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TO: 27th Alabama Women's Stroke Play Championship Contestants
FROM: Adam Powell, Alabama Golf Association
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TOPIC: Women's Stroke Play Championship Player Information

The Alabama Golf Association looks forward to seeing you at the 27th playing of the Alabama Women's Stroke Play Championship at NorthRiver Yacht Club in Tuscaloosa, AL from July 12-14, 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 27th playing of the Alabama Women's Stroke Play Championship and the first time that NorthRiver Yacht Club has hosted the Women's Stroke Play Championship. Michaela Morard of Huntsville won the title in 2016 at TP Country Club in Cullman, AL. The Championship was first played in 1990 at Gulf Shores Country Club in Gulf Shores, AL.

Championship Registration

Players should sign the host plaque outside of the Pro Shop on Tuesday, July 11 from 8:00am-4:00pm.

NorthRiver Yacht Club Information

Director of Golf: Michael Brooks, PGA
PGA Head Golf Professional: Andrew Tomes, PGA
Course Superintendent: Mathew Devine
Physical Address: 3100 Yacht Club Way NE, Tuscaloosa, AL 35406
Club Website: www.northriveryc.com
Golf Shop Phone: 205-343-4507
Golf Shop Hours: 7:30am-5:00pm
Practice Facility Hours: 6:30am-7:00pm
Food & Beverage Hours: 6:30am-7:00pm
Championship Yardage: 6099 yards, par 36-35--71
Course/Slope Rating: 75.7/136
Course Architect: Gary Player 1978, Re-Designed by Bob Cupp in 1999 & 2015
Course Turfgrass: Putting Greens (Tiffeagle), Fairways/Tees/Rough (Bermuda)

Food and Beverage

All food and beverage consumed on club grounds must be purchased at Grill. The Grill will be open to service all food needs beginning at 6:30am each morning.

Hosted Player Lunch on July 12-14

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

Directions to NorthRiver Yacht Club

<https://goo.gl/maps/zi9chSMB4f92>

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>

NorthRiver Yacht 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.
- *Bag/Club Storage:* There is no bag or club storage at this facility.
- *Accepted Forms of Payment:* Credit card. MasterCard/Visa or American Express may be used.

Practice Rounds and Practice Facility

Official practice rounds will be on Tuesday, July 11. You must call the golf shop (205-343-4507) to schedule your practice round for this day. Make sure to identify yourself as an Alabama Women's Stroke Play 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 July 12 will be available on July 7 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. An on-course hole-by-hole play-off is used to break a tie for the championship.

Tuesday, July 11	Registration and Practice Rounds for players (all day)
Wednesday, July 12	Round 1: Tee times at 7:30-9:30am off #1 & #10 tees.
Thursday, July 13	Round 2: Tee times at 7:30-9:30am off #1 & #10 tees.
Friday, July 14	Round 3: Tee times at 7:30-9:30am off #1 & #10 tees. Awards Ceremony immediately after 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. 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 top scores in each Division after 54 holes, as well as the overall Champion. Low Mid-Amateur in the Championship Division will be awarded. In addition, the Champion will have her name engraved on the permanent trophy and may take possession of the trophy for the ensuing year.

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

NorthRiver – Championship Division (Blue AGA)

Course Rating: 75.7/136

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	511	392	189	402	384	156	354	389	505	3282	503	338	151	281	348	372	341	156	327	2817	6099
Par	5	4	3	4	4	3	4	4	5	36	5	4	3	4	4	4	4	3	4	35	71

NorthRiver – Tournament Division (White USGA)

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	450	333	148	315	321	132	335	364	485	2883	460	248	127	248	290	328	266	126	281	2374	5257
Par	5	4	3	4	4	3	4	4	5	36	5	4	3	4	4	4	4	3	4	35	71

NorthRiver – Senior Division (Course Red)

Course Rating: 69.2/123

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	433	330	148	299	313	121	289	342	465	2740	429	240	89	210	287	286	264	126	273	2204	4944
Par	5	4	3	4	4	3	4	4	5	36	5	4	3	4	4	4	4	3	4	35	71

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, July 11, 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, July 11, 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 @bamagolf.

Phone Numbers

Alabama Golf Association: 205-979-1234

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