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TO: 72nd Alabama Boys State Junior Championship Contestants
FROM: Brian Scheufler, Alabama Golf Association
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TOPIC: State Junior Championship Player Information

The Alabama Golf Association looks forward to seeing you at the 72nd playing of the Alabama Boys' State Junior Championship at The Lake Course by Goose Pond Colony Resort in Scottsboro, AL from July 25-27, 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 brian@alabamagolf.org. We hope you have a great championship!

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

Championship History

This year marks the 72nd playing of the Alabama Boys' State Junior Championship and the first time that Goose Pond Colony Resort has hosted the Boys' State Junior Championship. John Racciatti, Jr. of Fairhope won the title in 2016 at Lakewood Golf 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, July 24 from 9:00am-4:00pm.

Goose Pond Colony Resort Information

Director of Golf Operations: Ashley Parrett

Course Superintendent: Chris Settles

Physical Address: 417 Ed Hembree Drive Scottsboro, AL 35769

Club Website: <http://goosepond.org/>

Golf Shop Phone: 256-912-0063

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

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

Food & Beverage Hours: 6:30am-6:00pm

Championship Yardage: **14-18 Divisions:** 6739 yards, par 36-36--72 **12-13 Division:** 5637 yards, par 36-35--71 **9-11 Division (9 Holes each day):** 5114 yards, par 36-35--71

Course/Slope Rating: **14-18 Divisions:** 71.6/125, **12-13 Division:** 67.1/115, **9-11 Division (9 Holes each day):** 65.6/112

Course Architect: George Cobb

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

Food and Beverage

All food and beverage consumed on club grounds must be purchased at Goose Pond Colony Resort.

Hosted Player Lunch on July 25-27

The AGA will provide lunch for players from 11:00am-3:00pm for each round of the competition (Tuesday-Thursday) in the clubhouse. Lunch is for players only. Spectators may purchase food and beverage in the clubhouse.

Directions to Goose Pond Colony Resort

<https://goo.gl/maps/YOCTVBfKee42>

Lodging

Goose Pond has on site lodging. Call 256-912-0592 for lodging reservations or go to: <http://goosepond.org/facilities/>

Host 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 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: Club accepts **CASH, Credit Card.**

Practice Rounds and Practice Facility

Official practice round will be on Monday, July 24. You must call the golf shop 256-912-0063 to schedule your practice round. Make sure to identify yourself as an Alabama Boys 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 July 25-26 will be available on July 21 by 5:00pm. Check the AGA website at www.alabamagolf.org or call the AGA office.

Championship Format and Schedule

- Limited to the first 156 players. If championship is full at the time of registration, a player may opt to be placed on the alternate wait list. Wait list alternates are ranked according to date/time an entry is received and processed.
- 54 holes of gross individual stroke play for players age 12-18. 27 holes (9 each day) for players age 9-11.
- Players in the 14-15 and 16-18 Age Divisions will play the same tees and will be eligible to win the overall Championship.
- The field (14-18) will be cut to the low 60 players and ties after 36 holes. There will be no cut for the 9-11 or 12-13 Age Divisions.
- The lowest score for 54 holes in either 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.
- Initial groupings will be for two days; the field will be cut and re-paired by score after the second round

Monday, July 24	All Day: Practice rounds. 9:00am-5:00pm: Player Registration in the Clubhouse Foyer adjacent to the golf shop.
Tuesday, July 25	Round 1: Tee times at 7:30am & 12:30pm off #1 & #10 tees. 11:00am-3:00pm: Hosted player lunch in the Clubhouse
Wednesday, July 26	Round 2: Tee times at 7:30am & 12:30pm off #1 & #10 tees. 11:00am-3:00pm: Hosted player lunch in the Clubhouse Cut to low 60 scores and ties. Field re-grouped according to score.
Thursday, July 27	Round 3: Tee times at 7:30am off #1 & #10 tees. 11:00am-3:00pm: Hosted player lunch in the Clubhouse. 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 Cart Policy:* Caddies must walk during the championship rounds.

Prizes & Awards

Awards will be presented to the top 5 finishers in the overall division (14-18), 14-15 and 16-18 division winner and top 2 finishers in each of the 9-11 and 12-13 divisions. Champion will have his name engraved on the permanent trophy and may take possession of the trophy for the ensuing year.

Exemptions Earned

- Champion receives an exemption into the 2018 Alabama State Amateur
- Champion receives a 3-year exemption into the Alabama State Match Play Championship (2018-2020)
- Champion receives automatic spot on 2017 Southern Junior Cup Team
- Champion receives AJGA exemptions (see AJGA.org website)

Spectators/Spectator Carts

Club owned spectator carts are not allowed except as provided in the [AGA Tournament Manual](#). Due to the limited number of available carts, spectator carts may not be available during the championship (there will be a limited number of spectator carts available for \$25 on a first come, first serve basis). Spectator carts must remain on the cart path at all times and spectators must adhere to the club's dress code policy.

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

14-18 Division

Course Rating: 71.6/125

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	395	545	168	380	375	374	525	183	411	3356	560	415	390	165	375	492	191	390	405	3383	6739
Par	4	5	3	4	4	4	5	3	4	36	5	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	4	36	72

12-13 Division

Course Rating: 67.1/115

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	307	410	135	365	305	345	445	118	379	2809	451	339	311	155	297	410	143	360	362	2828	5637
Par	4	5	3	4	4	4	5	3	4	36	5	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	4	36	72

9-11 Division

Course Rating: 65.6/112

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	303	406	100	312	301	311	441	114	336	2624	451	335	307	151	293	406	139	325	311	2718	5342
Par	4	5	3	4	4	4	5	3	4	36	5	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	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, July 24, 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, July 24, 2017**. To withdraw from the event click on link below and follow steps 2-4 or email Brian@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 @bamagolf.

Phone Numbers

Alabama Golf Association: 205-979-1234

Goose Pond Colony Resort: 256-912-0063