



35th GAM Women's Championship

Conducted by the Golf Association of Michigan

JUNE 15-16, 2026

ST. CLAIR GOLF CLUB

ST. CLAIR, MICHIGAN

ENTRY DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2026



ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to female amateur golfers who (1) have an up-to-date GAM/USGA Handicap Index at the time of entry not exceeding 12.4, (2) are individual members of the GAM at the time entries close, and (3) have an established connection to the state. 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. **The field is limited to 78 contestants. Eligible 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.

FORMAT, SCHEDULE

Monday, June 15 - First round, 18 holes stroke play. Lunch provided.

Tuesday, June 16 - Second round, 18 holes stroke play. Lunch provided. A tie for the Championship shall be decided immediately after the completion of the second round by a sudden-victory playoff.

PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the Champion and Runner-Up. The Overall Champion's name will be engraved on the Betty Richart Trophy.

ENTRIES: FORM, FEES, AND CLOSING DATE

Entrants may apply online using a credit card or on GAM forms, which can be printed from our website at www.gam.org. Copies are acceptable. Entrants are solely responsible for securing and returning forms. **Every applicant shall pay an entry fee of \$160. Entry application and fee must reach the GAM office by Wednesday, June 3, 2026. Fax transmittals are not acceptable.** Late or incomplete entries are not acceptable. Time of receipt means the time received by the GAM office, not the postmark date. Refunds will be issued if the GAM office is notified (tournaments@gam.org) before the close of entries on June 3. After June 3, fees will be refunded only in the event of injury or illness (with doctor verification). If you must withdraw within 24 hours of the tournament call (248) 478-9242 ext. 124. No refunds will be made for any reason after June 14. A \$20 service charge applies to all refunds. The entry fee covers the Championship schedule, range balls, and daily lunch. Any player whose check is returned for insufficient funds will have her entry denied. **The committee reserves the right to extend the entry deadline in case the field is not full.**

CADDIES, AUTOMOTIVE TRANSPORTATION

A player may carry her clubs or bring a caddie. **Parents or legal guardians MAY caddie for their player. Players shall walk at all times during a stipulated round.** The use of pull carts is subject to the host club's approval. **All spectators must walk.**

PRACTICE PRIVILEGES

Practice round availability and fees are at the host facility's discretion. More information will be sent out after the entry deadline.

RULES OF GOLF

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

GOLF BALLS

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

CONDITIONS, SCHEDULES

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

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

The championship yardage will be posted at www.gam.org by June 1, 2026. All yardages are 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.

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. You are responsible for knowing 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 circumstances that warrant 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 provision for a player requesting special consideration due to other commitments.

GAM PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT: By submitting an entry or participating in any GAM competition, the player understands that his/her participation is at the sole discretion of 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, at state, national, or international events, or conduct or actions deemed detrimental to GAM, the spirit of the game, or the host facilities are grounds for such rejection. During the competition, a serious breach of etiquette may result in a warning, a 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 who 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 are lifted only after the player meets reasonable conditions for reinstatement. The Official-in-Charge's decision to reject an entry during an event 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 18, 2026, 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. The time limit for entries is the time of receipt at the GAM office (not the postmark date). Entries should be mailed early to allow sufficient time for 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 into any further GAM competitions is permitted.

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.

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 acceptance criteria will receive a new date and time stamp upon resubmission 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.

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 the 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, substitutions 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 in practice rounds or any practice privileges.

RULES OF GOLF: Play will be governed by the 2023 USGA Rules of Golf, the USGA or GAM 2026 Local Rules and Conditions hard card, and any Local Rules 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 tournamententry@gam.org before 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 scorecard to the Official-in-Charge with an explanation. Otherwise, the player will be listed as a NO CARD. Players must also inform the Committee if they cannot 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 demonstrate playing skills comparable to those of 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 their status and is expected to demonstrate that their playing ability meets the requirements of the GAM by submitting evidence to support 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

