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TO: 56th Alabama Girls State Junior Amateur Championship Contestants
FROM: Jeremy Gardner, Alabama Golf Association
DATE: January 1, 2019
TOPIC: Girls State Junior Championship Player Information

The Alabama Golf Association looks forward to seeing you at the 56th playing of the Alabama Girls State Junior Championship at Goose Pond Colony Resort in Scottsboro, AL from June 24-26, 2019. Please review the following championship information. Remember that we are guests of the club, we 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. We hope you have a great championship!

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

Championship History

This year marks the 56th playing of the Alabama Girls State Junior Amateur Championship and the first time that Goose Pond Colony Resort-Lakes Course has hosted the Girls State Junior Amateur Championship. Micheala Morard of Huntsville won the title in 2018 at Montgomery Country Club. The Championship was first played in 1963 with Judy Jehle winning the inaugural event. Martha Lang holds the record with 4 victories (1967-1970).

Championship Registration

Players should sign the host plaque in the clubhouse outside of the Pro Shop on Sunday, June 23 from 9:00am-4:00pm.

Goose Pond Colony Resort Information

Director of Golf: Ashley Parrett
Course Superintendent: Chris Settles
Physical Address: 417 Ed Hembree Dr Scottsboro, AL 35769
Club Website: www.goosepond.org
Golf Shop Phone: 256-912-0063
Golf Shop Hours: 7:00am-6:00pm
Practice Facility Hours: 6:30am-6:00pm
Food & Beverage Hours: 6:30am-6:00pm
Championship Yardage: 14-18: 5701 yards 12-13: 5385 yards 8-11: 5270 yards
Course/Slope Rating: 14-18: 72.6/120, 12-13: 70.5/116, 8-11: 70.2/115
Course Architect: George Cobb
Course Turfgrass: Tees/Fairways/Rough (419 Bermuda); Putting Greens (Bermuda)

Food and Beverage

All food and beverage consumed on club grounds must be purchased at Goose Pond Colony. The Grill will be open to service all food needs beginning at 6:30am each morning.

Hosted Player Lunch on June 24-26

The AGA will provide lunch for players after each championship round in the clubhouse. Lunch is for players only. Caddies and spectators may purchase food and beverage in the grill.

Directions to Goose Pond Colony Resort-Lakes Course

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

Lodging

There are a number of hotels near the course. Check online for the best rate.
<http://post.affinitytravelbenefits.com/v6/home?siteid=36777&theme=tournament>

Goose Pond has on site lodging as well. Call 256-912-0592 for lodging reservations or go to <http://goosepond.org/facilities>

Goose Pond Colony Resort-Lakes Course 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.

Accepted Forms of Payment: Club accepts cash and credit card. MasterCard/Visa or American Express may be used.

Soft Spike Policy: This is a soft-spike facility. The penalty for non-compliance is disqualification.

Practice Rounds and Practice Facility

Official practice rounds will be on Sunday, June 23. You must call the golf shop (256-912-0063) to schedule your practice round for this day. Make sure to identify yourself as an Alabama Girls' State Junior 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. 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 24 will be available on June 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 54 holes of stroke play for players age 12-18. 27 holes (9 each day) for players age 8-11. Players in the 14-18 Age Division will play the same tees and will be eligible to win the overall Championship. The lowest score for 54 holes in either the 14-15 or 16-18 Age Divisions will be the Champion. In the event of a tie for the overall Championship only, a hole by hole play-off will be held immediately following play. The play-off holes and their order of play will be determined by the Committee.

Sunday, June 23	All Day: Practice rounds. 9:00am-4:00pm: Player Registration in the Clubhouse Foyer adjacent to the golf shop.
Monday, June 25	Round 1: Tee times at 7:30am off #1 & #10 tees Hosted player lunch in the Clubhouse after play Field re-grouped according to score.
Tuesday, June 26	Round 2: Tee times at 7:30am off #1 & #10 tees Hosted player lunch in the Clubhouse after play Clubhouse Field re-grouped according to score.
Wednesday, June 27	Round 3: Tee times at 7:30am off #1 & #10 tees Hosted player lunch in the Clubhouse after play Awards ceremony immediately following play at scoreboard.

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.

- 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.

Range Fees; Push Carts

- *Practice Rounds:* Practice round fees are not included in the entry fee.
- *Championship Site:* All range fees during the championship rounds are paid by the AGA and are included in the entry fee. Competitors must walk during championship rounds. Push carts are allowed.

Caddies

- *Caddies:* Caddies are allowed, **provided the caddie is 18 years old or under** and will be denoted by wearing an AGA issued caddie bib. Caddies will not be available at host club. Caddies will be held to the same dress and code of conduct policies as the player.
- *Caddie/Spectator Cart Policy:* Caddies must walk during the championship rounds.

Spectators

- *Spectator Cart Policy:* AGA defers to host club policy in regards to allowing spectator carts at junior championships. If spectator carts are allowed, they will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- *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.
- Non-club owned spectator carts are not allowed except as provided in the [AGA Tournament Manual](#).

Prizes & Awards

- Awards will be presented to the low scorer posting a 27-hole total in the 8-11 Age Division, the low 2 scorers posting 54-hole totals in the 12-13 Age Division, the low scorer posting a 54-hole total in the 14-15 Age Division, the low scorer posting a 54-hole total in the 16-18 Age Division, and the top 5 scorers in the Overall Division (14-18), which includes the overall Champion. In addition, the Champion will have their name engraved on the *Bee McWane Trophy* housed at the AGA office.

Exemptions Earned

- Champion receives automatic spot on 2019 Southern Junior Cup Team
- Champion receives exemption into Alabama Girls State Junior for remainder of eligibility
- Champion receives a five-year (2019-2023) exemption into the Alabama Women’s State Amateur Championship
- Champion receives an exemption into the 2019 Chenal Junior Invitational
- Champion receives exemption into 2020 LJT Texas Girls Invitational
- Champion receives AJGA exemptions (see AJGA.org website)

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

14-18 Age Division

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	365	510	168	365	346	345	445	170	340	3054	455	339	311	155	353	458	143	390	315	2919	5973
Par	4	5	3	4	4	4	5	3	4	36	5	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	4	36	72

12-13 Age Division

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	303	406	135	316	305	315	430	118	336	2664	450	335	307	151	297	410	139	321	311	2721	5385
Par	4	5	3	4	4	4	5	3	4	36	5	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	4	36	72

8-11 Age Division

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	303	375	100	312	301	311	430	114	336	2582	425	335	307	151	293	406	139	321	311	2688	5270
Par	4	5	3	4	4	4	5	3	4	36	5	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	4	36	72

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 player withdraws for any reason before the close of registration at **11:59pm on Tuesday, June 18, 2019**, the entry fee will be refunded, subject to a \$30.00 service fee. If an accepted player withdraws for any reason after the close of registration and before **11:59pm on Friday, June 21, 2019**, 50% of the entry fee will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after **Friday, June 21, 2019**.

To withdraw from the event before the close of registration, follow these steps:

1. Navigate to the [Championship Website Portal](#)
2. Log into your USGATM Account
3. Click "Edit Registration"
4. Choose Cancel Registration under the dropdown menu on the right side of the page

To withdraw from the event after the close of registration, fill out the form here: [Online Tournament Withdrawal Form](#)

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

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 @alabamagolf.

Phone Numbers

Alabama Golf Association: 205-979-1234

Goose Pond Colony Resort: 256-912-0063