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TO: 22nd Alabama State Senior Amateur Championship Contestants
FROM: Brian Scheufler, Alabama Golf Association
DATE: January 1, 2019
TOPIC: State Senior Championship Player Information

The Alabama Golf Association looks forward to seeing you at the 22nd playing of the State Senior Amateur Championship at Riverchase Country Club in Birmingham, AL from May 17-19, 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 22nd playing of the Alabama State Senior Championship and the second time that Riverchase Country Club has hosted the State Senior Championship (2008-Bob Dumas). Claud Cooper of Birmingham won the title in 2018 at Moore's Mill Club. The Championship was first played in 1998 with Sam Farlow winning the inaugural event. Farlow of Birmingham holds the record with 6 victories (1998, 2000-2004).

Championship Registration

Players should sign the host plaque in the clubhouse on Thursday, May 16 from 9:00am-4:00pm.

Riverchase Country Club Information

Head Golf Professional: John Carney
Course Superintendent: Todd Daniel
Physical Address: 2000 Club Rd, Hoover, AL 35244
Club Website: <http://www.riverchasecc.com/>
Golf Shop Phone: 205 988-4140
Golf Shop Hours: Wednesday through Monday 8:00am – 6:00pm
Practice Facility Hours: 7:30am-7:00pm
Food & Beverage Hours: 7:00am-7:00pm
Championship Yardage: 6515 yards, par 36-36--72
Course/Slope Rating: 71.9/139
Course Architect: Jerry Pate
Course Turfgrass: Tees/Fairways, Rough (419 Bermuda); Putting Greens (A-1 Bent)

Food and Beverage

All food and beverage consumed on club grounds must be purchased Riverchase Country Club. Food and beverage service will be available in the clubhouse from 7:00am until 7:00pm. Cash or credit card (No Amex) for all food purchases.

Directions to Riverchase Country Club

<https://goo.gl/maps/o6hhcYiWcG32>

Lodging

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

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

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 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 or credit card (No Amex) for practice round fees, merchandise. Cash or credit card (No Amex) for food & beverage purchases.

Practice Rounds and Practice Facility

You are entitled to one practice round on May 16th (club may allow practice round on another date). You may call the golf shop (205 988-4140) beginning on May 9 to reserve a practice round tee time. Make sure to identify yourself as an Alabama State Senior Amateur 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 May 17-18 will be available by May 10 by 5:00pm. Check the AGA website at www.alabamagolf.org or call the AGA office.

Championship Format and Schedule

- 54 holes of gross individual stroke play. Players in the 50-56 and 57-64 Age Divisions will play the championship tees and eligible to win the Championship.
- The field will be cut to the low 48 players and ties after 36 holes. For the purpose of applying the cut, the 50-56 and 57-64 Age Divisions will be treated as one division (overall).
- The lowest score for 54 holes in either 50-56 or 57-64 Age Divisions will be the Champion.
- In the event of a tie for the Championship, a hole-by-hole play-off will be held immediately following play. The play-off holes and order of play will be determined by the AGA. All other ties will be split equally.
- Initial groupings will be for the first two rounds. Following the cut, the field will be re-paired by score for the final round.

Thursday, May 16	Registration & Practice Rounds
Friday, May 17	Round 1: Tee times at 7:30am & 12:30pm off #1 & #10 tees. 18 holes Stroke Play
Saturday, May 18	Round 2: Tee times begin at 7:30am & 12:30pm off #1 & #10 tees. 18 holes Stroke Play Field cut to low 48 players and ties. Field re-grouped according to score.
Sunday, May 19	Final Round: Tee times begin at 7:30am off #1 & #10 tees. 18 holes Stroke 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. 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

Awards will be presented to the top three Overall finishers and winners from each age division. Merchandise prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in the Overall Championship and 65+ Division. Overall Champion will have his name engraved on the permanent trophy and may take possession of the trophy for the ensuing year.

Exemptions Earned

- Champion receives a 5-year exemption into the Alabama State Amateur (2019-2023).
- Champion receives an exemption into the 2019 Alabama State Match Play Championship.
- Champion receives an exemption into the 2019 Alabama State Mid-Amateur Championship

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

Championship Tees

Course Rating 71.9/139

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	364	514	165	358	351	177	383	522	401	3235	369	482	144	399	399	184	508	380	431	3296	6531
Par	4	5	3	4	4	3	4	5	4	36	4	5	3	4	4	3	5	4	4	36	72

*AGA may use the following tee locations in addition to the above yardages as conditions warrant: Hole #9 (375), Hole #18 (380). 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 player withdraws for any reason before the close of registration at 11:59pm on Tuesday, May 7, 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 Tuesday, May 14, 2019, 50% of the entry fee will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after Tuesday, May 14, 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.

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

Alabama Golf Association: 205-979-1234

Riverchase Country Club: 205 988-4140