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TO: 11th Alabama Women's State Four-Ball Championship Contestants
FROM: Adam Powell, Alabama Golf Association
DATE: January 1, 2018
TOPIC: Women's State Four-Ball Championship Player Information

The Alabama Golf Association looks forward to seeing you at the 11th playing of the Alabama Women's Four-Bal Championship at Peninsula Golf & Racquet Club in Gulf Shores, AL from July 24-25, 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 adam@alabamagolf.org. We hope you have a great championship!

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

Championship History

This year marks the 11th playing of the Alabama Women's State Four-Ball Championship and the first time that Peninsula Golf & Racquet Club has hosted the Women's State Four-Ball Championship. The team of Sophie Burks of Montgomery and Mary Kate Horton of Birmingham won the title in 2017 at GlenLakes Golf Club in Foley, AL. The Championship was first played in 2008 at Old Overton Club in Birmingham, AL with Kathy Hartwiger and Missy Gooden winning the inaugural event.

Championship Registration

Players should sign the host plaque in the Pro Shop on Monday, July 23rd from 8:00am-4:00pm.

Peninsula Golf & Racquet Club Information

Club Manager/Director of Golf: Anthony Vaughn, PGA
Course Superintendent: Jamey Davis, CGCS
Physical Address: 20 Peninsula Blvd., Gulf Shores, AL 36542
Club Website: www.peninsulagolfclub.com
Golf Shop Phone: 251-968-8009
Golf Shop Hours: 6:00am-8:00pm
Practice Facility Hours: 6:30am-8:00pm
Food & Beverage Hours: 6:30am-3:00pm
Championship Course: Cypress/Marsh
Championship Yardage/Course/Slope Rating: 5889 yards, 72.9/119
Tournament Yardage/Course/Slope Rating: 5315, 69.8/112
Senior Yardage/Course/Slope Rating: 4963, 67.8/108
Course Architect: Earl Stone
Course Turfgrass: Putting Greens (Champion), Fairways/Tees: (Bermuda), Rough: (Bermuda)

Food and Beverage

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

Hosted Player Lunch on July 24-25

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

Directions to Peninsula Golf & Racquet Club

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

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>

Peninsula Golf & Racquet 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 and Credit Card.**

Practice Rounds and Practice Facility

Official practice rounds will be on Monday, July 23. You must call the golf shop (251-968-8009) to schedule your practice round. Make sure to identify yourself as an Alabama Women's State Four-Ball 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 July 24 will be available on July 20 by 5:00pm. Check the AGA website at www.alabamagolf.org or call the AGA office.

Championship Format and Schedule

Championship is conducted at 36 holes of gross four-ball stroke play. 3 Divisions: Championship, Tournament, and Senior. Tournament and Senior Divisions will be flighted after 18 holes based on score if necessary. An on-course hole by hole play-off will be used to break a tie for the championship.

Monday, July 23	All Day: Practice rounds. 8:00am-4:00pm: Player Registration in the Clubhouse Foyer adjacent to the golf shop.
Tuesday, July 24	Round 1: 1:00 PM Shotgun Start Hosted Player Lunch before Play in the grill.
Wednesday, July 25	Round 2: 8:30 AM Shotgun Start Awards ceremony immediately following play. Hosted Player Lunch after Play in the grill.

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

- *Caddies:* Caddies are allowed for championship rounds. Caddies will not be available at host club.
- *Caddie 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.
- Caddies are required to wear an AGA issued caddie bib at the championship proper.

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

Awards will be presented to the team low gross winner in each flight within the Tournament and Senior Divisions. In the Championship division, awards will be presented to the champions and runner up. In addition, the Champions will have their names engraved on the *Jean H. Miller 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)

Championship Division

Course/Slope Rating: 72.9/119

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	336	486	157	290	154	333	326	482	336	2900	336	515	388	156	349	278	355	136	476	2989	5889
Par	4	5	3	4	3	4	4	5	4	36	4	5	4	3	4	4	4	3	5	36	72

Tournament Division

Course/Slope Rating: 69.8/112

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	301	430	149	284	135	300	319	435	300	2653	292	455	340	135	312	275	319	112	422	2662	5315
Par	4	5	3	4	3	4	4	5	4	36	4	5	4	3	4	4	4	3	5	36	72

Senior Division

Course/Slope Rating: 67.8/108

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	260	424	124	244	120	291	288	429	295	2475	288	453	305	126	308	245	281	108	374	2488	4963
Par	4	5	3	4	3	4	4	5	4	36	4	5	4	3	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., Monday, July 23, 2018** 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., Monday, July 23, 2018**. 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

Peninsula Golf & Racquet Club Golf Shop: 251-968-8009