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TO: 16<sup>th</sup> Alabama State Match Play Championship Contestants  
FROM: Brian Scheufler, Alabama Golf Association  
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TOPIC: State Match Play Championship Player Information

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The Alabama Golf Association looks forward to seeing you at the 16<sup>th</sup> playing of the Alabama State Match Play Championship at Country Club of Brewton in Brewton, AL from Aug 4-6, 2016. 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 [brian@alabamagolf.org](mailto:brian@alabamagolf.org). We hope you have a great championship!

**Championship Website:** <http://www.alabamagolf.org/2016-championships>

### Championship History

This year marks the 16<sup>th</sup> playing of the Alabama State Match Play Championship and the first time that Country Club of Brewton has hosted the State Match Play Championship. The Championship was first played in 2001 with Will Swift winning the inaugural event. Patton Kizzire holds the record with 2 victories (2003, 2006). Patrick Martin of Birmingham is the defending Champion.

### Championship Registration

There will be a formal registration for all competitors in the clubhouse foyer on Wednesday, August 3 from 9:00am-5:00pm. Please register and have your photo taken for website scoring. Players unable to register may have their picture taken following their first round at the scoreboard.

### Country Club of Brewton Course Information

General Manager: Ryan Andrews  
PGA Head Golf Professional: Jack Slocum  
Golf Course Superintendent: Paul Salmon  
Physical Address: 700 Clubhouse Rd, Brewton, AL 36426  
Club Website: <http://www.ccofbrewton.com/>  
Golf Shop Phone: (251) 867-4100  
Golf Shop Hours: 7:00am-6:00pm  
Practice Facility Hours: 7:30am-7:30pm  
Food & Beverage Hours: 10:00am-2:00pm.  
Championship Yardage: 7019 yards, par 36-36--72  
Course/Slope Rating: 73.7/133  
Course Architect: Jerry Pate  
Course Turfgrass: Tees/Fairways, Rough (419 Bermuda); Putting Greens (TifDwarf)

### Map to Country Club of Brewton

<https://goo.gl/maps/JutqdSpDsZQ2>

### Country Club of Brewton Policies (READ CAREFULLY)

**Cell Phone Policy:** Cell phones may only be used on the golf course in case of an emergency, to call the golf shop in need of a ruling, view tournament leaderboard 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 near a house phone.

**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 and spectators.

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

**Accepted Forms of Payment:** Club accepts cash or credit card for practice round fees, merchandise and food & beverage purchases.

### Practice Rounds and Practice Facility

Official practice round will be on Wednesday, August 3. You must call the golf shop (251-867-4100) to schedule your practice round. Make sure to identify yourself as an Alabama State Match Play 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 \$25.00 fee for each practice round. Players are limited to playing one ball except from the teeing ground. Players seen hitting multiple shots from other areas of the course (bunkers, fairways, putting greens) will be removed from the golf course. Players are welcome to use the practice range and putting green throughout the championship.

**Championship Format and Schedule**

The Championship will be single elimination Match Play beginning on Thursday, August 4 and concluding Saturday, August 6. The field will be limited to 64 entries. In the event the Championship is oversubscribed, the AGA reserves the right to pare the field based on a combination of AGA Player Points List, previous performances in AGA events, and current USGA Handicap Index as of August 1.

Players making it into the Round of 16 will receive an exemption into the 2017 Alabama Men’s State Amateur Championship at Bent Brook Golf Club in Bessemer. The Champion will receive a 10-year exemption into the Alabama Men’s State Amateur Championship.

Wednesday, August 3      All Day: Practice rounds.  
9:00am-5:00pm: Player Registration in the Clubhouse Foyer adjacent to the golf shop.

Thursday, August 4      Round of 64: Tee times at 7:30am off #1 & #10 tees.  
Round of 32: Tee times off #1 & #10 tees as matches are finalized

Friday, August 5      Round of 16: Tee times at 7:30am off #1  
Quarterfinals: Tee times off #1 tee as matches are finalized

Saturday, August 6      Semi-finals: Tee times at 7:30am off #1  
Final: Tee time off #1 tee as match is finalized  
Awards ceremony immediately following play at scoreboard.

**Awards**

Championship: Awards will be presented to all players who reach the Semifinals.

**Starting Times**

Matches and starting times for August 4 will be available on June 29 by 5:00pm. Check the AGA website at [www.alabamagolf.org](http://www.alabamagolf.org) or call the AGA office.

**Championship Cart and Range Fees; Push Carts**

Contestants have the option to walk or use a cart during championship rounds. For players using carts, cart fee is \$25 for each championship round. Make sure to pay your fees in the golf shop prior to play. Range balls are complimentary. Players that walk will not owe any additional fee to the club. Push carts are allowed.

**Caddies**

Caddies are permitted.

**Spectators/Spectator Carts**

1. We welcome and encourage spectators at all AGA competitions
2. The AGA has determined that spectator carts will be allowed at this competition.
3. There will be a limited number of spectator carts available for \$25 on a first come, first serve basis.
4. Spectator carts must remain on the cart path at all times.
5. You need to be aware of your surroundings when driving the cart to ensure you don’t disturb other competitors.
6. Spectators are asked to remain on or near cart paths for their own safety.
7. Spectators must adhere to the club’s dress code policy.

**Food and Beverage**

All food and beverage consumed on club grounds must be purchased at Country Club of Brewton. Lunch will be available in the clubhouse until 2:00pm. Cash or credit for all food purchases.

**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	442	523	435	147	367	507	169	408	441	3439	445	216	385	403	439	525	415	208	544	3580	7019
Par	4	5	4	3	4	5	3	4	4	36	4	3	4	4	4	5	4	3	5	36	72

\*AGA may use other tee locations in addition to the above yardages as conditions warrant:

**Championship Lodging**

There are several lodging options in the Evergreen area. Below are a few lodging options. Check online for best rates:

Econo Lodge Inn & Suites (251 578-2100). Rates from \$64.00

Sleep Inn & Suites (251-578-9590). Rates from \$84.00

Evergreen Inn & Suites (251-578-8001). Rates from \$64.00

**Championship Policies**

Country Club of Brewton is a soft-spike facility. The penalty for non-compliance is disqualification.

Local rule allowing the use of distance measuring devices will be in effect in this competition. A player may use a device to measure distance only. However, if, during a stipulated round, a player uses a function to measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.); the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

**Pace of Play Policy**

A match that is out of position will be advised of the situation and the individuals may be timed. Any players who exceed 40 seconds to play their next shot will liable for a loss of hole penalty. A second violation will result in another loss of hole penalty, followed by disqualification for a third violation.

A player's time to play begins when the player has had a reasonable opportunity to reach his or her ball and when it is the player'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. Pace of play guidelines are listed on the player's scorecard.

**Tournament Delays and Updates**

The AGA will text players with any tournament delays or schedule changes. Notices will also be posted our Twitter account. Follow @bamagolf.

**Phone Numbers**

Alabama Golf Association: 205-979-1234

Country Club of Brewton Golf Shop: 251-867-4100