



## Alabama State Amateur Championships Information for Players

*The Alabama Golf Association has adopted the following guidelines to protect the health and safety of players, spectators, AGA staff, host club personnel, and volunteers. Please contact an AGA staff member with any questions or concerns.*

### **Self-Screening and Social Distancing**

- All players, spectators, staff and volunteers must self-screen prior to being on-site at tournaments. Please stay at home if you are not feeling well, have a fever, or are experiencing any [COVID-19 symptoms](#). A full refund will be issued to encourage your safe cooperation.
- AGA Staff members will be temperature checked each morning prior to arriving at host facility.
- Social distancing, defined by at least a six-foot separation between people not from the same household, must be practiced by all attendees at the championship host site and will be enforced by the [AGA Code of Conduct](#).
  - Players and Spectators should refrain from touching at any time, including but not limited to, handshakes and/or hugging.

### **Facility Access**

- Players *should not* arrive at Saugahatchee Country Club more than 1-hour prior to their assigned Starting Time each day.
- Players will only be allowed to access the Practice Putting Green no more than 1-hour prior to their starting time and must adhere to Social Distancing Guidelines.
- Practice areas will not be available for use after the round and use is strictly prohibited. This will be enforced by the [AGA Code of Conduct](#).

### **Registration**

- Player Registration will be conducted on Tuesday, July 28th from 9:00am – 4:00pm and Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> from 7:00am – 10:00am. Players will receive their gift package that includes:
  - Imperial Hat (must make a visual selection and once touched it is yours)
  - Sanitized tournament supply package that includes a small supply of tees, (2) pencils, (1) AGA ball marker, (1) black pen (to sign host plaque), (1) PPE mask (for evacuation)
  - Host plaque will be available for signing using the individual black marker provided in your supply package.

## **Caddies and Spectators**

- Caddies will be allowed at this Championship.
- Due to limited availability, spectator carts will not be available at this Championship.
- Spectators are welcome to walk with a group by staying on or near a cart path or in the rough at all times while on the golf course. Please remember to follow social distancing guidelines. Spectators can assist in a ball search and provide items such as food or drinks to players.

## **Championship Materials**

- AGA will not provide sunscreen and bug spray for player use. Please bring your own supply.
- Tournament paperwork (rules sheet, Code of Conduct, hole locations) will be provided digitally via text, email, and championship website prior to each round. Players may also take a photo of a hard copy that will be available on the starting tee each day.
- A paper scorecard will be issued each round (see Scoring).

## **Scoring**

- Players should download the free *USGA Tournament Management (USGA TM)* app prior to arrival at the Starting Tee. Group GGIDs will be provided to players on the Starting Tee prior to their round. One member in each group will be asked to record every player's hole-by-hole scores in the USGA TM app during the round. Otherwise a caddie or spectator may be asked to assist.
- Players will be assigned a marker by the starter and receive an unofficial scorecard on the Starting Tee from a PPE masked staff member.
  - Scorecards will not be exchanged or manually signed. They are for score keeping purposes only.
  - Scores will be verbally certified with an AGA official in the scoring area.
  - Players will stand at an individually designated location in the scoring area at least six feet apart to review scores on the TV monitor and verbally certify their scores with the AGA official.
  - Players are asked to leave the club premises as soon as practical once their score has been certified.

## **Bunkers, Flagsticks and Hole Inserts**

- Bunker rakes may be removed from the golf course. Players that do not feel comfortable using the rakes are asked to use their foot or a club to smooth footprints when exiting the bunker enforced by the [AGA Code of Conduct](#). Any further bunker rules or procedures will be determined by AGA staff upon arrival at Saugahatchee and communicated to players prior to the first round.
- Players are encouraged to leave the flagstick in the hole at all times; however, players may remove the flagstick if they so choose.

- There will not be any items (e.g., PVC, foam, etc.) placed in the bottom of holes so golf balls will come to rest in the bottom of the hole.

### **Food & Beverage**

- AGA will not provide a complimentary player lunch at this Championship.
- Host club dining facilities will be open, but we ask players and spectators to limit their time dining and remember to social distance.

### **Bottled Water and Sanitation Stations**

- AGA will provide bottled water and sanitation stations in multiple locations for player use.
  - Players are encouraged to sanitize before and after touching water coolers.

### **Evacuation – Mask Requirement**

- In the event of a weather evacuation, players must have and wear a face covering (i.e.: Mask).
  - AGA will provide a disposable mask to each player as a part of their tournament supply package. Players should put the mask in their golf bag immediately after registration for easy access.

### **Awards Ceremony**

- AGA will limit attendance at an award ceremony to those specific players receiving an award and their immediate family members. Awards Ceremony will utilize a “touchless” process where players will be called individually to pick-up their award from the table.