

AGA On-Site Content Capture Policy

The AGA welcomes players, caddies, and guests sharing their tournament experience on social media and digital platforms. However, protecting the integrity of competition, maintaining the spirit of the game, and respecting personal space are our highest priorities. The host club policies must also allow for content (photos, videos, and the like) to be captured on property.

All individuals must comply with AGA spectator policies and the Rules of Golf at all times.

If you plan to bring someone onsite with camera or video equipment, please contact the AGA at 205-979-1234 to learn about the media credential process. The AGA must be notified at least **10 days prior to the Championship**.

Content Capture Guidelines:

In accordance with Rule 1.2 – Standards of Player Conduct, which emphasizes the spirit of the game and showing consideration for others by not distracting play, the following expanded policies apply:

Players:

During competitive rounds:

- Earbuds, AirPods, headphones, or similar devices are NOT permitted for players or caddies.
- Players are prohibited from carrying, wearing, or attaching to their equipment any devices specifically designed to capture audio (e.g., microphones).
- Players may not use video recording devices during the round.
 - Example: A player must not personally make video recordings during the round.

Caddies

- Caddies must comply fully with the Rules of Golf.
- Under no circumstance may caddies film or photograph players on the course during a competition round.

Spectators

- Each player is limited to two (2) individuals capturing audio or video content during competitive rounds.
- Large microphones and professional equipment that may distract other players are prohibited.

- Examples include boom microphones and specialty lighting devices.
- Spectators capturing audio or visual content must:
 - Follow all spectator policies
 - Avoid distracting players
 - Remain at least 25 yards away from players
 - Stay off fairways and putting greens
- Live streaming or shot-by-shot coverage of any player (with or without video) is not permitted at any time throughout the championship.
- Anyone capturing content is not permitted on tee boxes, greens, or any area that constitutes an “inside the ropes” location, which includes fairways and bunkers.
- Filming from directly behind the player or in a player’s putting line is not permitted.
- Anyone capturing content must clear the line of sight for all others in the group between shots.
- Audio recording devices, including microphones and lapel mics, must not disrupt play or be used in a manner that compromises the privacy of fellow competitors. Recording must cease upon request of any fellow competitor or on-site official.
- *Ariel footage captured by drones or other unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) is strictly prohibited at all **USGA qualifying sites**.

On-Site Photographer

The AGA will have an official staff photographer throughout the Championship. While we cannot guarantee that every player will be photographed, participants are encouraged to contact alison@alabamagolf.org to request any available images.

Championship Photo Archive: <https://alabamagolf.smugmug.com/>