



8th GAM 14 & Under Match Play Championship

Conducted by the Golf Association of Michigan

August 7-8, 2024

WOODSIDE GC

LANSING, MICHIGAN

ENTRY DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2024



ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to all amateur golfers who have not yet reached their 15th birthday by August 8, 2024, and are members of a GAM Member Club at time of entry. 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 entry applications being denied.

FORMAT, SCHEDULE

Championship Rounds for all players:

Wednesday, August 7th - 12 holes stroke play qualifying in the morning with a complimentary lunch to follow the first round. Players will be seeded into Match Play brackets of eight players and play their opening round match in the afternoon.

Thursday, August 8th - Each player will play two matches with a complimentary lunch to follow the first match.

FIELD IS LIMITED TO 48 PLAYERS (32 BOYS & 16 GIRLS)

CONDITIONS, SCHEDULES

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

ENTRY FEE, CLOSING DATE

Entry applications and \$75.00 entry fee must reach the GAM office by Wednesday, July 24, 2024. Late or incomplete entries are not acceptable. The entry fee will be refunded if the GAM office is notified (tournaments@gam.org). Entry fee covers range balls both days and lunch on each day of the Championship.

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.

TIME OF STARTING

All players must be present, on the tee, and ready to play at the time laid down by the Committee. A competitor is solely responsible for timely arrival at the correct teeing area.

PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the Champion and Runner-up in each flight based on the number of entries. The Champion's name will be engraved on the GAM 14 & Under Match Play Trophies.

ACCEPTANCE OF PLACES, NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL

If a player withdraws, he must advise the GAM office immediately by sending an email to tournaments@gam.org. Failure to comply may result in future entries being declined.

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.

DRESS CODE

Shirts with collars and sleeves are required. 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.

EXPENSES

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

GOLF BALLS

Only brands of balls in the most recent USGA Conforming Golf Balls book may be used.

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 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: All GAM Championships may be entered at any time starting Wednesday, April 10, 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, and 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 GAM Net Team and Michigan Net Amateur Championships and qualifiers.) 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.

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 – 8th GAM 14 & UNDER MATCH CHAMPIONSHIP
ENTRY DEADLINE – Wednesday, July 24, 2024

Payment Information	Send To: GAM, 39255 Country Club Drive, Suite B-40, Farmington Hills, MI 48331
Entry Fee: \$75	Method of Payment: Credit Card <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> (Make checks payable to GAM)
Card Type: Mastercard <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> Discover <input type="checkbox"/> American Express <input type="checkbox"/>	
Card Number: _____	
Cardholder Name: _____	Expiration Date: ____/____/____ CVV: _____

Check the Division for the player below: Boys: Girls:

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

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____ E-mail Address _____

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

School _____ Golf Course Most Regularly Played _____

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

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

A player memo, pairings, and practice round information will be sent to you by e-mail. Please provide your preferred e-mail address above.

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 _____

NOTE: The GAM assumes no liability to players for this condition of the competition. By submitting an entry form and subsequently playing in the competition, players agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the GAM and its respective affiliates, directors, officers, employees, agents and assigns from and against any and all claims, damages, liabilities and losses, including without limitation reasonable attorney's fees and costs and expenses of litigation, arising out of any negligent act or omission of the indemnifying party in connection with the wearing of "spikeless" shoes.