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TO: 86th Alabama Women's State Amateur Championship Contestants
FROM: Adam Powell, Alabama Golf Association
DATE: January 1, 2018
TOPIC: Women's State Amateur Championship Player Information

The Alabama Golf Association looks forward to seeing you at the 86th playing of the Alabama Women's State Amateur Championship at the Country Club of Birmingham in Mountain Brook, AL from July 11-13, 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 86th playing of the Alabama Women's State Amateur Championship and the ninth time that the Country Club of Birmingham has hosted the Women's State Amateur Championship (1929, 1934, 1946, 1952, 1989, 2007). Elaine Wood of Spanish Fort won the title in 2017 at Montgomery Country Club in Montgomery, AL for her third title in four years. The Championship was first played in 1929 at Country Club of Birmingham, with Mrs. Henry S. Geismer of Birmingham, AL defeating Mrs. Carl Hess 5 and 3 to win the inaugural event.

Championship Registration

Players should sign the host plaque outside of the Golf Shop on Tuesday, July 10 from 8:00am-4:00pm.

Country Club of Birmingham Information

PGA Director of Golf: Eric Eshleman
PGA Head Golf Professional: Jason Schuman
Director of Golf Course Maintenance: Lee McLemore
Physical Address: 3325 Country Club Road, Mountain Brook, AL 35213
Club Website: <https://www.ccham.org>
Golf Shop Phone: 205-803-4225
Golf Shop Hours: 7:00am-6:30pm
Practice Facility Hours: 6:30am-6:30pm
Food & Beverage Hours: 7:30am-6:30pm (Turnhouse); 11:30am-3:00pm (Clubhouse)
Championship Yardage: Championship: 6000 yards, Tournament: 5400 yards, Senior: 5000 yards, par 35-36--71
Course/Slope Rating: 75.7/137, 72.3/130, 71.0/126
Course Architect: Donald Ross
Course Turfgrass: Tees/Fairways (Zeon Zoysia); Rough (419 Bermuda); Putting Greens (A1/A4 Bentgrass)

Food and Beverage

All food and beverage consumed on club grounds must be purchased at Country Club of Birmingham. The Turnhouse at #10 tee will be open to service all food needs beginning at 7:30am each morning and lunch will be available in the clubhouse until 3:00pm. Cash, credit or reciprocal charge for all food purchases.

Hosted Player Lunches on July 11-13

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

Directions to the Country Club of Birmingham

<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>

Country Club of Birmingham 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) may be conducted only in parked, closed vehicles or where Club telephones are located.

- *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 or reciprocal charges for practice round fees and for food & beverage purchases. For golf shop equipment or merchandise purchases, MasterCard/Visa or American Express may be used.

Practice Rounds and Practice Facility

Official practice rounds will be on Tuesday, July 10. You must call the golf shop (205-803-4225) 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 \$30.00 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 11 will be available on July 6 by 5:00pm. Check the AGA website at 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.

Tuesday, July 10	Registration and Practice Rounds
Wednesday, July 11	7:30AM – 1 st Round, 18-hole stroke play qualifier for all divisions to determine positions for match play.
Thursday, July 12	7:30AM – Championship Division: (AM) Round of 16. (PM) Quarterfinals and Consolation Quarterfinals. Tournament and Senior Divisions: (AM) Semifinals.
Friday, July 13	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

- *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

- *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

Course Rating: 75.9/143

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	378	360	389	453	157	344	337	141	373	2932	441	165	339	151	356	490	382	371	375	3070	6002
Par	4	4	4	5	3	4	4	3	4	35	5	3	4	3	4	5	4	4	4	36	71

Tournament Division

Course Rating: 71.0/133

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	300	312	301	453	126	307	307	141	314	2561	441	127	282	120	299	458	336	371	291	2725	5286
Par	4	4	4	5	3	4	4	3	4	35	5	3	4	3	4	5	4	4	4	36	71

Senior Division

Course Rating: 69.1/129

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	300	220	301	453	126	307	260	141	314	2422	441	127	233	107	299	458	283	277	291	2516	4938
Par	4	4	4	5	3	4	4	3	4	35	5	3	4	3	4	5	4	4	4	36	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 10, 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., Tuesday, July 10, 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

Country Club of Birmingham Golf Shop: 205-803-4225