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TO: 63rd Alabama Girls State Junior Amateur Championship Contestants
FROM: Karl Yergey, Alabama Golf Association
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TOPIC: Girls State Junior Championship Player Information

The Alabama Golf Association looks forward to seeing you at the 63rd playing of the Alabama Girls State Junior Championship at Anniston Country Club between June 8-10, 2026. Please review the following championship information. Remember that we are guests of the club, we 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. We hope you have a great championship!

[Championship Website](#)

Championship History

This year marks the 63rd playing of the Alabama Girls State Junior Amateur Championship and the first time that Anniston Country Club has hosted the Girls State Junior Amateur Championship. Merritt Daniel of Trussville won the 2025 Championship at Valley Hill Country Club (Hill/Valley) by three strokes. The Championship was first played in 1963 with Judy Jehle winning the inaugural event. Michaela Morard holds the record with 5 victories (2015, 2017-2020).

Championship Registration

Players should sign the host plaque in the clubhouse outside of the Pro Shop on Sunday, June 7, between 7:30 AM and 2:00 PM.

Anniston Country Club Information

General Manager: Kyle Carpenter, PGA
Physical Address: 601 Highland Avenue, Anniston, AL 36207
Club Website: <http://www.annistoncc.com/Home>
Golf Shop Phone: (256) 237-8412
Golf Shop Hours: 6:30 am-7:00 pm
Practice Facility Hours: 6:30 am-7:00 pm
Food & Beverage Hours: 8:00 am-5:00 pm
Championship Yardage: 5728 yards
Course/Slope Rating: 73.7/127

Food and Beverage

All food and beverage consumed on club grounds must be purchased at Anniston Country Club. On Monday, June 8, the "19th Hole" will be open for prepared food (sandwiches and hotdogs) and beverage purchases.

Directions to Anniston Country Club: <https://www.google.com/maps>

Lodging

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

Anniston Country Club Policies

Cell Phone Policy: Cell phones may only be used on the golf course in case of an emergency, to call for a ruling, input live scores, view tournament leaderboard or use 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. The dress code applies to players, caddies, and spectators. Valley Hill Country Club is a soft spike facility; the penalty for non-compliance is disqualification.

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: Club accepts cash and credit cards.

Practice Rounds and Practice Facility

Official practice rounds will be on Sunday, June 7, 2026. You must call the golf shop (256-237-8412) to schedule your practice round for this day. Make sure to identify yourself as an Alabama Girls' State 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** \$40.00 fee for each 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 Round 1 will be available on Monday, June 1, 2026, by 5:00 PM at <https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/5654100>.

Championship Format and Schedule

Championship is conducted at 54 holes of stroke play. The lowest score for 54 holes will be the Champion. In the event of a tie for the overall Championship only, a hole-by-hole play-off will be held immediately following play. The play-off holes and their order of play will be determined by the Committee.

- Sunday, June 7:** Practice rounds.
7:30 AM-2:00 PM: Player Registration in the Clubhouse Foyer adjacent to the golf shop.
- Monday, June 8:** Round 1: Tee times at 7:30 AM off #1 & #10 tees
Field re-grouped according to score.
- Tuesday, June 9:** Round 2: Tee times at 7:30 AM off #1 & #10 tees
Field re-grouped according to score.
- Wednesday, June 10:** Round 3: Tee times at 7:30 AM off #1 & #10 tees
Awards ceremony immediately following play at scoreboard.

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. If sharing a golf cart, drop-off the player farthest from the hole then proceed to the other 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:* Caddies are allowed, **provided the caddie is 18 years old or under** and will be denoted by wearing an AGA issued caddie bib.
- *Caddies Cart Policy:* Caddies must walk during the Championship rounds.

Spectators

- *Spectator Cart Policy:* Due to a limited number of available golf carts, spectator carts will not be available during the championship.
- *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.
 - 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 to the top 5 scorers in the Championship.
- Champion will have their name engraved on the *Bee McWane Trophy* housed at the AGA office.

Exemptions Earned

- Champion receives exemption into Alabama Girls State Junior for remainder of eligibility.
- Champion receives a five-year (2026-2030) exemption into the Alabama Women's Match Play Championship
- Champion receives a five-year (2026-2030) exemption into the Alabama Women's State Amateur Championship
- Champion receives an exemption into the 2026 Southern Junior Cup
- Champion receives an exemption into the 2026 US Girls Junior Championship (USGA)
- Champion receives AJGA exemptions (see AJGA.org website)

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	305	359	320	168	140	357	317	338	417	2721	350	415	165	327	395	360	152	443	400	3007	5728
Par	4	4	4	3	3	4	4	4	5	35	4	5	3	4	4	4	3	5	4	36	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, May 26, 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 Saturday, June 6, 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 [Championship Website Portal](#)
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: [Online Tournament Withdrawal Form](#)

*Note: AGA will process your withdrawal and applicable refund within 72 hours

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 @alabamagolf.

Phone Numbers

Alabama Golf Association: (205) 979-1234

Anniston Country Club: (256) 237-8412