



# ALABAMA GOLF ASSOCIATION

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TO: 1<sup>st</sup> Alabama State Parent-Child Championship Contestants  
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The Alabama Golf Association looks forward to seeing you at the 1<sup>st</sup> playing of the State Parent-Child Championship at Robert Trent Jones-Oxmoor Valley (Ridge Course) in Birmingham, AL on Monday, August 6, 2018. 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 [jeremy@alabamagolf.org](mailto:jeremy@alabamagolf.org). We hope you have a great championship!

**Championship Website:** <https://www.alabamagolf.org/2018-championships>

## Championship History

This year marks the 1<sup>st</sup> playing of the Alabama State Parent-Child Championship and the first time Robert Trent Jones-Oxmoor Valley (Ridge Course) has hosted the State Parent-Child Championship.

## Championship Registration

Players should sign the host plaque in the clubhouse outside of the Pro Shop on Sunday, August 5.

## RTJ Oxmoor Valley Information

Director of Golf: Anthony Land, PGA

Course Superintendent: Jeremy Waldrop

Physical Address: 100 Sunbelt Pkwy, Birmingham, AL 35211

Club Website: [www.rtjgolf.com/oxmoorvalley/](http://www.rtjgolf.com/oxmoorvalley/)

Golf Shop Phone: 205-942-1177

Golf Shop Hours: 6AM-7PM

Practice Facility Hours: 6AM-6PM

Food & Beverage Hours: 6AM-8PM

Championship Yardage: Amateur Males age 14-64, Professional Males = 6200 yards; Amateur Females 14-49, Amateur Males 65+, Professional Females = 5400 yards; Boys 13 & under, Amateur Females 50+ = 4800 yards.

Course/Slope Rating: Amateur Males 14-64; Professional Males: 70.3/133, Amateur Females 14-50; Amateur Males 65+; Professional Females: 71.1/124, Amateur Boys 13 & under; Amateur Females 50+: 64.3/119-68.4/120

Course Turfgrass: Tees/Fairway/Rough (Bermuda); Putting Greens (A1/A4 Bent)

## Food and Beverage

All food and beverage consumed on club grounds must be purchased at Robert Trent Jones Oxmoor Valley.

## Map to RTJ Oxmoor Valley

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

## Lodging

There are several hotels near the course. Check online for best rates:

<https://post.affinitytravelbenefits.com/v6/home? s=MvRbEJ1cVD6DC14r& k=Z2E3AFsc>

## Robert Trent Jones 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, Credit Card**

### **Practice Rounds and Practice Facility**

You are entitled to one practice round. You must call the golf shop in advance to reserve a practice round tee time. Make sure to identify yourself as an Alabama State Parent-Child 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 \$30.00 fee for the 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 will be available by 5:00pm Friday, August 3. Check the AGA website at [www.alabamagolf.org](http://www.alabamagolf.org) or call the AGA office.

### **Championship Format**

Championship is conducted at 18 holes of modified alternate shot stroke play. Each side plays alternate shot except that both team members hit from their designated tee and then select the ball to be played. A side must complete the hole with the ball selected.

Teams select the division in which to compete if eligible:

**Amateur Division:** Team comprised of two amateurs. Champion is the team posting the lowest 18-hole gross score. Flights are determined based on number of entries using 50% team Handicap Index. Yardage is dependent on gender and age.

**Open Division:** Team comprised of one golf professional and one amateur (or an amateur awaiting reinstatement "A/R"). Yardage is dependent on gender, age, and amateur/professional status.

### **Championship Schedule**

#### **Week of July 30-August 2**

Tee times available for practice.

#### **Friday, August 3-Sunday, August 5**

Tee times available for practice after 12pm

#### **Monday, August 6**

7:30 AM -Double-tee start: Championship Round

### **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**

- *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. Cart use is mandatory for the championship round.

### Caddies

- *Caddies:* Caddies are not allowed for championship rounds

### Spectators

- *Spectator Golf Cart Policy:* Due to the limited number of available golf carts, spectator carts may not available during the championship.
- *Disability Golf Cart Policy:* In consistency with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), AGA will grant an individual with a bona fide disability a golf cart if the following conditions are met:
  - Requesting individual completes and submits a [Disabled Golf Cart Request Form](#) by the close of entries date;
  - Host club has a golf cart available;
  - Requesting individual pays host club the appropriate fee;
  - Requesting individual presents to the AGA staff or AGA representative a disability card issued by a government agency.
- Spectator carts must remain on the cart path at all times and spectators must adhere to the club’s dress code policy.
- Spectators are not allowed to ride in a player’s golf cart at any time. Non-club owned spectator carts are not allowed except as provided in the [AGA Tournament Manual](#).

### Prizes

- Trophies and merchandise is awarded to the overall champion in each division and winner in each flight. Merchandise distributed to top teams in each amateur flight. Open division merchandise is distributed based on the size of the field to both professional and amateurs. Ties for merchandise prizes are split except for the overall champion in each division (determined by an on-course playoff) and winner in each flight (determined by a score card playoff using the USGA recommended tie-breaker method).
- Prizes in AGA amateur championships comply with USGA Rules of Amateur Status (see USGA Rules of Golf).
- High School or collegiate players should check with their institution compliance department regarding High School or NCAA regulations relating to accepting prizes or merchandise.

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

#### Amateur Men age 14-64; Professional Men

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	364	528	539	337	146	389	317	159	325	3104	361	350	465	137	333	353	165	396	543	3103	6207
Par	4	5	5	4	3	4	4	3	4	36	4	4	5	3	4	4	3	4	5	36	72

#### Amateur Females age 14-50; Amateur Males age 65+; Professional Women

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	297	458	451	337	123	291	317	129	325	2728	279	305	410	137	333	346	145	304	463	2722	5450
Par	4	5	5	4	3	4	4	3	4	36	4	4	5	3	4	4	3	4	5	36	72

#### Amateur Boys & Girls 13 & Under; Amateur Females age 50+

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	297	458	451	286	85	291	232	77	227	2404	279	305	410	92	251	321	145	145	304	2411	4815
Par	4	5	5	4	3	4	4	3	4	36	4	4	5	3	4	4	3	4	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 side withdraws before **10:59 P.M. on August 5**, 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. on August 5**. To withdraw from the event click on link below and follow steps 2-4 or email [jeremy@alabamagolf.org](mailto:jeremy@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**

Sides 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” sides 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 to our Twitter account. Follow at @bamagolf.

**Phone Numbers**

Alabama Golf Association: 205-979-1234

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