM competitions to being ineligible for GAM team competitions and/or player awards. This may also include losing exempt status for future year(s). The decision to reject an entry during a competition 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, February 14, 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 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 sudden death hole-by-hole playoff (except for the Michigan Net Amateur 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 *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 prior to the competition. 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
46th MICHIGAN GIRLS' JUNIOR STATE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP
ENTRY DEADLINE - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2024

Payment Information

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

Entry Fee: \$85

Method of Payment: Credit Card Check (Make checks payable to GAM)

Card Type: Mastercard Visa Discover American Express

Card Number: _____

Cardholder Name: _____ Expiration Date: ____/____/____ CVV: _____

Check the Division for the player below: Overall:____ Girls 15-and-Under:____

Player Name _____ Age _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

Address: _____

City _____ Zip Code _____ Graduation Year _____

Parent/Guardian: Daytime Telephone (_____) _____ Cell Phone(_____) _____

To better serve you as a tournament player, please complete the cell phone number and your service provider (Verizon, AT&T, Sprint, etc.) information. By filling this out, we will be able to reach you via text message with updates on things such as entry deadlines, weather delays, and traffic/construction information. This information is sorted by tournament entries so you will not receive any text messages that are not pertinent to you as a competitive golfer. You will not receive text messages from sponsors as we will not provide your cell phone information to any outside party.

School _____ Golf Course Most Played _____

My up-to-date Handicap Index[®] is ____ . ____ strokes.

I do not have a Handicap Index[®], but my average for 18 holes is _____ strokes.

Tournament information will be sent to you by e-mail.

Please provide your preferred e-mail address below. Please print clearly.

E-Mail _____

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.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____ DATE _____

CERTIFICATION OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

As parent or guardian of the applicant, I hereby certify the facts in this entry form and state that I am familiar with his plans to participate and that he 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 any 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 _____ Relationship to Applicant _____