

# 41<sup>st</sup> Michigan Junior State Amateur Championship



## 20<sup>th</sup> Michigan Junior State Match Play Championship

Conducted by the Golf Association of Michigan

July 29-August 1, 2019

BEDFORD VALLEY GOLF COURSE

BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN

ENTRY DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2019



### ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to all male amateur golfers who have not yet reached their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday by August 1, 2019, are not full-time college students in the sole discretion of the GAM, and are residents of Michigan or a member 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

**Sectional Qualifying**-18 holes stroke play

84 contestants will qualify for the Overall Division, including exempt players.

24-40 contestants will qualify for the Boys 15 & Under Division, including exempt players.

### Championship Rounds:

**Monday, July 29** - 36 holes stroke play; cut to low 32 for Match Play.

The low 32 players in the Championship qualify for match play. A tie for the Championship, as well as the 32<sup>nd</sup> spot, shall be decided immediately after completion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> round by a sudden death hole-by-hole playoff.

**Note:** If a player qualifies and is unable to compete in the Match Play Championship, he must notify the Committee immediately so that the next eligible player may be included.

### Tuesday, July 30

AM – First Round Matches (Overall Division)

AM – 18 Holes of Stroke Play – 15 & Under Division. The low 8 players will qualify for match play. A tie for the Championship, as well as the 8<sup>th</sup> spot, shall be decided immediately after completion of the round by a sudden death hole-by-hole playoff.

### Wednesday, July 31

AM – Second Round Matches (Overall)

AM – Quarterfinal Matches (15 & Under)

PM – Quarterfinal Matches (Overall)

### Thursday, August 1

AM - Semifinal Matches

PM - Final Match

**Match Play:** General numerical USGA draw shall be used.

The stipulated round shall be extended to as many holes as are required for a match to be won.

### CONDITIONS, SCHEDULES

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

### EXEMPTIONS

Players in categories below, provided they meet all other eligibility requirements, will be exempt from Sectional Qualifying. (*Italics denotes ineligible due to age and/or attending college*)

#### Overall Division

1. **Top Five Finishers in 2018 Michigan Junior Am - Stroke Play:** Bradley Smithson, Nick Krueger, Will Anderson, Charles DeLong, Shawn Sehra
2. **2018 Michigan Junior Am - Match Play Quarterfinalists:** *Patrick Sullivan, Nick Krueger, Drew Coble, Kevin Healy*
3. **2018 GAM Junior Honor Roll – Top 10 (not otherwise exempt):** Coalter Smith, Kevin Healy, Noah Kolar
4. **2018 US Junior Amateur Match Play Qualifier:** Nick Krueger, *Colin Sikkenga*
5. **2018 Michigan Junior PGA Champion:** Bradley Smithson
6. **Top Point Earner on Callaway Junior Tour 2018:** Jordan Evans
7. **2018 GAM Junior Stroke Play Champion:** Tyler Hurtubise
8. **2019 GAM Junior Kickoff Champion:** (To Be Filled by GAM)
9. **2018 GAM Junior Invitational Champion:** Bradley Smithson
10. **2018 U.S. Amateur Qualifier:** N/A
11. **2019 Michigan Amateur - Match Play Qualifier:**
12. **Michigan Jr. Amateur Match Play Champion Last Three Years (if still eligible):** *Ben Smith, Patrick Sullivan*
13. **Junior Committee Exemption – TBD**

#### 15 & Under Division

1. **2018 GAM Junior Stroke Play Champion (12 & Under Division):** Griffin Mawson
2. **2018 GAM 14 & Under Match Play Champion:** Joseph Murdock
3. **2019 GAM Junior Kickoff Champion (15 & Under Division):** (To Be Filled by GAM)
4. **2018 GAM Junior Invitational Champion (15 & Under Division):** Ieuan Jones

### EXPENSES

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

### 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.**

### ENTRY FEE, CLOSING DATE

**Entry applications and \$70.00 entry fee must reach the GAM office by Wednesday, June 26, 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 in Sectional. No refunds will be given for any reason after your assigned qualifying date or, if exempt, after July 28. There will be a \$20.00 service fee on all refunds. Any player whose check is returned due to insufficient funds will have his entry returned.

### GOLF BALLS

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

### 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.

### PRIZES

Mementos will be awarded to all Sectional Medalists and ties. Prizes will be awarded to both the Stroke and Match play Champions and Runners-up. Overall Stroke & Match Play Champion(s) will have their name(s) engraved on the Forest B. Wright trophy which remains in the GAM office. Prizes conform to the guidelines of the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

### 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

Qualifiers shall notify the Official in Charge if they will be unable to compete in the finals. If a player withdraws, he must advise the GAM office immediately by emailing [tournamententry@gam.org](mailto:tournamententry@gam.org).

### AJGA PERFORMANCE BASED ENTRY

The 41<sup>st</sup> Michigan Junior State Amateur Championship is included in the AJGA's Performance Based Entry system. The winner of the Michigan Junior State Amateur (Overall Division) will receive Fully Exempt status. The Top 4 will receive twelve (12) AJGA PBE Stars. Top 8 will receive eight (8) AJGA PBE Stars and Top 16 will receive four (4) AJGA PBE Stars. All awarded AJGA PBE applies to the Match Play portion of the Championship. Please see [ajga.org](http://ajga.org) for more details.



# 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 competition is allowed.

**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](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.

**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 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 2016-18 USGA Rules of Golf, the USGA or GAM 2018 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.

**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 – 41<sup>st</sup> MICHIGAN JUNIOR STATE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Michigan Junior State Match Play Championship**  
**ENTRY DEADLINE - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2019**

<b>Payment Information</b>	<b>Send To: GAM,39255 Country Club Drive Suite B-40,, Farmington Hills, MI 48331</b>
<b>Entry Fee: \$70</b>	<b>Method of Payment:</b> Credit Card <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> (Make checks payable to GAM)
<b>Card Type:</b> Mastercard <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> Discover <input type="checkbox"/>	<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: Overall:\_\_\_\_\_ Boys 15-and-Under:\_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_ **Graduation Year** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Cell Phone** (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone Service 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** \_\_\_\_\_

**My up-to-date USGA Handicap Index is** \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_ strokes. **I do not have a USGA Handicap, 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 am exempt from qualifying under category number** \_\_\_\_\_. **Otherwise, I have indicated, by number, my Sectional Qualifying site preference(s) on the bottom of the page.**

**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** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sectional Qualifying Rounds - 18 Holes**

**QUALIFYING PLACES, TIES, ALTERNATES, SUBSTITUTIONS**

The Committee will determine the number of qualifiers and alternates in each Sectional, after entries close, based on size of the field. A tie for the last qualifying place and/or alternate spot shall be decided immediately by a hole-by-hole playoff. Before the Championship begins, alternates will be selected to replace qualifiers unable to play, with priority going to alternates from the same site. If an exempt player withdraws, the Committee will establish the Sectional site order to fill the position.

**SCHEDULE OF QUALIFYING ROUNDS, QUALIFYING LOCATION, TRANSFERRING**

Each entrant should compete in the Sectional nearest his residence. If a player indicates no second choice and his first choice is filled, his entry will be returned. This also applies if a player indicates no third choice and his first and second choices are filled, etc. Please indicate, **by number**, the order of preference in the spaces to the left of each date and select as many as is desired to reduce the chance of your entry being returned due to over-subscription. Players will be assigned to their preferred qualifying site on a first come - first served basis determined by the date and time that an accepted entry is received. Practice at the Sectional site will be available with fees and times at the discretion of the host club/course. Contestants shall not change their Sectional site after entries close. Starting times shall not be changed.

DATE	CLUB	PLACE	DATE	CLUB	PLACE
____July 5	Belvedere GC	Charlevoix	____July 15	Kalamazoo CC	Kalamazoo
____July 10	Huron Meadows GC	Brighton	____July 16	Pheasant Run GC	Canton
____July 12	Sylvan Glen GC	Troy	____July 18	Pontiac CC	Waterford Twp.
			____	Exempt	

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