



ALABAMA GOLF ASSOCIATION

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TO: 5th Alabama State 13 & Under Junior Championships Contestant
FROM: Jeremy Gardner, Alabama Golf Association
DATE: January 1, 2024
TOPIC: State Junior Championship Player Information

The Alabama Golf Association looks forward to seeing you at the 5th playing of the Alabama State 13 & Under Junior Championships at Bent Brook Golf Course in Bessemer, AL from July 24-25, 2024. Please review the following championship information. Remember that we are guests of the club, need to conduct ourselves in a proper manner and adhere to all host club policies. Also, make sure to be at your assigned tee ready to play at least five minutes before your starting time. Call me at the AGA office if you have any questions or e-mail me at jeremy@alabamagolf.org. We hope you have a great championship!

Championship Website: <https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/4433809>

Championship Registration

Players should sign the host plaque in the clubhouse outside of the Pro Shop on Tuesday, July 23 from 7:00am-2:00pm.

Bent Brook Information

Director of Golf: Mickey Smith

Course Superintendent: Johnny Perry

Physical Address: 7900 Dickey Springs Rd, Bessemer, AL 35022

Club Website: www.bentbrook.com

Golf Shop Phone: (205) 424-2368

Golf Shop Hours: 7:00am-6:00pm

Practice Facility Hours: 7:00am-6:00pm

Food & Beverage Hours: 7:00am-6:00pm

Male Championship Yardage (Brook/Windmill): 9-13 Age Divisions: 5,505 yards, 6-8 Age Division: 4,057 yards

Male Course/Slope Rating (Brook/Windmill): 9-13 Age Division: 65.7 / 112, 6-8 Age Division: 60.4 / 99

Female Championship Yardage (Brook/Windmill): 9-13 Age Divisions: 4,943 yards, 6-8 Age Division: 4,057 yards

Female Course/Slope Rating (Brook/Windmill): 9-13 Age Division: 67.9 / 118, 6-8 Age Division: 62.8 / 108

Food and Beverage

All food and beverage consumed on club grounds must be purchased at Bent Brook Golf Course.

Directions to Bent Brook Golf Course

<https://www.google.com/maps/>

Lodging

There are several hotels near the course. Check online for best rates

Host Club Policies

Cell Phone Policy: Cell phones may only be used on the golf course in case of an emergency, a ruling, entering hole-by-hole scores, viewing tournament leaderboard, weather forecasts, or as a distance measuring device. We ask that phones are set to silent while on club grounds. Silent communications (text, email) may be used inside buildings. Verbal communication (phone calls) must be outside buildings.

Parking: There is a limited amount of parking available at the host club and we ask that players, caddies, and family members carpool as much as possible.

Dress Code: Appropriate golf attire must be worn. Slacks or Bermuda shorts. No cut-offs, no denim, no cargo pants, or cargo shorts. Men must wear shirts with collars and sleeves, always tucked in. Non-metal spikes only. Dress code applies to players, caddies, and spectators.

Coolers: Personal coolers are not allowed.

Personal Items: Make sure not to leave any valuable personal items unattended such as jewelry, wallets, etc. even if they are tucked away inside your golf bag. It is best to leave your valuables locked in your automobile. Neither the AGA nor the host club will be held responsible for any lost or stolen personal items.

Accepted Forms of Payment: Cash and Credit Card

Practice Rounds and Practice Facility

You are entitled to **one** practice round on July 23. You may call the golf shop (205) 424-2368 to reserve a practice round tee time. Make sure to identify yourself as an Alabama State 13 & Under Junior Championship participant. It would be helpful if you make your own group before calling. Do not just show up at the course and expect to be accommodated for a practice round. There is a **mandatory** \$35.00/player fee for the practice round. Players are limited to playing one ball except from the teeing ground. Players are welcome to use the practice range and putting green throughout the championship.

Starting Times

Starting times for July 24 will be available on July 18 by 5:00pm. Check the AGA website at www.alabamagolf.org or call the AGA office.

Championship Format and Schedule

- 36 holes of gross individual stroke play for players 9-13 Age Division.
- 18 holes (9 each day) for 6-8 Age Division.
- The lowest score for 36 holes in the Overall Division (9-11 and 12-13 Age Division) will be the Overall Champion.
- In the event of a tie for the Overall Championship only, a hole-by-hole playoff will be held immediately following play. The playoff holes and their order of play will be determined by the Committee.
- Any other ties in all other divisions will be resolved by matching scorecards according to the USGA recommendation within the Committee Procedures of the Rules of Golf – “Matching Scorecards”
- Initial groupings will be for Round 1. Players will be re-paired by score for the Final Round.

Tuesday, July 23

All Day: Practice rounds.

7:00am-2:00pm: Player Registration in the Clubhouse outside of the Pro Shop.

Wednesday, July 24

Round 1: Tee times at 8:00am off #1 & #10 tees.

Field re-grouped according to score.

Thursday, July 25

Round 2: Tee times at 8:00am off #1 & #10 tees.

Pace of Play

The AGA wants all players to enjoy competing in our events. Pace of play may differ depending upon the venue, weather, and course conditions. Every player is accountable for playing at an acceptable pace; therefore, we need your help. Please observe the following guidelines to help ensure a pleasant tournament experience for all:

- Make sure to keep pace with the group in front of you. The group behind should keep pace with your group and so forth.
- Go directly to your ball.
- Be ready to play when it is your turn.
- Keep practice strokes and time taken to read putts to a minimum.
- Play a provisional ball if your original ball may be lost or out of bounds.
- Keep time taken at the snack bar or between nines to a minimum.

If everyone does their part, then 4½ hours should be the maximum time taken to play a round of golf at an AGA tournament. Following the lead of the USGA, the AGA has developed a pace of play policy, based on Rule 5.6b and Model Local Rule 8K that is fair to every competitor.

*Note: a group may receive a “friendly reminder” of their position regardless of pace of play guidelines.

Maximum Allowable Time

The maximum allowable time is the maximum time considered necessary by the Committee for a group to complete its round. This is expressed in a per-hole and aggregate time format and includes all time associated with playing the game, e.g., for rulings and walking times between holes.

Both the specific maximum time allotted per hole and for the completion of 18 holes at AGA championships will be denoted on each player’s AGA issued scorecard.

See the complete [AGA Pace of Play Policy](#) for the procedure if a group is “out of position” and penalty for breach of Pace of Play Policy.

- A competitor’s time to play begins when the competitor has had a reasonable opportunity to reach his or her ball and when it is the competitor’s turn to play and can do so without interference or distraction. Penalties are applied individually, but more than one competitor in a group may be penalized.
- In general, competitors in a group are subject to being timed at any time but specifically when the group is deemed to be out of position and over the allotted pace of play guidelines.

Note that a group that is out of position at any time may be asked to close the gap regardless of pace of play guidelines. A group is out of position if they are over their maximum acceptable pace of play and more than 15 minutes behind the group ahead of them. The first group off either side is out of position if they are over their maximum acceptable pace of play.

Range Fees; Push Carts

- *Practice Rounds:* Practice round fees are not included in the entry fee.
- *Championship Site:* All range fees during the championship rounds are paid by the AGA and are included in the entry fee. Competitors must walk during championship rounds. Push carts are allowed.

Caddies

- Caddies are allowed, **provided the caddie is 18 years old or under** and will be denoted by wearing an AGA issued caddie bib. Caddies will not be available at the host club. Caddies will be held to the same dress and code of conduct policies as the player. Caddies must walk during the championship rounds. **Parents / Guardians are allowed to caddie for the 6-8 age divisions only.**

Spectators

- *Spectator Cart Policy:* AGA defers to host club policy in regard to allowing spectator carts at junior championships. If spectator carts are allowed, they will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- *Disability Golf Cart Policy:* In consistency with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), AGA will grant an individual with a bona fide disability a golf cart if the following conditions are met:
 - Requesting individual completes and submits a [Disabled Golf Cart Request Form](#) by the close of entries date;
 - Host club has a golf cart available.
 - Requesting individual pays host club, the appropriate fee.
 - Requesting individual presents to the AGA staff or AGA representative a disability card issued by a government agency.
- Spectator carts must always remain on the cart path and spectators must adhere to the club's dress code policy.
- Non-club owned spectator carts are not allowed except as provided in the [AGA Tournament Manual](#).

Prizes & Awards

Awards will be presented as follows:

- Top 3 in Male Overall Championship
- Top 3 in Male Age Divisions: 6-8, 9-11, 12-13
- Top 3 in Female Overall Championship
- Top 3 in Female Age Divisions: 6-8, 9-11, 12-13

Exemptions Earned

- Overall Champions (Male and Female) receives exemption into Alabama State Juniors for remainder of eligibility.

Course Set-Up/Yardage (*All yardage is subject to change based upon wind direction and weather conditions)

Male 9-11 & 12-13 Age Division

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	465	315	154	469	300	315	348	127	308	2801	340	325	355	316	142	293	109	484	340	2704	5505
Par	5	4	3	5	4	4	4	3	4	36	4	4	4	4	3	4	3	5	4	35	71

Male 6-8 Age Division

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	352	244	122	319	219	212	238	127	224	2057	264	220	201	231	101	198	109	412	264	2000	4057
Par	5	4	3	5	4	4	4	3	4	36	4	4	4	4	3	4	3	5	4	35	71

Female 9-11 & 12-13 Age Division

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	410	275	122	422	300	272	286	155	308	2550	310	303	273	288	130	293	109	412	275	2393	4943
Par	5	4	3	5	4	4	4	3	4	36	4	4	4	4	3	4	3	5	4	35	71

Female 6-8 Age Division

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	352	244	122	319	219	212	238	127	224	2057	264	220	201	231	101	198	109	412	264	2000	4057
Par	5	4	3	5	4	4	4	3	4	36	4	4	4	4	3	4	3	5	4	35	71

Championship Policies

- [AGA Code of Conduct](#)
- [AGA Tournament Manual](#)
- This is a soft-spike facility. The penalty for non-compliance is disqualification.

Withdrawals

Withdrawal: If an accepted player withdraws for any reason before the close of registration at **11:59pm on Tuesday, July 9, 2024**, the entry fee will be refunded, subject to a \$30.00 service fee. If an accepted player withdraws for any reason after the close of registration and before **11:59pm on Monday, July 22, 2024**, 75% of the entry fee will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after that time.

To withdraw from the event before the close of registration, follow these steps:

1. <https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/4433809>
2. Log into your USGATM Account
3. Click "Edit Registration"
4. Choose Cancel Registration under the dropdown menu on the right side of the page

To withdraw from the event after the close of registration, fill out the form here: <https://form.jotform.com/83325136316149>

No Shows

Players that fail to notify the AGA of their withdrawal and "No Show" their starting time will not receive a refund for any reason. "No Show" players may be subject to suspension from future AGA events.

Tournament Delays and Updates

The AGA will text players with any tournament delays or schedule changes. Notices will also be posted on our Twitter account. Follow @bamagolf.

Phone Numbers

Alabama Golf Association: (205) 979-1234

Bent Brook Golf Course: (205) 424-2368