

## **84<sup>th</sup> Alabama Women's State Amateur Championship**

**Musgrove Country Club, Jasper, Alabama**

**June 22-24, 2016**

**Entry Dates: April 18 – June 13**



### **TOURNAMENT FORMAT**

The field will be limited to 96 entries. If the Championship field is oversubscribed at the close of entries, the final field will be determined using a combination of the AGA's Women's Player Points List, previous performances in AGA events, and verified USGA Handicap Index.

There are two divisions, Championship (longer tees) and Tournament (shorter tees). Players may choose to compete in either division, but must declare which on the entry application. Women's Amateur Champion will come from the Championship Division only. In both divisions, Championship and Tournament, all players that lose in round one will be placed in a consolation flight.

The Championship Division will be contested at Match Play with an 18-hole stroke play qualifier to determine the positions for match play as well as medalist honors. Following the 18-hole stroke play qualifier, the Championship Division will be cut to the low 16 players. Remaining championship division players are flighted according to number of entries. On-course playoff is used to break a tie for medalist and the last spot in the championship flight. Players in this division will play from approximately 6,000 yards for the entire competition (stroke play and match play). Championship Division players will play double matches (two 18-hole matches) both the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> day of the championship.

The Tournament Division will be contested at Match Play with an 18-hole stroke play qualifier to determine the positions for match play. Following the 18-hole stroke play qualifier, all players will be divided into flights of four (4) to compete in the match play portion of the championship. Ties for flight breaks will be determined using the USGA recommended playoff procedure (last 9, last 6, last 3, 18<sup>th</sup> hole). Players in this division will play from the course's standard forward tees for the entire competition (stroke play and match play). Tournament Division players will play one 18-hole match both the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> day of the championship.

### **ENTRY PROCEDURE**

1. To submit an entry (electronic entries only), simply click the register button at the bottom of this page and follow the step-by-step procedure. **All entries must be RECEIVED in the AGA office no later than 11:59 A.M., Monday, June 13, 2016.**
2. **No entries will be accepted after 11:59 A.M., Monday, June 13, 2016.**
3. An entry fee in the amount of \$170.00, payable by **credit card**, must accompany the entry application, \$5.00 of which will be donated to the Alabama Turfgrass Research Foundation.

4. Upon successfully completing the entry procedure, an email confirmation will be automatically generated and sent to you at the email address you designate.

5. In the event the field has to be pared due to over-subscription (see Format above), applicants will be notified of the status of their entry as soon as practicable following the close of entries on June 15.

#### **REFUND POLICY**

**Withdrawal:** If an accepted player withdraws before **11:59 P.M., Tuesday, June 21, 2016** for any reason, the entry fee will be refunded, subject to a \$30.00 service fee. No refunds will be made after **11:59 P.M., Tuesday, June 21, 2016**.

**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.

**Alternates:** Full refund if player does not gain entry into the championship.

All dates and time refer to **date and time of receipt** at the AGA office.

If the entry is rejected for any reason(s), you will be immediately advised of the reason(s), at which time you can correct the problem(s) and re-submit the entry form.

*PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT NO ENTRY IS FORMALLY ACCEPTED UNTIL THE ENTRY FEE HAS BEEN PROCESSED BY THE AGA OFFICE.*

#### **REGISTRATION**

Players **MUST** register **IN PERSON** prior to beginning play, or, if playing a practice round, **prior to playing the practice round**. Failure to do so may result in rejection of the player’s entry. Inquire in the Golf Shop regarding the location of registration.

#### **CONDITIONS AGREEMENT**

I am a resident of the State of Alabama and a member in good standing of the Member Club of the Alabama Golf Association at which the GHIN number indicated on the Entry Application is registered.

I agree that the Alabama Golf Association, or any club hosting this Championship, has the right to reject, or withdraw, any entry at any time.

I am an amateur golfer and I understand the “Rules of Amateur Status” as established by the United States Golf Association.

I, as a participant in this Championship, assume full responsibility for all my acts, whether they be negligent or otherwise, and hold harmless the Alabama Golf Association and/or any club hosting this Championship for any injuries.

## **Conditions**

The AGA Tournament Committee reserves the right to alter any of the conditions and schedules herein. The decision of the AGA in any matter shall be final.

## **Etiquette**

We wish to bring to your attention, or remind you, that when a club graciously agrees to host an AGA championship or USGA qualifying event, it does so at no cost to either the player or the association. Therefore, we ask that you conduct yourself appropriately while a guest and take responsibility in the same regard for anyone accompanying you. Also, please be advised that clubs are operating in certain aspects at the direction of the AGA and any complaints regarding availability of cart, fees paid, or available practice times should be directed to the AGA and not the club staff. Thank you for your consideration of all the above. We hope you have a pleasant and successful competition.

## **Eligibility**

Entries are open to female, amateur golfers, who are members of the Alabama Golf Association (have active GHIN number in Alabama), and bona fide residents of the State of Alabama (Non-resident college students are generally **not** eligible, if in doubt; contact the AGA office at (205) 979-1234).

Entries are subject to approval or rejection at any time at the discretion of the AGA or the host club.

Maximum allowable handicap is 36.0 strokes under the USGA Women's Golf Handicap System.

The AGA will be the final authority in determining whether or not a handicap that has been submitted qualifies as an "approved USGA handicap".

Entries are subject to rejection, or withdrawal, at any time at the discretion of the AGA.

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## **Awards**

Awards will be presented to the Champion, runner-up and semi-finalists in the Championship Flight. All other flights will be awarded a champion and runner-up. All flights will be awarded a consolation winner.

In addition, the Champion will have their name engraved on a permanent trophy housed at the AGA office.

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## **Spectator Carts**

1. We welcome and encourage spectators at all AGA competitions.
  2. The AGA, not the host club, determines whether spectator carts will be permitted during a competition.
  3. If spectator carts are not allowed, the AGA follows the USGA policy of permitting the use of mobility scooters (golf carts are not acceptable) by any spectator who suffers from a disability that requires on-course transportation.
  4. Anyone intending on renting a mobility scooter should call us, 205-979-1234, and let us know ahead of time. We will then make contact with the host club on your behalf and make arrangements to receive the vehicle, store and charge it overnight, and have it available for use the following day.
  5. When on the course with the scooter, you must remain on the cart path at all times and stay up with the group you are following so as not to disturb play of the group immediately behind.
  6. You need to be aware of all play around you when starting the scooter to ensure you don't disturb other competitors.
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## **Caddies and Carts**

No caddies are available at the host club. It is permissible to bring caddies and any player who does so is solely responsible for his/her conduct. Contestants are not required to have either caddie or cart. Golf carts are allowed, and are strongly recommended at this site, and are available to those contestants who have a valid Alabama driver's license. Cart fees will be the same for each player, even if circumstances are such that a player is left to ride by himself. Users must obey the cart operations rules established by the host club, to include the allowance of spectator carts. For further information regarding carts, please refer to the Cart Policy provided as part of the player packet given to players at registration.

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## **Dress Code**

The dress code at the championship site will be strictly enforced. Jeans are NOT permitted and shorts MUST be "Bermuda" length, or mid-thigh. No shorts approximating "tennis" length will be tolerated and this includes cut-offs, tennis shorts, bathing suits, etc. Shirts must have collars. Any player not meeting these standards will be asked to remedy this situation prior to play. If you have any doubts as to what dress will be accepted, please ask prior to beginning play.

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**Championship Yardage**

Championship flight will play from approximately 6000 yards. The Tournament Division will play from the course's standard forward tee markers. All Championship yardages are subject to change.

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