



ALABAMA GOLF ASSOCIATION

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TO: 1st Alabama State Mixed-Team Contestants
FROM: Brian Scheufler, Alabama Golf Association
DATE: January 1, 2019
TOPIC: State Mixed-Team Championship Player Information

The Alabama Golf Association looks forward to seeing you at the 1st playing of the State Mixed-Team at Kiva Dunes in Gulf Shores, AL on Saturday, September 14 and Sunday, September 15, 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.

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

Championship Registration

Players should sign the host plaque in the clubhouse outside of the Pro Shop on Friday, September 13.

Kiva Dunes Information

Director of Golf: Mark Stillings

Course Superintendent: Zeke Mims

Physical Address: 815 Plantation Rd, Gulf Shores, AL 36542

Club Website: <https://www.kivadunes.com/>

Golf Shop Phone: 251-540-7000

Golf Shop Hours: 7AM-7PM

Practice Facility Hours: 7AM-6PM

Food & Beverage Hours: 6AM-8PM

Championship Yardage: Amateur Division Males; Professional/Open/Senior Division Males: 6200 yards

Senior Division Males; Amateur Division Females; Professional/Open Division Females: 5600 yards

Senior/Senior Open Division Females: 5000 yards

Food and Beverage

All food and beverage consumed on club grounds must be purchased at Kiva Dunes.

Map to Kiva Dunes

<https://goo.gl/maps/Y4vAixaxKNH2>

Lodging

Kiva Dunes has provided a great discount to us for on-site lodging. Please call the reservations office at (251) 540-7100 and identify yourself as an Alabama State Mixed-Team participant to receive the Championship pricing (see below):

3 nights:

2 bedrooms: \$625.00

3 bedrooms: \$845.00

4 bedrooms: \$1095.00

2 nights:

2 bedrooms: \$455.00

3 bedrooms: \$630.00

4 bedrooms: \$810.00

All totals include taxes and fees.

Kiva Dunes 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 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.**

Practice Rounds and Practice Facility

You are entitled to **one** discounted practice round between September 6 and September 13. You must call the golf shop 251-540-7000 in advance to reserve a practice round tee time. You may begin calling for a practice round time on August 19 and make sure to identify yourself as an Alabama State Mixed-Team 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 will be available by 5:00pm Friday, September 6. Check the AGA website at www.alabamagolf.org or call the AGA office.

Championship Format (Updated 7/26/19)

- Championship is 36 holes of flighted gross stroke play using two different scoring formats.
- Round one is 18 holes of Four-Ball stroke play.
- Round two is 18 holes of modified alternate shot stroke play. Each side plays alternate shot except that both team members hit from their designated tee and then select the ball to be played. A side must complete the hole with the ball selected.

Teams select the division in which to compete if eligible:

Amateur Division: Side comprised of two amateurs. Champion is the team posting the lowest 36-hole gross score. Flights are determined based on number of entries using 50% team Handicap Index.

Senior Division: Side comprised of two amateurs who have both reached their 50th birthday by September 14, 2019. Champion is the team posting the lowest 36-hole gross score. Flights are determined based on number of entries using 50% team Handicap Index.

Open Division: Side comprised of one golf professional and one amateur (or an amateur awaiting reinstatement "A/R").

Senior Open Division: Side comprised of one golf professional and one amateur (or an amateur awaiting reinstatement "A/R") who have both reached their 50th birthday by September 14, 2019.

Approximate yardage (*Note yardage is subject to change)

Amateur Division Males; Professional/Open/Senior Open Division Males: 6200 yards

Senior Division Males; Amateur Division Females; Professional/Open Division Females: 5600 yards

Senior/Senior Open Division Females: 5000 yards

Note: AGA reserves the right to adjust format dependent upon the number of entries

CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Friday, September 13

Tee times available for practice rounds.

Saturday, September 14

Championship Round 1 – 18 holes of Four-Ball Stroke Play (AM Tee Times)

Hosted Player Lunch

Sunday, September 15

Championship Round 2 – 18 holes of Modified Alternate Shot Stroke Play (AM Tee Times)

Hosted Player Lunch

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

- *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. Cart use is mandatory for the championship round.

Caddies

- *Caddies:* Caddies are not allowed for championship rounds

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

- Trophies and merchandise is awarded to the overall champion in each division and winner in each flight.
- In the event of a tie for the overall champion in each division, 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.
- Merchandise is distributed to top teams in each amateur flight. Open division merchandise is distributed based on the size of the field to both professionals and amateurs.
- Ties for merchandise prizes are split except for the overall champion in each division (determined by an on-course playoff) and winner in each flight (determined by a score card playoff using the USGA recommended tie-breaker method).
- 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.

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

Amateur Division Males; Professional/Open/Senior Open Division Males

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	378	484	155	277	504	376	388	137	412	3111	337	341	379	150	463	506	377	194	354	3101	6212
Par	4	5	3	4	5	4	4	3	4	36	4	4	4	3	5	5	4	3	4	36	72

Amateur Division Females; Professional/ Open Division Females; Senior Division Males

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	324	474	148	260	451	343	388	137	373	2898	295	276	311	135	449	401	337	152	354	2710	5608
Par	4	5	3	4	5	4	4	3	4	36	4	4	4	3	5	5	4	3	4	36	72

Senior/Senior Open Division Females

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	263	427	109	222	416	301	358	94	318	2508	261	274	311	90	405	399	320	123	320	2503	5011
Par	4	5	3	4	5	4	4	3	4	36	4	4	4	3	5	5	4	3	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 side withdraws for any reason before the close of registration at **11:59pm on Tuesday, September 3, 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 Wednesday, September 11, 2019**, 50% of the entry fee will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after **Wednesday, September 11, 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

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 to our Twitter account. Follow at [@bamagolf](#).

Phone Numbers

Alabama Golf Association: 205-979-1234

Kiva Dunes: 251-540-7000