



# 7<sup>th</sup> GAM Junior Invitational

Conducted by the Golf Association of Michigan  
Saturday-Sunday, September 14-15, 2019  
Forest Akers GC - West  
LANSING, MICHIGAN



**ENTRY DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2019**

## ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to all male and female amateur golfers who are not full-time college students in the sole discretion of the GAM and have not yet reached their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday as of September 14, 2019. Entrants must be a Michigan resident or a member of a GAM Member Club at time of entry. Entries are limited to the first 84 registered players who have been invited to the Championship. 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. The entrant must meet one of the requirements on the exemption list.

## SCHEDULE

**Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>** – 18 Holes, Stroke Play

**Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>** – 18 Holes, Stroke Play

A complimentary meal will be available on the first day of the competition.

## ENTRY FEE, CLOSING DATE

**Entry applications and \$80.00 entry fee must reach the GAM office by Wednesday, September 14, 2019.** Late or incomplete entries are not acceptable. Entry fee will not be refunded after entries close unless sickness or injury (with doctor verification) prevents play. No refunds will be given for any reason after September 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be a \$20.00 service fee on all refunds. Any player whose check is returned due to insufficient funds will have their entry returned. Refunds will not be issued after the entry deadline unless sickness or injury prevents play (with doctor verification). Entry fee covers the championship schedule, one lunch, range balls prior to each round and awards.

## CONDITIONS, SCHEDULES

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

## CADDIES, AUTOMOTIVE TRANSPORTATION

**Caddies are not allowed in any phase of the Championship. Players and spectators 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.

## GOLF BALLS

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

## TIME OF STARTING

**All players must be present, on the tee, and ready to play at the time laid down by the Committee. As described in Rule 5-3a for all phases of the Championship. A competitor is solely responsible for timely arrival at the correct teeing ground.**

## PRIZES

Champions and Runner-Up in both Boys and Girls Divisions will be awarded mementos in accordance with standards set by the MHSAA. A tie for the medalist will be settled by a sudden death, hole by hole playoff. The champion of both divisions will have their names engraved on the Joseph "Mick" Kildea Trophy.

## CHAMPIONSHIP YARDAGE

All yardages for the championship will be stated at [www.gam.org](http://www.gam.org) by August 1, 2019. These yardages are subject to change.

## RULES OF GOLF

Play will be governed by the 2019 USGA Rules of Golf.

## PRACTICE PRIVILEGES

Practice rounds and fees are at the discretion of the host club.

## 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.

## Invitation Criteria

**Players in categories below, provided they meet all other eligibility requirements, are invited to the Championship:**

Boys
Defending GAM Jr. Invitational Champion (if eligible)
Top 10 in the 2018 GAM Junior Invitational (Older Divisions)
2019 GAM Jr Stroke Play Champion & Runner-Up (13-15 Div.)
2019 GAM 14 & Under Match Play Champion & Runner-Up
2019 GAM Junior Kickoff Champion (Both Divisions)
Qualified for Match Play at the 2019 Michigan Jr. Am.
MIGCA High School Super Team
MIGCA High School First-Team All-State
Top 5 on GAM Junior Honor Roll (as of Sept. 1)
Top 5 on GAM 15 & Under Junior Honor Roll (as of Sept. 1)
Top 10 Point Earners on Callaway Junior Tour (16-18 Div.)
Top 5 Point Earners on Meijer Jr. Players Tour (13-15 Div.)
Top 5 at MI PGA Junior Championship
Top 10 GAM members ranked by AJGA (as of 9/1)
Top 2 Point Earners on Traverse City Junior Golf Association
Qualified for Match Play at 2019 Michigan Am
Post a 54-hole total at the 2019 GAM Championship
Make Cut at the 2019 Michigan Open
Qualified for U.S. Junior Amateur
Qualified for U.S. Amateur
Flint Jr. Golf Champion & Runner- Up
Top 5 UPGA Jr. Championship
Host Club Exemption

Girls
Defending GAM Jr. Invitational Champion (if eligible)
Top 10 in the 2018 GAM Junior Invitational (Older Divisions)
2019 GAM Jr Stroke Play Champion & Runner-Up (13-15 Div.)
2019 GAM 14 & Under Match Play Champion & Runner-Up
2019 GAM Junior Kickoff Champion (Both Divisions)
Qualified for Match Play at the 2019 Michigan Junior Girls Am
Qualified for Match Play at the 2019 Michigan Jr. Girls (15 & Under)
MIGCA High School Super Team
MIGCA High School First-Team All-State
Top 5 on GAM Junior Honor Roll (as of Sept. 1)
Top 5 on GAM 15 & Under Junior Honor Roll (as of Sept. 1)
Top 5 Point Earners on Callaway Junior Tour (16-18 Div.)
Top 5 Point Earners on Meijer Jr. Players Tour (13-15 Div.)
Top 5 at MI PGA Junior Championship
Top 10 GAM Members ranked by AJGA (as of 9/1)
Top 2 Point Earners on Traverse City Junior Golf Association
Qualified for Match Play at the 2019 Women's Michigan Am
Top 10 finish at GAM Women's Championship
Top 10 finish at Michigan Women's Open
Qualified for the U.S. Girls' Junior
Qualified for U.S. Women's Amateur
Flint Junior Golf Champion & Runner-Up
Top 2 UPGA Jr. Championship
Host Club Exemption

## **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.

## **ACCEPTANCE OF PLACES, NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL**

Registrants shall notify the Official in Charge if they will be unable to compete. If a player withdraws, he must advise the GAM office at [tournamententry@gam.org](mailto:tournamententry@gam.org) immediately. This is to ensure alternates a fair opportunity to play. Failure to comply may result in future entries being declined.

### **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 Rule 1-2b). Unbecoming conduct or actions at any GAM competition, or state, national, or international competition, or conduct or actions deemed detrimental to the GAM, the spirit of the game, or to the host facilities are grounds for such rejection. A serious breach in etiquette may result in 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. Abusive language or conduct towards GAM and/or host facility, staff, volunteers, or other players
4. Club throwing and/or physical endangerment of others
5. Offensive or excessively loud behavior
6. Alcohol and/or substance impaired behavior
7. Repeated withdrawals or no cards during or after the round
8. Inappropriate golf attire
9. Not meeting handicap requirements
10. Other conduct deemed to be unbecoming

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, February 6, 2019, 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 the 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 Championship.) 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 2019 USGA Rules of Golf, the USGA or GAM 2019 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 [tournamententry@gam.org](mailto:tournamententry@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 – 7<sup>th</sup> GAM JUNIOR INVITATIONAL**  
**ENTRY DEADLINE – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2019**

<b>Payment Information</b>	<b>Send To: GAM, 39255 Country Club Drive, Suite B-40, Farmington Hills, MI 48331</b>
<b>Entry Fee: \$80</b>	<b>Method of Payment:</b> Credit Card ____ Check ____ (Make checks payable to GAM)
<b>Card Type:</b> Mastercard ____ Visa ____ Discover ____	<b>Card Number:</b> _____
<b>Cardholder Name:</b> _____	<b>Expiration Date:</b> ____/____ <b>CVV:</b> ____
<b>Billing Address:</b> _____	<b>City:</b> _____ <b>Zip:</b> _____

Check the Division for the player below: Boys: \_\_\_\_ Girls: \_\_\_\_ Boys (15 & Under): \_\_\_\_ Girls (15 & Under): \_\_\_\_

\*If you are 15 & Under, you must check which division you want to play in, or you will be placed in the Open Division (16 & Older).

\*All Divisions are a first come, first serve basis. Only 12 entries from boys and 12 entries from girls will be taken in the 15 & Under Divisions.

\*Please note that the 15 & Under Division will play from a shorter yardage.

Player Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: Home Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cellular Provider for Text Updates: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Verizon, AT&T, Sprint, etc.)

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 Regularly Played \_\_\_\_\_

Family Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

My up-to-date USGA Handicap Index is \_\_\_\_\_. I do not have a USGA Handicap, 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.**