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TO: 12th Alabama Women's State Four-Ball Championship Contestants
FROM: Adam Powell, Alabama Golf Association
DATE: January 1, 2019
TOPIC: Women's State Four-Ball Championship Player Information

The Alabama Golf Association looks forward to seeing you at the 12th playing of the Alabama Women's State Four-Ball Championship at Gadsden Country Club in Gadsden, AL from July 24-25, 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 adam@alabamagolf.org. We hope you have a great championship!

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

Championship History

This year marks the 12th playing of the Alabama Women's State Four-Ball Championship and the first time that Gadsden Country Club has hosted the Women's State Four-Ball Championship. The team of Sophie Burks of Montgomery and Mary Kate Horton of Birmingham defended their title in 2018 at Peninsula Golf & Racquet Club in Gulf Shores, AL. The Championship was first played in 2008 at Old Overton Club in Birmingham, AL with Kathy Hartwiger and Missy Gooden winning the inaugural event.

Championship Registration

Players should sign the host plaque in the Pro Shop on Tuesday, July 23rd from 8:00am-4:00pm.

Gadsden Country Club Information

General Manager/Head Golf Professional: Matt Ganshaw, PGA

Course Superintendent: Ronnie Turner, GCSAA

Physical Address: 1884 Rainbow Drive, Gadsden, AL 35901

Club Website: www.thegadsdencountryclub.com

Golf Shop Phone: 256-546-0451

Golf Shop Hours: 6:00am-6:30pm

Practice Facility Hours: 6:30am-6:30pm

Food & Beverage Hours: 6:30am-8:30pm

Championship Yardage/Course/Slope Rating: 6040 yards, 74.7/128

Tournament Yardage/Course/Slope Rating: 5317, 70.5/120

Course Architect: Bill Bergin

Course Turfgrass: Putting Greens (Bent), Fairways/Tees: (Bermuda), Rough: (Bermuda)

Food and Beverage

All food and beverage consumed on club grounds must be purchased at Gadsden Country Club. The grill will be open to service all food needs beginning at 6:30am each morning.

Hosted Player Lunch on July 24-25

The AGA will provide lunch for players each day of the championship in the grill.

Directions to Gadsden Country Club

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

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>

Gadsden Country 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 and Credit Card.**

Practice Rounds and Practice Facility

Official practice rounds will be on Tuesday, July 23. You must call the golf shop (256-545-0451) to schedule your practice round. Make sure to identify yourself as an Alabama Women's 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 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 July 24 will be available on July 19 by 5:00pm. Check the AGA website at www.alabamagolf.org or call the AGA office.

Championship Format and Schedule

Championship is conducted at 36 holes of gross four-ball stroke play. 2 Divisions: Championship and Tournament. Tournament Division will be flighted after 18 holes based on score if necessary. An on-course hole by hole play-off will be used to break a tie for the overall championship.

Tuesday, July 23 All Day: Practice rounds.
8:00am-4:00pm: Player Registration outside of the golf shop.

Wednesday, July 24 Round 1: 8:30 AM Shotgun Start
Hosted Player Lunch after Play in the grill.

Thursday, July 25 Round 2: 8:30 AM Shotgun Start
Awards ceremony immediately following play.
Hosted Player Lunch after Play in the grill.

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 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 team low gross winner in each flight within the Tournament Division. In the Championship division, awards will be presented to the champions and runner up. In addition, the Champions will have their names engraved on the *Jean H. Miller Trophy* and may take possession of the trophy for the ensuing year.

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

Championship Division (Red AGA Tee Markers)

Course/Slope Rating: 74.7/128

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	410	150	492	346	380	168	387	368	235	2936	359	354	484	151	498	157	352	359	390	3104	6040
Par	4	3	5	4	4	3	4	4	4	35	4	4	5	3	5	3	4	4	4	36	71

Tournament Division (Blue AGA Tee Markers)

Course/Slope Rating: 70.5/120

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	352	114	440	328	345	149	289	357	218	2592	346	306	403	125	459	128	330	306	322	2725	5317
Par	4	3	5	4	4	3	4	4	4	35	4	4	5	3	5	3	4	4	4	36	71

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, July 16, 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 Sunday, July 21, 2019, 50% of the entry fee will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after Sunday, July 21, 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.

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 @bamagolf.

Phone Numbers

Alabama Golf Association: 205-979-1234

Gadsden Country Club Golf Shop: 256-546-0451