



# ALABAMA GOLF ASSOCIATION

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TO: 7th Alabama State 13 & Under Junior Championships Contestants  
FROM: Karl Yergey, Alabama Golf Association  
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TOPIC: State Junior Championship Player Information

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The Alabama Golf Association looks forward to seeing you at the 7th playing of the Alabama State 13 & Under Junior Championships at Bent Brook Golf Course (Brook/Windmill) in Bessemer, AL from July 21-22, 2026. 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 ten (10) minutes before your starting time. Call me at the AGA office if you have any questions or e-mail me at [karl@alabamagolf.org](mailto:karl@alabamagolf.org). We hope you have a great championship!

**Championship Website:** <https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/5694322>

#### **Championship Registration**

Players should sign the host plaque in the clubhouse outside of the Pro Shop on Monday, July 20, 2026, between 8:00 AM and 2:00 PM.

#### **Bent Brook Information**

Director of Golf: Jef Alcorn

Course Superintendent: Johnny Perry

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

Club Website: [www.bentbrook.com](http://www.bentbrook.com)

Golf Shop Phone: (205) 424-2368

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

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

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

Male Championship Yardage (Brook/Windmill): 9-13 Age Divisions: 5,431 yards, 6-8 Age Division: 3,237 yards

Male Course/Slope Rating (Brook/Windmill): 9-13 Age Division: 65.7 / 112, 6-8 Age Division: 56.7 / 90

Female Championship Yardage (Brook/Windmill): 9-13 Age Divisions: 4,800 yards, 6-8 Age Division: 3,237 yards

Female Course/Slope Rating (Brook/Windmill): 9-13 Age Division: 67.9 / 118, 6-8 Age Division: 58.2 / 98

\*\* Brook is the "front 9" and Windmill is the "back 9" for the Championship!

#### **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. Males must wear tucked-in shirts with collars and sleeves, slacks, or Bermuda shorts. No cut-offs, denim, cargo pants or cargo shorts are permitted. 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. 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 20, 2026. 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 made 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**

Pairings for Round 1 will be available on July 17, 2026, by 5:00 PM at: <https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/5694322>

## **Championship Format and Schedule**

- 36 holes (18-holes each day) of gross individual stroke play for players 9-13 Age Division.
- 18 holes (9-holes each day) for 6-8 Age Division.
- The lowest score for 36 holes in the Overall Division (9-11 and 12-13 Age Divisions) 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” (5A(6)d).
- Initial groupings will be for Round 1. Players will be re-paired by score for the Final Round.

**Monday, July 20, 2026:** All Day: Practice rounds.

8:00 am-2:00 pm: Player Registration in the Clubhouse outside of the Pro Shop.

**Tuesday, July 21, 2026:** Round 1: Tee times at 7:30 AM off #1 & #10 tees. The field re-grouped according to score.

**Wednesday, July 22, 2026:** Round 2: Tee times at 7:30 AM 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 you 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 fee is 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 regarding 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:* Consistent 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.
  - The 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) receive exemption into Alabama State Junior Championships 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	455	290	154	445	300	315	348	155	335	2797	310	303	295	316	142	350	109	484	325	2634	5431
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	225	180	100	250	180	185	190	127	180	1617	200	200	190	200	100	190	100	250	190	1620	3237
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	370	257	272	286	127	300	2419	310	300	273	288	130	293	100	412	275	2381	4800
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	225	180	100	250	180	185	190	127	180	1617	200	200	190	200	100	190	100	250	190	1620	3237
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**

If an accepted player withdraws for any reason before the close of registration at **11:59 PM on Tuesday, July 7, 2026**, 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 **11:59 PM on Sunday, July 19, 2026**, 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. Navigate to the event at: <https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/5694322>.
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