



For Immediate Release

20th St. Augustine Amateur begins on Friday, December 5

ELKTON, Florida, USA (December 3, 2025) – The field for the 20th St. Augustine Amateur will begin play on Friday, December 5 at the St. Johns Golf Club in southern St. Johns County. The 54-hole event concludes on Sunday, December 7. Practice rounds are scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 3.

For tournament information, including the field and field bios, and live scoring (beginning on the first day of competition), go to www.staugustineamateur.com. Registration opened on August 27 and the deadline for entry was Wednesday, November 12 at 11:59 p.m.

Some highlights of the field for the 20th playing of the competition:

- There are players from **20 states** entered.
- Players from **9 countries** are in the field (Puerto Rico included as an American territory).
- College players represent **44 schools**, with ACC, SEC and Big 12 universities; schools as far away as the Midwest and Southwest in the U.S. and internationally; and locally from Flagler, Jacksonville University and North Florida.
- The field is made up of **41 college players, 34 high school players and nine mid-amateurs or college alumni**.
- The field's age range is from 14 (Puerto Rico's **Jose Carlos Lopez-Lay**) to 38 (UNF assistant coach **Tyler Gulliksen**).
- There are **51 teenagers** scheduled to start, from high school to college players.
- The entire five-man starting lineup of Florida powerhouse high school program Ponte Vedra High School.
- Representatives of the nation's **No. 1-ranked NCAA Division III school Huntingdon College (All-Americans Stephen Baker and Jack Burr)** and No. 1-ranked NAIA school Keiser (**Basil Strolz**).
- The 2025 St. Johns County High School champion (**Creekside's Charlie Hipp**, a South Florida commitment) and Florida state Class 3A individual runner-up (**Fletcher's Jackson Runquist**, a Boston College commitment); the spring 2025 Georgia 6A high school player of the year (Richmond Hill's **Ledger Conley**, a Jacksonville University commitment) and spring 2025 New Jersey boys player of the year (**Rory Asselta**).
- One former champion, 2023 winner **Brody Stevenson**, who is a junior on the Florida Gulf Coast University golf team.
- The twin sons of four-time PGA Tour winner Tim Herron, Minnesota college golfers **Mick (Rollins) and PJ Herron (Flagler)**.
- Famous golf names (no relation): **Hogan Blaise, Rory Asselta, Palmer Haynes, Jack Nelson**.
- Interesting names: **Jude Johnson, Nemo Tsai**.
- USGA Four-ball experience: **Robbie Keyes** (2025); **Philip Minnehan-Aiden Spampinato** (2026 teammates); and **Darren Zhou** (2026).

Net proceeds, generated through sponsorships, will continue to directly benefit First Tee–North Florida, a local youth development organization. In collaboration with this year’s dedicated sponsors, still to be finalized, the 2025 St. Augustine Amateur is expected to generate another \$25,000 plus, increasing the total support to First Tee-North Florida to approximately \$500,000 since 2004.

Notes:

- **Low rounds:** 2024: Ryan Nicholson (9-under 62), final round.
- **Birdies, Field:** 2024: 559. 2023: 760.
- **Eagles, Field:** 2024: 24. 2023: 25.
- **Field’s average score:**

2024: Round 1, 77.12; Round 2, 76.36; Round 3, 74.48. Cumulative: 76.1

2023: Round 1, 73.65; Round 2, 73.75; Round 3, 73.33. Total: 73.61

- **Hardest Hole:**

2024: No. 7, par 5, 5.62 stroke average

2023: No. 9, par 4, 4.44 stroke average

- **Easiest Hole:**

2024: No. 11, par 5, 4.79 stroke average

2023: No. 11, par 5, 4.54 stroke average

- **Tournament Record (Par 70 2004-2020; Par 71 2023-):**

200 (10-under): 2019, Ty Gingerich, Carmel, Ind., 62-67-71 (par 70)

202 (11-under): 2023, Brody Stevenson, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., 71-66-65 (par 71)

- **18-Hole Record:**

62 (9-under par): Ryan Nicholson, 2024, final round (7 birdies, eagle, no bogeys) (par 71)

62 (8-under par): Ty Gingerich, 2019, first round (8 birdies, no bogeys) (par 70)

Live Scoring (begins Dec.

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Player bios: <https://staugustineamateur.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2025-St.-Aug-Am-field-bios-FINAL-thru-Dec.-3.pdf>

First-round starting

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