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TO: 28<sup>th</sup> 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

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The Alabama Golf Association looks forward to seeing you at the 28<sup>th</sup> playing of the Alabama Women's Stroke Play Championship at Canebrake Club in Athens, AL from June 20-22, 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](mailto:adam@alabamagolf.org). We hope you have a great championship!

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

### Championship History

This year marks the 28<sup>th</sup> playing of the Alabama Women's Stroke Play Championship and the second time that Canebrake Club has hosted the Women's Stroke Play Championship. Alison Hovatter of Meridianville won the title in 2014 the last time the event was played at Canebrake Club. The Championship was first played in 1990 at Gulf Shores Country Club in Gulf Shores, AL with Virginia Derby winning the inaugural championship. Cammie Gray of Northport claimed her third stroke play championship victory by winning the title in 2017 at NorthRiver Yacht Club in Tuscaloosa, AL.

### Championship Registration

Players should sign the host plaque outside of the Pro Shop on Tuesday, June 19 from 8:00am-4:00pm.

### Canebrake Club Information

General Manager/Director of Golf: Micky Wolfe, PGA  
Course Superintendent: Ben Waide  
Physical Address: 23015 Founders Circle, Athens, AL 35613  
Club Website: [www.canebrakeclub.com](http://www.canebrakeclub.com)  
Golf Shop Phone: 256-232-2412  
Golf Shop Hours: 6:30am-7:00pm  
Practice Facility Hours: 6:00am-7:00pm  
Food & Beverage Hours: 8:00am-5:00pm  
Championship Yardage/Course & Slope Rating: 6006 yards (36-36—72), 74.7/134  
Tournament Yardage/Course & Slope Rating: 5281 yards (36-36—72), 70.4/123  
Senior Yardage/Course & Slope Rating: 4229 yards (36-36—72), 64.5/106  
Course Architect: Ron Garl  
Course Turfgrass: Putting Greens (Tiffeagle), Fairways/Tees/Rough (Bermuda)

### Food and Beverage

All food and beverage consumed on club grounds must be purchased at the Canebrake Grille. The Canebrake Grille will be open to service all food needs beginning at 8:00am each morning.

### Hosted Player Lunch on June 20-22

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

### Directions to Canebrake Club

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Canebrake+Club>

### Lodging

There are a number of hotels near the course. Check online for best rate:

[Affinity Travel Benefits](#)

### Canebrake 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, June 19. You must call the golf shop (256-232-2412) 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 \$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 June 20 will be available on June 15 by 5:00pm. Check the AGA website at [www.alabamagolf.org](http://www.alabamagolf.org) or call the AGA office.

### Championship Format and Schedule

Championship is conducted at 54 holes of stroke play. Three Divisions: Championship, Tournament, Senior, with the overall champion being the lowest score for 54 holes in the Championship Division. Tournament and Senior Divisions will be flighted after 36 holes by score if necessary. In the event of a tie for the Championship, a hole-by-hole play-off will be held immediately following play. Any other ties in all other flights, will be resolved by matching scorecards according to the USGA recommendation shown in Appendix I of the current Rules of Golf, How to Decide Ties.

Tuesday, June 19	Registration and Practice Rounds for players (all day)
Wednesday, June 20	Round 1: Tee times at 7:30-9:30am off #1 & #10 tees.
Thursday, June 21	Round 2: Tee times at 7:30-9:30am off #1 & #10 tees.
Friday, June 22	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

- *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 be 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 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)

Canebrake – Championship Division (Red AGA)

Course Rating: 74.7/134

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	348	493	152	340	377	294	489	172	355	3020	355	385	482	148	330	351	353	150	431	2985	6005
Par	4	5	3	4	4	4	5	3	4	36	4	4	5	3	4	4	4	3	5	36	72

Canebrake – Tournament Division (Blue AGA)

Course Rating: 69.3/120

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	315	403	115	271	268	235	473	122	327	2529	274	346	470	114	284	245	336	111	381	2561	5090
Par	4	5	3	4	4	4	5	3	4	36	4	4	5	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., Tuesday, June 19, 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, June 19, 2018**. 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

Canebrake Club: 256-232-2412