

## **9<sup>th</sup> Women's State Four-Ball Championship**

**Burningtree Country Club, Decatur, Alabama**

**September 15-16, 2016**

**Entry Dates: July 25- September 6**



### **TOURNAMENT FORMAT**

The Championship will be conducted on a stroke play basis for 36 holes, 18 holes daily on September 15-17, 2016. Players will be placed into flights based on their team score after 18 holes. There will be no maximum handicap differential due to the Championship being flighted after 18 holes.

The field will be limited to 120 entries (60 teams). In the event the Championship becomes over-subscribed, the Final Field will be determined using a combination of Team's AGA Player Points, previous performances in AGA events and verified USGA Handicap Index.

In Four-ball Stroke Play two competitors play as partners, each playing her own ball. The lower score of the partners is the score for the hole. If one partner fails to complete the play of the hole, there is no penalty.

In the event of a tie for the Championship flight, there will be a "multi-hole" play-off commencing immediately following play (the holes involved to be determined by the AGA) with the Champion being determined by the lowest total of those holes. If a tie, or ties, still exists, the Champion will then be decided by "sudden death" following the same sequence of holes. After the Champion has been determined, all other ties in all other flights, will be resolved by matching scorecards according to the USGA recommendation shown in Appendix I of the current Rules of Golf, How to Decide Ties, page 160(c), except that if the tie still exists, scores for the first 9 holes shall be treated in the same way until a winner is produced. Any remaining ties will be decided by matching scorecards hole-by-hole, beginning at the 18th hole.

### **ENTRY PROCEDURE**

1. To submit an entry (electronic entries only), simply click the register button at the bottom of this page and follow the step-by-step procedure. **All entries must be RECEIVED in the AGA office no later than 11:59 P.M., Monday, September 6, 2016.**
2. **No entries will be accepted after 11:59 P.M., Monday, September 6, 2016.**
3. An entry fee in the amount of \$310.00 per team, payable by **credit card**, must accompany the entry application, \$5.00 of which will be donated to the Alabama Turfgrass Research Foundation.
4. Upon successfully completing the entry procedure, an email confirmation will be automatically generated and sent to you at the email address you designate.

5. In the event the field has to be pared due to over-subscription (see Format above), applicants will be notified of the status of their entry as soon as practicable following the close of entries on September 6.

### **REFUND POLICY**

**Withdrawal:** If an accepted team withdraws before **11:59 P.M., Wednesday, September 14, 2016 for any reason**, the entry fee will be refunded, subject to a \$30.00 service fee. No refunds will be made after **11:59 P.M., Wednesday, September 14, 2016**.

**No Shows:** Teams 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” teams may be subject to suspension from future AGA events.

**Alternates:** Full refund if team does not gain entry into the championship.

All dates and time refer to **date and time of receipt** at the AGA office.

If the entry is rejected for any reason(s), you will be immediately advised of the reason(s), at which time you can correct the problem(s) and re-submit the entry form.

*PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT NO ENTRY IS FORMALLY ACCEPTED UNTIL THE ENTRY FEE HAS BEEN PROCESSED BY THE AGA OFFICE.*

### **REGISTRATION**

Players **MUST** register **IN PERSON** prior to beginning play, or, if playing a practice round, prior to playing the practice round. Failure to do so may result in rejection of the player’s entry. Inquire in the Golf Shop regarding the location of registration.

### **CONDITIONS AGREEMENT**

We are bona fide residents of the State of Alabama.

We agree that the Alabama Golf Association has the right to reject, or withdraw, any entry at any time, to include during play of the Championship.

We are amateur golfers and understand the “Rules of Amateur Status” as established by the United States Golf Association.

We, as participants in this Championship, assume full responsibility for all our acts, whether they be negligent or otherwise, and hold harmless the Alabama Golf Association and/or any club hosting this Championship for any injuries.

### **Conditions**

The AGA Tournament Committee reserves the right to alter any of the conditions and schedules herein. The decision of the AGA in any matter shall be final.

## **Etiquette**

We wish to bring to your attention, or remind you, that when a club graciously agrees to host an AGA championship or USGA qualifying event, it does so at no cost to either the player or the association. Therefore, we ask that you conduct yourself appropriately while a guest and take responsibility in the same regard for anyone accompanying you. Also, please be advised that clubs are operating in certain aspects at the direction of the AGA and any complaints regarding availability of cart, fees paid, or available practice times should be directed to the AGA and not the club staff. Thank you for your consideration of all the above. We hope you have a pleasant and successful competition.

## **Eligibility**

Entries are open to female, amateur golfers, who are members of the Alabama Golf Association (have active GHIN number in Alabama); bona fide residents of the State of Alabama (Non-resident college students are generally **not** eligible, If in doubt, contact the AGA office at (205) 979-1234), and meet the following requirements: USGA Handicap Index does not exceed 36.0 at the close of entries. The AGA will be the final authority in determining whether or not a handicap that has been submitted qualifies as an "approved USGA handicap".

Entries are subject to rejection, or withdrawal, at any time at the discretion of the AGA.

## **Awards**

Awards will be presented to the team low gross winner in each flight.

In addition, the Champions will have their name engraved on the Jean H. Miller trophy housed at the AGA office.

## **Spectator Carts**

1. We welcome and encourage spectators at all AGA competitions.
2. The AGA, not the host club, determines whether spectator carts will be permitted during a competition.
3. If spectator carts are not allowed, 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 a mobility scooter should call us, 205-979-1234, and let us know ahead of time. We will then make contact with the host club on your behalf and make arrangements to receive the vehicle, store and charge it overnight, and have it available for use the following day.
5. When on the course with the scooter, you 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 all play around you when starting the scooter to ensure you don't disturb other competitors.

### **Caddies and Carts**

No caddies are available at the host club. It is permissible to bring caddies and any player who does so is solely responsible for his/her conduct. Contestants are not required to have either caddie or cart.

Golf carts are allowed, and are strongly recommended at this site, and are available to those contestants who have a valid Alabama driver's license. Cart fees will be the same for each player, even if circumstances are such that a player is left to ride by himself.

Users must obey the cart operations rules established by the host club, to include the allowance of spectator carts.

For further information regarding carts, please refer to the Cart Policy provided as part of the player packet given to players at registration.

### **Dress Code**

The dress code at the championship site will be strictly enforced. Jeans are NOT permitted and shorts MUST be "Bermuda" length, or mid-thigh. No shorts approximating "tennis" length will be tolerated and this includes cut-offs, tennis shorts, bathing suits, etc. Shirts must have collars. Any player not meeting these standards will be asked to remedy this situation prior to play.

If you have any doubts as to what dress will be accepted, please ask prior to beginning play.

### **Championship Yardage**

There will be one set of tee markers for the Championship field set at the forward tee markers. All Championship yardages are subject to change.