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TO: 85<sup>th</sup> Alabama Women's State Amateur Championship Contestants  
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TOPIC: Women's State Amateur Championship Player Information

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The Alabama Golf Association looks forward to seeing you at the 85<sup>th</sup> playing of the Alabama Women's State Amateur Championship at Montgomery Country Club in Montgomery, AL from June 21-23, 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](mailto:adam@alabamagolf.org). We hope you have a great championship!

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

### Championship History

This year marks the 85<sup>th</sup> playing of the Alabama Women's State Amateur Championship and the second time that Montgomery Country Club has hosted the Women's State Amateur Championship. Elaine Wood of Spanish Fort won the title in 2016 at Musgrove Country Club in Jasper, AL for her second title in three years. The Championship was first played in 1929 at Birmingham Country Club in Birmingham, AL. Mrs. Henry S. Geismer of Birmingham, AL defeated Mrs. Carl Hess 5 and 3 to win the inaugural event.

### Championship Registration

Players should sign the host plaque outside of the Pro Shop on Tuesday, June 20 from 8:00am-4:00pm.

### Montgomery Country Club Information

Director of Golf: Wade Hamilton, PGA  
Physical Address: 3001 Narrow Lane Rd., Montgomery, AL 36106  
Club Website: [www.montgomerycountryclub.com](http://www.montgomerycountryclub.com)  
Golf Shop Phone: 334-264-7198  
Golf Shop Hours: 7:00am-5:00pm  
Practice Facility Hours: 6:30am-6:00pm  
Food & Beverage Hours: 7:00am-9:00pm  
Championship Yardage: Championship: 6006 yards, Tournament: 5466 yards, Senior: 5147 yards, par 36-35--71  
Course/Slope Rating: 75.7/137, 72.3/130, 71.0/126  
Course Architect: Jerry Pate  
Course Turfgrass: Putting Greens (TifEagle), Tees/Fairways: (Bermuda), Rough: (Bermuda)

### Food and Beverage

All food and beverage consumed on club grounds must be purchased at the Grill. The Grill will be open to service all food needs beginning at 8:30am each morning.

### Hosted Player Lunch on June 21-23

The AGA will provide lunch for players each day of the championship in the grill.

### Directions to Montgomery Country Club

<https://www.google.com/maps>

### 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>

### Montgomery 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. All food and beverage consumed on club grounds must be purchased at host club.
- *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 or Credit Card**

### Practice Rounds and Practice Facility

Official practice rounds will be on Tuesday, June 20. You must call the golf shop (334-264-7198) to schedule your practice round for that day. Make sure to identify yourself as an Alabama Women's State 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 June 21 will be available on June 16 by 5:00pm. Check the AGA website at [www.alabamagolf.org](http://www.alabamagolf.org) or call the AGA office.

### Championship Format and Schedule

18 holes of gross individual stroke play to determine seeding within each division. Championship Division will be cut to low 16 players from the stroke play qualifier that will compete for the overall championship. Remaining Championship Division players will be divided into flights of four (4). Tournament and Senior Division players will be divided into flights of four (4) to compete at match play based on qualifying round score. All players are guaranteed a minimum of two matches due to consolation brackets for each flight.

<b>Tuesday, June 20</b>	Registration and Practice Rounds
<b>Wednesday, June 21</b>	7:30AM – 1 <sup>st</sup> Round, 18-hole stroke play qualifier for all divisions to determine positions for match play.
<b>Thursday, June 22</b>	7:30AM – Championship Division: (AM) Round of 16. (PM) Quarterfinals and Consolation Quarterfinals. Tournament and Senior Divisions: (AM) Semifinals.
<b>Friday, June 23</b>	7:30AM – Championship Division:(AM) Semifinals and Consolation Semifinals. (PM) Final and Consolation Tournament and Senior Divisions: (AM) Finals and Consolation Finals.

**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

- *Stroke Play Qualifying Rounds:* Lowest Scoring Player for 18 Holes in Championship Division: Silver medal; if a tie, duplicate medals will be awarded.
- *Match Play:* Awards will be presented to the Champion, runner-up and semi-finalists in the Championship Flight. All other flights will be awarded flight winner and consolation winner. All flights will be awarded a consolation winner.

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

Championship Division (White)

Course Rating: 75.7/137

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	379	129	386	160	510	405	390	356	320	3035	389	180	455	398	152	260	391	363	383	2971	6006
Par	4	3	4	3	5	4	4	4	4	35	4	3	5	4	3	4	4	4	4	35	70

Tournament Division (Gold)

Course Rating: 72.3/130

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	354	109	355	134	480	344	375	356	305	2812	334	158	411	358	127	236	363	345	322	2654	5466
Par	4	3	4	3	5	4	4	4	4	35	4	3	5	4	3	4	4	4	4	35	70

Senior Division (Maroon)

Course Rating: 71.0/126

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	328	85	302	129	432	344	342	330	295	2587	332	154	404	324	120	236	363	305	322	2560	5147
Par	4	3	4	3	5	4	4	4	4	35	4	3	5	4	3	4	4	4	4	35	70

#### 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., Tuesday, June 20, 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., Tuesday, June 20, 2017**. To withdraw from the event click on link below and follow steps 2-4 or email [adam@alabamagolf.org](mailto: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 @bamagolf.

**Phone Numbers**

Alabama Golf Association: 205-979-1234

Montgomery Country Club: 334-264-7198