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TO: 20th Alabama State Senior Amateur Championship Contestants
FROM: Brian Scheufler, Alabama Golf Association
DATE: January 1, 2017
TOPIC: State Senior Championship Player Information

The Alabama Golf Association looks forward to seeing you at the 20th playing of the State Senior Amateur Championship at Hoover Country Club in Hoover, AL from May 19-21, 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 20th playing of the Alabama State Senior Championship and the second time that Hoover Country Club has hosted the State Senior Championship (2004 Sam Farlow). Bryan Askew of Decatur won the title in 2016 at Huntsville Country Club. The Championship was first played in 1998 with Sam Farlow winning the inaugural event. Farlow of Birmingham holds the record with 6 victories (1998, 2000-2004).

Championship Registration

Players should sign the host plaque in the Pro Shop on Thursday, May 18 from 8:00am-4:00pm.

Hoover Country Club Information

PGA Head Golf Professional: Brian Wannemuehler
Course Superintendent: Tyler Hefner
Physical Address: 3140 Club Drive Hoover, AL 35226
Club Website: <http://www.hoovercc.com>
Golf Shop Phone: 205-822-5707
Golf Shop Hours: 7:00am-6:00pm
Practice Facility Hours: 6:30am-7:00pm
Food & Beverage Hours: 11:00am-8:00pm (T-F) 7:00am-6:00pm (Weekends)
Championship Yardage:
50-64 Divisions: 6563 yards, par 36-36--72
65+ Division: 5858 yards, par 36-36--72
Course/Slope Rating:
50-64 Divisions: 71.4/132
65+ Division: 67.8/126
Course Turfgrass: Tees/Fairways, Rough (419 Bermuda); Putting Greens (A1/A4 Bent)

Food and Beverage

All food and beverage consumed on club grounds must be purchased at Hoover Country Club.

Map to Hoover Country Club

<https://goo.gl/maps/HNUeU8ffFcU2>

Lodging

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

<https://www.google.com/maps/search/hotels+near++hoover+country+club/@33.3884245,-86.8203888,13z/data=!3m1!4b1?hl=en>

Hoover 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, Credit Card and reciprocal.**

Practice Rounds and Practice Facility

You are entitled to one practice round on May 18th (club may allow practice round on another date). You may call the golf shop (205-882-5707) beginning on May 9 to reserve a practice round tee time. Make sure to identify yourself as an Alabama State Senior Amateur 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 whether you walk or ride. 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 May 19-20 will be available by May 12 by 5:00pm. Check the AGA website at www.Alabamagolf.org or call the AGA office.

Championship Format and Schedule

- 54 holes of gross individual stroke play. Players in the 50-56 and 57-64 Age Divisions will play the championship tees and eligible to win the overall Championship. 65+ Age Division plays a shorter set of tees and ineligible for the overall Championship.
- After 36 holes, the field will be cut to the low 48 players and ties in the Championship Division and the low 12 players and ties in the 65+ Division. For the purpose of applying the cut, the 50-56 and 57-64 Age Divisions will be treated as one division (overall).
- The lowest score for 54 holes in either 50-56 or 57-64 Age Divisions will be the Overall Champion. Lowest score in the 65+ Age Division is the winner.
- In the event of a tie for the Overall Championship or 65+ Age Division, a hole-by-hole play-off will be held immediately following play. The play-off holes and order of play will be determined by the AGA. All other ties will be split equally.
- Initial groupings will be for the first two rounds. Following the cut, the field will be re-paired by score for the final round.

Thursday, May 18	Registration & Practice Rounds
Friday, May 19	Round 1: Tee times at 7:30am & 12:30pm off #1 & #10 tees. 18 holes Stroke Play
Saturday, May 20	Round 2: Tee times begin at 7:30am & 12:30pm off #1 & #10 tees. 18 holes Stroke Play Field cut to low 60 and ties. Field re-grouped according to score.
Sunday, May 21	Final Round: Tee times begin at 7:30am off #1 & #10 tees. 18 holes Stroke Play

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.

Cart/Range Fees; Push Carts

- *Practice Rounds:* Cart/range fees are not included in the entry fee. Cart rental is mandatory for practice rounds payable at the host club.
- *Championship Rounds:* Championship site cart/range fees are paid by the AGA and included in the entry fee. Competitors have the option to either walk or use a golf cart during championship rounds. Personal push carts are allowed.

Caddies/ Spectators

- *Caddies:* Caddies are allowed for championship rounds and will be denoted by wearing an AGA issued caddie bib. Caddies will not be available at host club.
- *Spectators:* Spectators are welcome at AGA championships. Club owned spectator carts are not allowed. Spectators are asked to remain on or near cart paths and adhere to the club's dress code policy.
- *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 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.

Prizes

Awards will be presented to the Overall Champion and winners from each age division. Merchandise prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in the Overall Championship and 65+ Division. Overall 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 a 5-year exemption into the Alabama State Amateur (2017-2021).
- Champion receives an exemption into the 2017 Alabama State Match Play Championship.

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

50-64 Divisions

Course Rating 71.4/132

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	377	176	525	397	181	534	382	185	551	3308	319	545	190	385	396	383	364	148	525	3255	6563
Par	4	3	5	4	3	5	4	3	5	36	4	5	3	4	4	4	4	3	5	36	72

*AGA may use the following tee locations in addition to the above yardages as conditions warrant: Hole #2 (155), Hole #3 (485), Hole #5 (164), Hole #6 (506), Hole #8 (146, 166), Hole #9 (476, 520), Hole #11 (563), Hole #12 (166), Hole #15 (347), Hole #17 (174) Hole #18 (497)

65+ Division

Course Rating 67.8/126

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	345	155	485	329	164	479	326	146	476	2905	300	500	166	270	360	335	354	128	446	2859	5764
Par	4	3	5	4	3	5	4	3	5	36	4	5	3	4	4	4	4	3	5	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., Thursday, May 18, 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., Thursday, May 18, 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

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