



22nd Michigan Women's Senior Amateur Championship

Conducted by the Golf Association of Michigan

SEPTEMBER 14-15, 2026

SUGAR SPRINGS GOLF CLUB

GLADWIN, MICHIGAN

ENTRY DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2026



ELIGIBILITY

- 1) Entries are open to all female amateur golfers who are members of a GAM Member Club at the time of entry.
- 2) **At the time of entry, golfers must have a GAM/USGA Handicap Index not exceeding 25.4**
- 3) Competitors must have reached their 50th birthday by Sept. 14, 2026.
- 4) The field has a minimum of 32 players in the tournament. **Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis once the minimum field size is reached.** 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.** If you are a transgendered individual, contact the GAM Executive Director at 248-478-9242, ext. 115, for the additional entry application procedure.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Mon., Sept. 14:

AM – Stroke-Play Qualifying (18 Holes, Shotgun, Championship Flight Only)

Late AM/Early PM - First-round matches all flights

(Lunch Provided)

Tues., Sept. 15:

AM - Second Round & Consolation Matches in all Flights

(Lunch Provided Between Matches)

PM - Final matches in all flights.

ENTRIES: FORM, FEE, DEADLINE DATE

All entrants shall apply on GAM forms, obtainable from the GAM website www.gam.org, and the GAM office. **Entries can also be submitted online at www.gam.org using a valid credit card.** Copies are acceptable. **Only one entry per person may be submitted.** Entry fee of \$180 (Championship Flight) or \$150 (All other flights) shall be paid at the time of application by every applicant. The entry fee will be refunded for any reason if the GAM office is notified (tournaments@gam.org) before entries close on Sept. 2. After Sept. 2, the 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. 111. A \$20 service charge will be deducted from all refunds. **Any player whose check is returned due to insufficient funds will have her entry denied and returned.** The entry form and fee must reach the GAM office by Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2026. No refunds will be given after September 13. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. The date of the postmark is not relevant. **Fax transmittals will not be accepted.** The entry fee covers the Championship schedule, range balls, cart fee, and lunch on both days.

HANDICAP PROCEDURE

The Championship Flight is a gross competition. An additional gross bracket will be formed with players who do not qualify for the Championship flight and those who wish to play gross matches. Matches in all other flights will be net competitions. Those flights will be formed based on the current handicap index as of the original entry deadline. Per World Handicap System recommendations, all players will receive 100% of their course handicap and play off the lower of the two for net matches.

CONDITIONS & SCHEDULES

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

PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the Overall Champion and all flight winners. The Overall Champion's name will be engraved on the Jean Murray Trophy.

CADDIES, AUTOMOTIVE TRANSPORTATION

Motorized carts are mandatory for all participants. The entry fee covers the cart fee for the entire Championship. **Caddies are not permitted during any phase of the championship. All spectators must walk.**

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.

GOLF BALLS

The "One-Ball" Rule shall **not** be in effect.

CHAMPIONSHIP YARDAGE

All yardage for the Championship will be posted at www.gam.org by August 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, you must read the following information. You are responsible for knowing the rules and conditions 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 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, 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 the competition, a serious breach of etiquette may result in a 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 who committed the breach and any other involved parties 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 of the Official-in-Charge 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, April 1, 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 means the time of receipt at the GAM office (not the time of postmark). Entries should be mailed early to allow ample time for any delivery delays. 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 these fees before being allowed entry into further GAM competitions.

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 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 application's status 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 resubmission or, in the case of a held application, upon qualification 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, 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 practice rounds or any type of 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 tournaments@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 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 is expected to prove that his/her 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

**APPLICATION FOR ENTRY – 22nd MICHIGAN WOMEN’S SENIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP
ENTRY DEADLINE - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2026**

Payment Information	Send To: GAM, 39255 Country Club Drive Suite B-40, Farmington Hills, MI 48331
Entry Fee: \$180 (Champ. Flight)/\$150 (All Other Flights) 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 _____
Emergency Contact _____	Phone _____ Relation _____
Flight: Championship OR Other Flights	
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 will be e-mailed with pairings and practice round information. Please provide your e-mail address below. E-Mail: _____	

<u>AFFIRMATION:</u> 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 _____

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 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.
