



ALABAMA GOLF ASSOCIATION

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Please review the following information for the **Alabama Men's State Amateur Championship Sectional Qualifier** at Riverchase Country Club in Hoover on Monday, May 22, 2017. Remember that we are guests of the club and we need to conduct ourselves in a proper manner. Good luck and we look forward to seeing you soon.

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

Sectional Qualifying and Championship Site Cart/Range Fees: Your sectional qualifying cart/range fee is included in the entry fee and paid by the AGA. **Golf Carts are Mandatory at this qualifying site.** For players who successfully qualify, the AGA will charge the credit card used to register for sectional qualifying the remaining championship balance of \$160.00. Cart/range fees for championship rounds at the Championship site will be paid by the AGA.

Host Club Information:

Golf Professional: John Carney
Superintendent: Todd Daniel
Golf Shop Phone: 205 988-4140
Club Address: 2000 Club Rd, Hoover, AL 35244
Map to Club: <https://goo.gl/maps/o6hhcYjWcG32>

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 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.

AGA Official-in-Charge: Brian Scheufler; Phone: 205 979-1234; E-mail: brian@alabamagolf.org

Changing Qualifying Sites: A player may change his qualifying site until the close of entries on May 16. Site changes are not allowed after entries are closed.

Practice Rounds: You are entitled to one practice round from May 9-21 when tee times are available. The mandatory cart/range fee is \$25.00. You may begin calling for practice tee times on May 9. Make sure to identify yourself as an Alabama State Amateur participant when calling. It will be helpful if you contact other qualifier participants and make your own game before calling. Play the Blue tees during your practice round. Par is 36-36—72. Approximate yardage is 6700 yards. Yardage is subject to change.

Starting Times: Qualifying round starting times will be available beginning Wednesday, May 17 before 5:00pm on the AGA website <http://www.alabamagolf.org/2017-championships>. Qualifier tee times are from 8:30am off the 1st and 10th tees. Be at your assigned tee ready to play a few minutes before your tee time.

Caddies, Walking and Pull-carts: Caddies are permitted during the qualifying round but only two carts are allowed per group or one cart if there are two players in a pairing. **Golf Carts are Mandatory at this qualifying site.**

Caddie/Spectator Cart Policy: During the play of a hole, either the player or his caddie may ride in a golf cart but not both at the same time. Spectators are not allowed to ride in a player's golf cart at any time. Club owned spectator carts are not allowed.

Qualifying Spots and Medalist: The number of qualifying spots will be determined after the close of entries based upon the number of participants at each qualifying site. There are no playoffs therefore all ties for the last spot will qualify. We will take two alternate positions from this qualifying site. Ties for any alternate position will be decided by a scorecard playoff (Back nine, last six, last three, last hole). The number of qualifying spots will be posted when starting times and groupings are released. The medalist and anyone tying for medalist each receive a medal.

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.

Score Posting: The AGA will automatically post your adjusted gross score back to your home club handicap following the qualifier.

Text Notifications: The Alabama Golf Association has a new text (SMS) notification feature in the TPP tournament software that will be used to send text messages to your mobile phone in the event of tournament schedule changes, delays and cancellations. This is a free service provided by the AGA. Note that standard texting and data rates apply based upon your cell phone plan.

To Opt-In: Enter a mobile phone number into your TPP Player Profile.

(<https://www.ghintpp.com/bamagolf/TPPOnlineGolfer/logon.aspx>, click Edit Profile on left menu)

To Opt-Out: a) Call or email the AGA office and request to be opted-out of text notifications

(recommended). b) Remove the mobile phone number from your TPP Player Profile (not recommended).

Lodging: Check for best rate:

<https://www.google.com/maps/search/hotels+near+riverchase+country+club/@33.3641284,-86.8165525,14.25z?hl=en>

Distance Measuring Devices: 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.

Accidental Movement of a Ball on the Putting Green: Local Rule for accidental movement of a ball on the putting green will be in effect in this competition. 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.