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Field Near Finalization for 20th St. Augustine Amateur at St. Johns Golf Club December 5-7, 2025

ELKTON, FLORIDA, USA (October 30, 2025) – As the weather turns cooler in Northeast Florida, the field for the December 5-7 playing of the 20th St. Augustine Amateur is filling up. Only a few spots in the maximum 84-man field in southern St. Johns County remain with just more than a month before the first round.

For tournament information, registration details 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 is Wednesday, November 12 at midnight. The field will be posted on Friday, November 14.

The field thus far includes players from 21 states, Puerto Rico, Canada, Switzerland, Colombia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Italy and China. Future, current or past representatives of schools in the ACC (Boston College, Louisville, N.C. State), SEC (Arkansas, Florida, Oklahoma and Mississippi State) and Big 12 (Cincinnati, West Virginia) along with multiple players from area schools North Florida, Jacksonville and Flagler and local high school programs are entered. The age range of entries stretches from 14 to 35.

Among the participants are a few notable players:

- John Driscoll III, St. Petersburg, Fla. Driscoll, 24, is a reinstated amateur who grew up in central Florida and played four seasons collegiately at Northwestern (second-team all-Big Ten in 2021, Economics degree) and one at Arkansas (one individual victory in 2024). Driscoll made one cut in eight PGA Tour Americas starts in 2024 (69.94 stroke average) and currently works as investment banker.

- Landon Durham, Elon University senior, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., native. The Elon senior, 22, shot consecutive 63s and totaled 17-under at the Phoenix Invitational in mid-October to win medalist honors by six strokes and guide Elon to the team title. The 196 54-hole total, shot at Alamance Country Club in Burlington, N.C., was a school record and led Durham to being named Coastal Athletic Association player of the week.
- Danny Erickson, UNF red-shirt sophomore, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. Erickson has been on a heater this summer, winning the Jacksonville Amateur by four strokes at Timuquana Country Club and earning the Atlantic Sun Conference player of the week in early October after being the Ospreys' low scorer in their first two fall tournaments. Erickson, 20, finished third in the 2024 St. Augustine Amateur and won a junior event at the St. Johns Golf Club as an eighth grader.
- Brayden Miller, Cincinnati. Miller, 19, a freshman for the Big 12 Bearcats, has played three times this fall. The Goshen, Ind., native won the 2024 Indiana state championship, captured two Indiana state junior titles and reached match play in the 2025 U.S. Junior in Dallas.
- Jose Carlos Lopez-Lay, Windermere, Fla. At age 14, the Windermere Prep freshman is the youngest player in the field. The Puerto Rico native was a member of Team Florida's national runner-up team in the 2024 PGA Junior League National Championship in Texas and plays out of the Golfzon Leadbetter Academy in Orlando.
- Luke Splane, St. Augustine, Fla. Splane, 17, is a senior at St. Augustine High School and bound for Division I Coastal Carolina in Conway, S.C., to play golf next year. Splane has five top-10 finishes on the Florida Junior Tour this year. His father, Cary, is the retired longtime director of golf at St. Augustine's Marsh Creek Country Club and a former Korn Ferry Tour player.

The field will be tested by the par-71, 7,009-yard St. Johns Golf Club layout, which has played difficult the last two years (74.7 field stroke average over six rounds) but has also allowed for excellent play, with 11-under par and 10-under winning the last two years and including Ryan Nicholson's tournament and course record 62 in last year's final round.

Following the second full year since renovations, St. Johns Golf Club remains committed to the health and quality of its greens. This past summer, superintendent Anthony Baur and his maintenance staff transplanted more than 5,000 plugs from the onsite nursery green to strengthen areas in need of improvement. As a result, the greens are in peak condition heading into the St. Augustine Amateur, giving the championship setup team full access to all possible pin locations. The staff at St. Johns Golf Club circles this date each year, eager to showcase the course in its best possible condition.

St. Johns Golf Club offers a distinctive golf experience. The course routing flows naturally through long, graceful fairways, providing striking visuals from the tee. Fairway bunkers are rectangular with flat bottoms and low, angular lips, while greenside bunkers, often referred to as "coffin bunkers," feature steeper faces. Many greens are rectangular in shape, while others contour alongside the water, creating both visual drama and strategic variety.

With its unique design features, strategically placed bunkers, generous fairways and nine greens bordered by water, St. Johns delivers a challenging and memorable test rarely found on a public course. Natural vistas abound, especially on approach shots into the water-lined greens.

Golfers will encounter several of the game's classic template holes, as designed by famed architect Seth Raynor, throughout the course, including: Thumbprint green – Nos. 1 and 12; Biarritz green – No. 2; Cape – No. 5; Redan green – No. 6; Reverse Redan – No. 14; and Punchbowl green – No. 15.

Golf course architect Erik Larsen and Director of Golf/General Manager Wes Tucker collaborated in 2022 to institute the “traditional throwback” architectural features.

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.

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Caption: An aerial view of the par-5 fourth and par-4 fifth at St. Johns Golf Club. (Credit: Brew Media)

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Notes for Editors:

About the St. Augustine Amateur

In 2004, a dedicated group of golf enthusiasts founded the St. Augustine Amateur. Within two years, the tournament was recognized as a World Amateur Golf Rankings (WAGR) event. Annually, the tournament features an international field of accomplished collegiate, junior, and mid-amateur players. The tournament is open to male amateur golfers who have either met an exemption or applied and been accepted. Net proceeds, generated through sponsorships, directly benefit First Tee–North Florida, a local youth development organization.

More information: www.staugustineamateur.com

St. Augustine Amateur Past Champions

2024 – Justin Sui
2023 – Brody Stevenson
2021-22 – (Course Renovations)
2020 – Sam Anderson
2019 – Ty Gingerich
2018 – U Minn Woon
2017 – Giulio Castagnara
2016 – Brandon Mancheno
2015 – James Yoon
2014 – Edward Richardson
2013 – Andres Halvorsen
2012 – Jack Maguire
2011 – AJ Crouch
2010 – Christopher Bray
2009 – Blayne Barber
2008 – Zack Sucher
2007 – Danny Evelyn
2006 – Peter Uihlein
2005 – Arnond Vongvanij
2004 – Tyler Brown