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TO: 100th Alabama Men's State Amateur Championship Contestants
FROM: Brian Scheufler, Alabama Golf Association
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TOPIC: Men's State Amateur Championship Player Information

The Alabama Golf Association looks forward to seeing you at the 100th playing of the Alabama Men's State Amateur Championship at Country Club of Birmingham (West Course) in Birmingham, AL from June 9-12, 2016. 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 brian@alabamagolf.org. We hope you have a great championship!

Championship Website: <http://www.alabamagolf.org/2016-championships>

Championship History

This year marks the 100th playing of the Alabama Men's State Amateur Championship and the tenth time that Country Club of Birmingham has hosted the Men's State Amateur Championship (1919, 1927, 1933, 1936, 1942, 1961, 1974, 1989, and 2001). The Championship was first played in 1915 at Montgomery Country Club in Montgomery, AL. Jack Allison of Birmingham, AL defeated Norborne R. Clarke 13 and 12 to win the inaugural event. The Championship was not played in 1917-18 due to World War I. Format was changed from match play to stroke play in 1955.

Championship Registration

There will be a formal registration for all competitors in the clubhouse foyer (next to Golf Shop) on Tuesday, June 7 and Wednesday, June 8 from 9:00am-5:00pm. Please register to pick up your player gifts, materials and have your photo taken for website scoring. Players unable to register may pick-up registration materials following their first round at the scoreboard.

Country Club of Birmingham - West Course Information

PGA Director of Golf: Eric Eshleman
PGA Head Golf Professional: Jason Schuman
Director of Golf Course Maintenance: Lee McLemore
Physical Address: 3325 Country Club Road, Mountain Brook, AL 35213
Club Website: <https://www.ccbham.org/Club/Scripts/Home/home.asp>
Golf Shop Phone: 205-803-4225
Golf Shop Hours: 7:00am-6:30pm
Practice Facility Hours: 6:30am-6:30pm
Food & Beverage Hours: 7:00am-6:30pm (Turnhouse); 7:00am-3:00pm (Clubhouse)
Championship Yardage: 7030 yards, par 35-36--71
Course/Slope Rating: 74.3/138
Course Architect: Donald Ross
Course Turfgrass: Tees/Fairways (Zeon Zoysia); Rough (419 Bermuda); Putting Greens (A1/A4 Bentgrass)

Map to Country Club of Birmingham

<https://goo.gl/maps/Cf1Up4nzewP2>

Country Club of Birmingham Policies (READ CAREFULLY)

Cell Phone Policy: Cell phones may only be used on the golf course in case of an emergency, to call the golf shop in need of a ruling, view tournament leaderboard 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 near a house phone.

Player Access to Locker Room: Country Club of Birmingham will provide assigned lockers for all players. The locker room is in the clubhouse next to the Golf Shop. Players should use the locker room to change shoes and appropriate golf attire. Shower facilities are available.

Parking: There is a limited amount of parking available at the Country Club of Birmingham and we ask that players, caddies and family members car pool 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, tucked in at all times. Non-metal spikes only. Dress code applies to caddies and spectators.

Coolers: Personal coolers are not allowed.

Accepted Forms of Payment: Club accepts cash, credit card or reciprocal charges for practice round fees and for food & beverage purchases. For golf shop equipment or merchandise purchases, MasterCard/Visa or American Express may be used.

Practice Rounds and Practice Facility

Official practice rounds will be on Tuesday, June 7 and Wednesday, June 8. You must call the golf shop (205-803-4225) to schedule your practice round(s) for these days. Make sure to identify yourself as an Alabama Men's State Amateur 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 \$25.00 fee for each practice round whether you walk or use a cart.

Players are limited to playing one ball except from the teeing ground. Players seen hitting multiple shots from other areas of the course (bunkers, fairways, putting greens) will be removed from the golf course.

Players are welcome to use the practice range and putting green throughout the championship.

Championship Format and Schedule

Championship is conducted at 72 holes of stroke play. After 36 holes, the field is cut to the low 66 scores and ties for the final two rounds. An on-course multi-hole play-off is used to break a tie for the championship. Top 10 scores will receive an award. Top 30 scores are exempt into the 2017 Alabama Men's State Amateur Championship at Bent Brook Golf Club in Bessemer.

Tuesday, June 7	All Day: Practice rounds. 9:00am-5:00pm: Player Registration in the Clubhouse Foyer adjacent to the golf shop.
Wednesday, June 8	All Day: Practice rounds. 9:00am-5:00pm: Player Registration in the Clubhouse Foyer adjacent to the golf shop.
Thursday, June 9	Round 1: Tee times at 7:30am & 12:30pm off #1 & #10 tees.
Friday, June 10	Round 2: Tee times at 7:30am & 12:30pm off #1 & #10 tees. Cut to low 66 scores and ties. Field re-grouped according to score.
Saturday, June 11	Round 3: Tee times at 7:30am off #1 & #10 tees. 11:00am-3:00pm: Hosted player lunch in the Clubhouse. Field re-grouped according to score.
Sunday, June 12	Round 4: Tee times begin at 7:30am off #1 & #10 tees. Hosted player cook-out at scoreboard. Awards ceremony immediately following play at scoreboard. Top 10 finishers receive an award.

Starting Times

Starting times for June 9-10 will be available on June 3 by 5:00pm. Check the AGA website at www.alabamagolf.org or call the AGA office.

Championship Cart and Range Fees; Push Carts

Contestants have the option to walk or use a cart during championship rounds. For players using carts, cart fee is \$25 for each championship round. Make sure to pay your fees in the golf shop prior to play. Range balls are complimentary. Players that walk will not owe any additional fee to the club. Push carts are allowed.

Caddies

Caddies are permitted, but during the play of a hole, either the player or the caddie may ride in a golf cart but not both at the same time. Caddies will be required to wear an AGA caddie bib during championship rounds to help identify their status on the course. Caddie bibs will be available at the starting tees and must be returned to the scoring area following each round. Caddies will not be available at the club.

Spectators/Spectator Carts/Mobility Scooters

1. We welcome and encourage spectators at all AGA competitions
2. The AGA has determined that spectator carts will not be allowed at this competition.
3. The AGA follows the USGA policy of permitting the use of mobility scooters (golf carts are not acceptable) by any spectator who suffers from a disability that requires on-course transportation.
4. Anyone intending on renting or bringing their own mobility scooter must call the AGA office at 205-979-1234 by Friday, June 3 to make arrangements. Individuals are responsible for their own scooter rental. AGA will work with the host club on your behalf to receive the mobility scooter, store and charge it overnight, and have it available for use the following day.
5. Mobility scooters must remain on the cart path at all times and stay up with the group you are following so as not to disturb play of the group immediately behind.
6. You need to be aware of your surroundings when starting the scooter to ensure you don't disturb other competitors.
7. Club owned spectator carts are not allowed.
8. Spectators are asked to remain on or near cart paths for their own safety.
9. Spectators must adhere to the club's dress code policy.

Food and Beverage

All food and beverage consumed on club grounds must be purchased at Country Club of Birmingham. The Turnhouse at #10 tee will be open to service all food needs beginning at 7:00am each morning and lunch will be available in the clubhouse until 3:00pm. Cash, credit or reciprocal charge for all food purchases.

Hosted Player Lunch on June 11-12

The AGA will provide lunch for players from 11:00am-3:00pm on Saturday in the clubhouse and a post-round cookout on Sunday. Lunch is for players only. Caddies and spectators may purchase food and beverage at the Turnhouse or in the clubhouse.

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

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	378	448	426	547	213	418	452	189	400	3471	550	180	339	183	430	578	438	430	431	3559	7030
Par	4	4	4	5	3	4	4	3	4	35	5	3	4	3	4	5	4	4	4	36	71

*AGA may use the following tee locations in addition to the above yardages as conditions warrant: Hole #2 (470), Hole #4 (531), Hole #5 (152, 188 & 233), Hole #6 (394), Hole #7 (420), Hole #8 (154, 171), Hole #10 (521), Hole #11(159), Hole #12 (282, 309), Hole #14 (450) Hole #15 (541), Hole #17 (455)

Championship Lodging

There are several lodging options in the Mountain Brook/Birmingham area. Below are a few lodging options. Check online for best rates:

Hampton Inn Birmingham/Mountain Brook (205-870-7822). Rates from \$124.00

Courtyard Birmingham Homewood (205-879-0400). Rates from \$149.00

Embassy Suites Birmingham (205-879-7400). Rates from \$199.00

Aloft Birmingham SOHO Square (205-874-8055). Rates from \$132.00

Grand Bohemian Hotel Mountain Brook (205-414-0505). Rates from \$195.00

Championship Policies

Country Club of Birmingham is a soft-spike facility. The penalty for non-compliance is disqualification.

Any player who is discovered taking more than 40 seconds to play a stroke is subject to a penalty of one stroke. A second violation will result in a two stroke penalty, followed by disqualification.

Local rule allowing the use of distance measuring devices will be in effect in this competition. A player may use a device to measure distance only. However, if, during a stipulated round, a player uses a function to measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.); the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

Tournament Delays and Updates

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

Phone Numbers

Alabama Golf Association: 205-979-1234

CC of Birmingham Golf Shop: 205-803-4225