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TO: 54th Alabama Girls State Junior Amateur Championship Contestants
FROM: Adam Powell, Alabama Golf Association
DATE: January 1, 2017
TOPIC: Girls State Junior Championship Player Information

The Alabama Golf Association looks forward to seeing you at the 54th playing of the Alabama Girls State Junior Championship at Valley Hill Country Club in Huntsville, AL from June 27-29, 2017. 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 adam@alabamagolf.org. We hope you have a great championship!

Championship Website: <http://www.alabamagolf.org/2017-championships>

Championship History

This year marks the 54th playing of the Alabama Girls State Junior Amateur Championship and the first time that Valley Hill Country Club has hosted the Girls State Junior Amateur Championship. Micheala Williams of Athens won the title in 2016 at Bent Brook Golf Club. The Championship was first played in 1963 with Judy Jehle winning the inaugural event. Martha Lang holds the record with 4 victories (1967-1970).

Championship Registration

Players should sign the host plaque in the clubhouse outside of the Pro Shop on Monday, June 26 from 8:00am-4:00pm.

Valley Hill Country Club Information

PGA Head Golf Professional: Jay McLelland

Course Superintendent: Jeff Lee

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

Club Website: www.vhcc.com

Golf Shop Phone: 256-883-7620

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

Practice Facility Hours: 6:30am-7:00pm

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

Championship Yardage: (Valleyside/Hillside) 14-18 - 5816 yards, 12-13 - 5387 yards, 9-11 - 4435 yards, par 36-36--72

Course/Slope Rating: 14-18 (74.1/134), 12-13 (71.7/129), 9-11 (66.9/116)

Course Architect: John B. LaFoy

Course Turfgrass: Tees/Fairways (419 Bermuda); Rough (419 Bermuda); Putting Greens (A1 Bent)

Food and Beverage

All food and beverage consumed on club grounds must be purchased at Valley Hill Country Club. The Grill will be open to service all food needs beginning at 8:00am each morning.

Hosted Player Lunch on June 27-29

The AGA will provide lunch for players after each championship round in the clubhouse. Lunch is for players only. Caddies and spectators may purchase food and beverage in the grill.

Directions to Valley Hill Country Club

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Valley+Hill>

Lodging

There are a number of hotels near the course. Check online for best rate:

<http://post.affinitytravelbenefits.com/v6/home?siteid=36777&theme=tournament>

Valley Hill Country Club Policies

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 outside buildings.

Parking: There is a limited amount of parking available at the host club and we ask that players, caddies and family members car pool 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 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: Club accepts cash and credit card. MasterCard/Visa or American Express may be used.

Practice Rounds and Practice Facility

Official practice rounds will be on Monday, June 26. You must call the golf shop (256-883-7620) 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** \$25.00 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 June 27 will be available on June 22 by 5:00pm. Check the AGA website at www.alabamagolf.org or call the AGA office.

Championship Format and Schedule

Championship is conducted at 54 holes of stroke play for players age 12-18. 27 holes (9 each day) for players age 9-11. Players in the 14-18 Age Division will play the same tees and will be eligible to win the overall Championship. The lowest score for 54 holes in either the 14-15 or 16-18 Age Divisions 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.

Monday, June 26	8:00am-12:00pm: Practice rounds. 9:00am-4:00pm: Player Registration in the Clubhouse Foyer adjacent to the golf shop.
Tuesday, June 27	Round 1: Tee times at 7:30am off #1 Hosted player lunch in the Clubhouse after play
Wednesday, June 28	Round 2: Tee times at 7:30am off #1 Hosted player lunch in the Clubhouse after play Clubhouse Field re-grouped according to score.
Thursday, June 29	Round 3: Tee times at 7:30am off #1. Hosted player lunch in the Clubhouse after play 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. 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. Your AGA issued score card will have the acceptable pace of play per hole printed on it.

Pace of Play Policy

A group that is out of position will be advised of the situation and the individuals may be timed.

- Any competitor who is discovered taking more than 40 seconds to play a stroke is subject to a warning for slow play and will be advised of the fact.
- The competitor will be notified that exceeding 40 seconds on one more occasion will result in a penalty of one stroke in stroke play or loss of hole in match play. A third violation will result in a two stroke penalty in stroke play or loss of hole in match play, followed by disqualification for a fourth violation.
- A warning is any notice given to a competitor regarding pace of play.
- 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: (NEW)* Caddies are allowed, **provided the caddie is 18 years old or under** and will be denoted by wearing an AGA issued caddie bib. Caddies will not be available at host club. Caddies will be held to the same dress and code of conduct policies as the player.
- *Caddie/Spectator Cart Policy:* Caddies must walk during the championship rounds.

Prizes & Awards

- Awards will be presented to the low scorer posting a 27-hole total in the 9-11 Age Division, the low 2 scorers posting 54 hole totals in the 12-13 Age Division, and the low 3 scorers in both the 14-15 & 16-18 Age Divisions, as well as to the overall Champion. In addition, the Champion will have their name engraved on the *Bee McWane Trophy* housed at the AGA office.
- *The Whit Lee Award* named in honor of Mary Whitfield Lee, is presented to the competitor representing outstanding sportsmanship and character as voted on by the championship contestants.

Spectators

- *Spectator Cart Policy:* AGA defers to host club policy in regards to allowing spectator carts at junior championships. If spectator carts are allowed, they will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Individuals with a bona fide handicap issue may request a spectator cart as provided in the [AGA Tournament Manual](#) by submitting a [Handicap Golf Cart Request Form](#) by the close of entries date.

Course Set-Up/Yardage (*All yardage is subject to change based upon wind direction and weather conditions)

Valleyside/Hillside

Course Rating: 74.1/134

14-18 Age Division

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	490	146	312	300	468	117	368	343	320	2864	286	157	288	160	352	500	368	485	356	2952	5816
Par	5	3	4	4	5	3	4	4	4	36	4	3	4	3	4	5	4	5	4	36	72

Course Rating: 71.7/129

12-13 Age Division

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	470	148	312	300	388	117	327	312	321	2695	286	154	284	108	291	484	308	452	325	2692	5387
Par	5	3	4	4	5	3	4	4	4	36	4	3	4	3	4	5	4	5	4	36	72

Course Rating: 66.9/116 (33.3/111 – 33.6/120)

9-11 Age Division

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	350	129	261	256	360	89	267	259	255	2226	253	137	236	106	257	375	255	350	240	2209	4435
Par	5	3	4	4	5	3	4	4	4	36	4	3	4	3	4	5	4	5	4	36	72

Championship Policies

- This is a soft-spike facility. The penalty for non-compliance is disqualification.
- Local Rule allowing the use of conforming distance measuring devices will be in effect (i.e. measure distance only) 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. Compass and weather applications are now permitted on the device.
- Local Rule for accidental movement of a ball on the putting green will be in effect. When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced. **Note:** If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies

from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.

Withdrawals

If an accepted player withdraws before **10:59 P.M., Monday, June 26, 2017** for any reason, the entry fee will be refunded, subject to a \$30.00 service fee. No refunds will be made for any reason after **10:59 P.M., Monday, June 26, 2017**. To withdraw from the event click on link below and follow steps 2-4 or email adam@alabamagolf.org:

- 1) <http://www.ghintpp.com/bamagolf/TPPOnlineGolfer/TournamentPlayerList.aspx>
- 2) Log into your TPP account.
- 3) Click "Events Registered For".
- 4) Click "Withdraw" under "Actions" column

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 our Twitter account. Follow @alabamagolf.

Phone Numbers

Alabama Golf Association: 205-979-1234

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