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Please review the following information for the **Alabama Men's State Amateur Championship Sectional Qualifier** at Cottonwood Golf Club in Montgomery on Tuesday, May 7, 2019. Remember that we are guests of the club and we need to conduct ourselves in a proper manner. Good luck and we look forward to seeing you soon.

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

Sectional Qualifying and Championship Site Cart/Range Fees: Your sectional qualifying cart/range fee is included in the entry fee and paid by the AGA. For players who successfully qualify, the AGA will charge the credit card used to register for sectional qualifying the remaining championship balance of \$160.00. Cart/range fees for championship rounds at the Championship site will be paid by the AGA.

Host Club Information:

Golf Professional: Talbert Griffin
Superintendent: Erik Vogler
Golf Shop Phone: 334-281-3344
Club Address: 7160 Byron Nelson Blvd, Montgomery, AL 36116
Map to Club: <https://goo.gl/maps/WbJ72Vabl9E2>

Host 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 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.

AGA Official-in-Charge: Brian Scheufler; Phone: 205 979-1234; E-mail: brian@alabamagolf.org

Championship Policies

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

Changing Qualifying Sites: A player may change his qualifying site until the close of entries on April 30. Site changes are not allowed after entries are closed.

Withdrawals

If an accepted player withdraws for any reason before the close of registration at 11:59pm on Tuesday, April 30, 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 Saturday, May 4, 2019, 50% of the entry fee will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after Saturday, May 4, 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

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.

Practice Rounds: You are entitled to one practice round from May 1-6 when tee times are available. The mandatory cart/range fee is \$30.00. You may begin calling for practice tee times on May 1. Make sure to identify yourself as an Alabama State Amateur participant when calling. It will be helpful if you contact other qualifier participants and make your own game before calling. Play the Blue tees during your practice round. Par is 36-36—72. Approximate yardage is 6700 yards. Yardage is subject to change.

Starting Times: Qualifying round starting times will be available beginning Friday, May 3 before 5:00pm on the AGA website <http://www.alabamagolf.org/2019-championships>. Qualifier tee times are from 8:00am off the 1st tee. Be at your assigned tee ready to play a few minutes before your tee time.

Caddies, Walking and Pull-carts: Caddies are permitted during the qualifying round but only two carts are allowed per group or one cart if there are two players in a pairing. You may use a golf cart or walk during the qualifying round. 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. Pull-carts are allowed.

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](#).

Qualifying Spots and Medalist: The number of qualifying spots will be determined after the close of entries based upon the number of participants at each qualifying site. There are no playoffs therefore all ties for the last spot will qualify. We will take two alternate positions from this qualifying site. Ties for any alternate position will be decided by a scorecard playoff (Back nine, last six, last three, last hole). The number of qualifying spots will be posted when starting times and groupings are released. The medalist and anyone tying for medalist each receive a medal.

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.

Score Posting: The AGA will automatically post your adjusted gross score back to your home club handicap following the qualifier.

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.

Lodging

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