

# Women's State Four-Ball/Women's State Senior Four-Ball Championships <u>Information for Players</u>

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 <u>COVID-19 symptoms</u>. A full refund will be
  issued to encourage your safe cooperation.
- 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 <u>AGA Code of Conduct</u>.
  - 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 Lakewood Golf Club more than 1-hour prior to their assigned Starting Time each day.

#### Registration

- Player Registration will be conducted on Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:00am-3:00pm in the clubhouse. 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 pen provided in your supply package.

#### **Caddies and Spectators**

- Caddies will be allowed at this Championship.
  - Caddies may ride with player during play, only if they are from the same household.
    - Example: A parent, sibling, or spouse (living in same home)
  - o If a caddie is not from the same household as the player, they must walk at all times.
- Due to limited availability, spectator carts <u>may not</u> be available at this Championship including ADA cart requests. We apologize for this inconvenience.

• 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 <u>will not</u> 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.
- Players will receive an unofficial scorecard on the Starting Tee from a PPE masked staff member.
  - o Paper scorecards will be handled by AGA staff with rubber gloves during printing.
  - Scorecards will not be exchanged or manually signed. They are for score keeping purposes only.
  - o 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 will be removed from the golf course but will be provided on a player's golf cart for each team. Any further bunker rules or procedures will be determined by AGA staff upon arrival at Lakewood 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.
- Players are encouraged to use hand sanitizer immediately after touching a flagstick or bunker rake.
- 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.
  - o 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.