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TO: 37th Alabama State Four-Ball Championship Contestants
FROM: Brian Scheufler, Alabama Golf Association
DATE: January 1, 2019
TOPIC: State Four-Ball Championship Player Information

The Alabama Golf Association looks forward to seeing you at the 37th playing of the State Four-Ball Championship at Huntsville Country Club in Huntsville, AL from May 2-5, 2019. 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 brian@alabamagolf.org. We hope you have a great championship!

Championship Website: <http://www.alabamagolf.org/2019-championships>

Championship History

This year marks the 37th playing of the Alabama State Four-Ball Championship and the first time Huntsville Country Club has hosted the State Four-Ball Championship. Will Swift of Vestavia Hills & Clay Guerin of Hoover won the title in 2018 at Indian Hills Country Club. The Championship was first played in 1983 with Benjamin Dowdy & Joe Terrell winning the inaugural event. Dowdy & Terrell went on to win a total of 4 times, giving them the most Four-Ball titles in State history.

Championship Registration

Players should sign the host plaque in the clubhouse outside of the Pro Shop on Wednesday, May 1 from 9:00am-4:00pm.

Huntsville Country Club Information

PGA Head Golf Professional: Brad Story
Course Superintendent: Drew Atchley
Physical Address: 2601 Oakwood Ave NW, Huntsville, AL 35810
Club Website: <http://hcc1925.com/>
Golf Shop Phone: 256-859-3110
Golf Shop Hours: 7:00am-6:00pm
Practice Facility Hours: 7:00am-6:00pm
Food & Beverage Hours: Wed-Fri 10:00am-8:00pm; Sat-Sun 7:00am-6:00pm
Championship Yardage: 6772 yards. Par 36-35—71
Course/Slope Rating: 72.3/129
Course Turfgrass: Tees/Fairways, Rough (419 Bermuda); Putting Greens (Jones Dwarf Bermuda)

Food and Beverage

All food and beverage consumed on club grounds must be purchased at Huntsville Country Club.

Map to Huntsville Country Club

<https://goo.gl/maps/hsSLeg8TnnS2>

Lodging

<http://post.affinitytravelbenefits.com/v6/home?siteid=36777&theme=tournament>

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, Credit card or reciprocal for Golf Shop.**

Practice Rounds and Practice Facility

You are entitled to one practice round on May 1. You may call the golf shop 256-859-3110 on or after April 24 to reserve a practice round tee time. Make sure to identify yourself as an Alabama 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/player 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 May 2-3 will be available by April 26 by 5:00pm. Check the AGA website at www.alabamagolf.org or call the AGA office.

Championship Format and Schedule

- 36 holes of gross four-ball stroke play to determine 16 sides for match play. A tie for the last qualifier's place (16th seed) will be decided immediately by a hole-by-hole play-off. Players are responsible for making themselves available at the scoreboard for play-off instructions. Play-off holes and their order of play will be determined by the Committee.
- Match Play Seeding: General numerical draw will be used. For purposes of determining places in the draw, ties in qualifying rounds will be decided by lot.
- Match Play stipulated round is 18 holes. In the event of a match standing all square after 18 holes, the stipulated round is deemed to extend on a hole-by-hole basis until a winner is determined.

Wednesday, May 1	Tee times available for practice.
Thursday, May 2	7:30 AM - First round of four-ball stroke play qualifying. 12:00PM – First round of four-ball stroke play qualifying.
Friday, May 3	7:30 AM - Second round of four-ball stroke play qualifying. 12:00PM – Second round of four-ball stroke play qualifying. Field cut to low 16 sides for match play.
Saturday, May 4	7:30 AM - Round of 16 Matches. 12:00 PM – Quarterfinal Matches.
Sunday, May 5	7:30 AM - Semifinal Matches. 12:00 PM - Final Match.

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. Following the lead of the USGA, the AGA has developed a pace of play policy, based on Rule 5.6b and Model Local Rule 8K that is fair to every competitor.

*Note: a group may receive a "friendly reminder" of their position regardless of pace of play guidelines.

Maximum Allowable Time

The maximum allowable time is the maximum time considered necessary by the Committee for a group to complete its round. This is expressed in a per-hole and aggregate time format and includes all time associated with playing the game, e.g., for rulings and walking times between holes.

Both the specific maximum time allotted per hole and for the completion of 18 holes at AGA championships will be denoted on each player's AGA issued scorecard.

See the complete [AGA Pace of Play Policy](#) for the procedure if a group is "out of position" and penalty for breach of Pace of Play Policy.

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

- *Stroke Play Qualifying Rounds:* Lowest Scoring Side for 36 Holes: Silver medals; if a tie, duplicate medals will be awarded.
- *Match Play:* Awards will be presented to the Champions and Runners-Up. Merchandise prizes are awarded to top finishers. Champions will have their names engraved on the *Harry Pritchett Trophy* and may take possession of the trophy for the ensuing year.
- 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.

Exemptions Earned

- Champions receive a 5-year exemption into the Alabama State Amateur (2019-2023).
- Runners-Up receive an exemption into 2019 Alabama State Amateur.

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

Course Rating: 72.3 /129

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	430	498	419	162	445	518	420	196	392	3480	166	548	483	389	545	216	384	189	372	3292	6772
Par	4	5	4	3	4	5	4	3	4	36	3	5	4	4	5	3	4	3	4	35	71

*AGA may use the following tee locations in addition to the above yardages as conditions warrant: Hole #12 (451). Multiple tees may be used on par-3 holes.

Championship Policies

- [AGA Code of Conduct](#)
- [AGA Tournament Manual](#)
- This is a soft-spike facility. The penalty for non-compliance is disqualification.

Withdrawals

If an accepted side withdraws for any reason before the close of registration at 11:59pm on Tuesday, April 23, 2019, the entry fee will be refunded, subject to a \$30.00 service fee. If an accepted side withdraws for any reason after the close of registration and before 11:59pm on Monday, April 29, 2019, 50% of the entry fee will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after Monday, April 29, 2019. To withdraw from the event before the close of registration, follow these steps:

- 1) Navigate to the [Championship Website Portal](#).
- 2) Sign In to your AGA Tournament Registration Account.
- 3) Click "Edit Registration" from left side of the page.
- 4) Choose "Cancel Registration" under dropdown menu on right side of page.

To withdraw from the event after the close of registration, complete the [Online Tournament Withdrawal Form](#).

*Note: AGA will process your withdrawal and applicable refund within 72 hours.

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 on our Twitter account. Follow @bamagolf.

Phone Numbers

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