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TO: 81<sup>st</sup> Alabama Boys State Junior Championship Contestants  
FROM: JD Venosdel, 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 81<sup>st</sup> playing of the Alabama Boys' State Junior Championship at Valley Hill Country Club from June 30 – July 2, 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 five minutes before your starting time. Call me at the AGA office if you have any questions or e-mail me at [jd@alabamagolf.org](mailto:jd@alabamagolf.org). We hope you have a great championship!

**Championship Website:** <https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/5066285>

## Championship History

This year marks the 81<sup>st</sup> playing of the Alabama Boys' State Junior Championship and the first time that Valley Hill Country Club has hosted the Boys' State Junior Championship. Rawlin Sutter, of Vinemont, won the title in 2025 at Wynlakes Golf and Country Club. The Championship was first played in 1946 with Walter Wood winning the inaugural event. Bobby Wyatt of Mobile holds the record with 4 victories (2007-2010).

## Championship Registration

Players should sign the host plaque in the clubhouse outside of the Pro Shop on Monday, June 29, 2026, 7:30am-2:30pm.

## Valley Hill Country Club

Director of Golf: Greg Glover, PGA

Course Superintendent: Jeff Lee

Physical Address: 8300 Valley Hill Dr SE Huntsville, AL 35802

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

Golf Shop Phone: (256) 883-7620

Golf Shop Hours: 6:30 am-7:00 pm

Practice Range Hours (Hampton Cove): 6:30 am-7:00 pm

Food & Beverage Hours: 8:00 am-5:00 pm

Championship Course: Hill/Valley

Championship Yardage: 6923

Course/Slope Rating: 72.8/134

## Food and Beverage

All food and beverage consumed on club grounds must be purchased at Valley Hill Country Club.

## [Directions to Valley Hill Country Club](#)

## 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. 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 players, caddies and spectators.

**Coolers:** Personal coolers are not allowed.

**Personal Items:** Make sure not to leave any valuable personal items unattended such as jewelry, wallets, etc. even if they are tucked away inside your golf bag. 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

Official practice round will be on Monday, June 29. You must book tee time online through the Golf Genius tournament portal to schedule your practice round. Link will be made available no later than June 17. Do not just show up at the course and expect to be accommodated for a practice round. Practice round and the Championship will be walking only.

There is a mandatory \$40.00 fee for the practice round. Players are limited to playing one ball except from the teeing ground.

### Hampton Cove Range Facility

The Valley Hill Country Club practice range will be **CLOSED** to all Alabama Boys State Junior Participants. Players who wish to warm up prior to their round will need to use the Robert Trent Jones Hampton Cove facility (address: 450 Old 431 Hwy, Owens Cross Roads, AL 35763). You will need to identify yourself as an Alabama Boys State Junior Participant to receive your range balls covered by the AGA.

### Starting Times

Starting times for June 30 – July 2 will be available on June 26 by 5:00pm. Check the Championship website at <https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/5066285>.

### Championship Format and Schedule

- Championship field is **156 players**. Exempt players are accepted at the time of registration. Non-exempt players will be accepted after the close of entries to fill the championship field. If the championship field is oversubscribed, the field will be determined by player ranking, past performance, and handicap index as of June 11, 2026. Players not gaining entry will be placed on the alternate wait list. Wait list alternates are ranked in the same way as the field.
- 54 holes of gross individual stroke play.
- The field will be cut to the low 54 players and ties after 36 holes.
- The lowest score for 54 holes will be the Champion.
- In the event of a tie for the Championship, 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.
- Initial groupings will be for two days; the field will be cut and re-paired by score after the second round.

<b>Monday, June 29</b>	All Day: Practice rounds. 7:30am-2:00pm: Player Registration in the Clubhouse Foyer adjacent to the golf shop.
<b>Tuesday, June 30</b>	Round 1: Tee times at 7:00am & 12:00pm off #1 & #10 tees.
<b>Wednesday, July 1</b>	Round 2: Tee times at 7:00am & 12:00pm off #1 & #10 tees. Cut to low 54 scores and ties. Field re-grouped according to score.
<b>Thursday, July 2</b>	Round 3: Tee times at 7:00am 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 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 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 are allowed, **provided the caddie is 18 years old or under.**
- Caddies must walk during the Championship rounds, push carts are allowed.

#### SPECTATORS

- *Spectator Cart Policy:* AGA defers to host club policy in regard to 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;
  - 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.
- 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 finishers. Champion will have his name engraved on the permanent trophy.

#### Exemptions Earned

- Champion receives exemption into Alabama State Junior for remainder of eligibility.
- Champion receives exemption into the 2026 USGA US Junior Championship
- Champion receives an exemption into the 2027 Alabama State Amateur
- Champion receives a 3-year exemption into the Alabama State Match Play Championship (2026-2028)
- Champion receives automatic spot on 2026 Southern Junior Cup Team
- 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	357	179	390	179	391	552	389	517	408	3362	570	193	414	335	558	157	404	420	391	3442	6804
Par	4	3	4	3	4	5	4	5	4	36	5	3	4	4	5	3	4	4	4	36	72

#### Championship Policies

- [AGA Code of Conduct](#)
- [AGA Tournament Manual](#)
- This is a soft-spike facility. The penalty for non-compliance is disqualification.

#### Withdrawals

**Withdrawal:** If an accepted player withdraws for any reason before the close of registration at **11:59pm on Thursday, June 11, 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 **11:59pm on Monday, June 29, 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. <https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/5649386>
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

Valley Hill Country Club: 256-883-7620