



ALABAMA GOLF ASSOCIATION

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Please review the following information for the **Alabama State Amateur Qualifying** at Riverchase Country Club in Hoover on Monday, May 24, 2021. 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: <https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/2718230>

Qualifying and Championship Site Cart/Range Fees: Your 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 qualifying the remaining championship balance of \$185.00. Cart/range fees for championship rounds at the Championship site will be paid by the AGA.

Host Club Information:

Golf Professional: John Carney
Superintendent: Todd Daniel
Golf Shop Phone: 205 988-4140
Club Address: 2000 Club Rd, Hoover, AL 35244
Map to Club: <https://goo.gl/maps/o6hhcYjWcG32>

Host Club Policies

Cell Phone Policy: Use of cellular phones is prohibited on the golf course except for emergencies, a ruling, entering hole-by-hole scores, viewing tournament leaderboard or weather forecasts or using 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 carpool 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, always tucked in. 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. MasterCard/Visa or American Express may be used.

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 May 11. 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, May 11, 2021, 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 Friday, May 21, 2021, 50% of the entry fee will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after that time.

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 18-23 when tee times are available. The mandatory cart/range fee is \$35.00. You may begin calling for practice tee times on May 11. 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 21 before 5:00pm on the AGA website <https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/2718230>. Qualifier tee times are from 8:30am off the 1st and 10th tees. Be at your assigned tee ready to play a few minutes before your tee time.

Caddies: 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. 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.

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

[Affinity Travel Benefits](#)

- If you are not feeling well or have a fever you - Stay Home!
- AGA reserves the right to temperature check all persons coming onto property
- AGA reserves the right to limit the number of spectators coming onto property (Maximum of 2 per player)
- Appropriate social distancing should be maintained. All persons on property should not touch at any point unless from the same household (i.e. Handshakes or Hugging is discouraged)
- AGA reserves the right to remove all bunker rakes. Please do your best to smooth with your feet after use
- AGA reserves the right to remove the starters boxes (Tees, Sunscreen, Pencils, Bug Spray, etc.) from the starting tees
- AGA reserves the right to not provide bottled water on course, please plan accordingly
- AGA reserves the right to not allow the removal of flagsticks at any time
- AGA reserves the right to assign all players a designated "range time". Players cannot use the practice facilities outside of their assigned times
- AGA will not provide complimentary player lunch following the round
- AGA reserves the right to limit attendance of the awards ceremony strictly to players that are receiving an award
- AGA reserves the right to remove any person that does not following social distancing guidelines; including but not limited to, players and/or spectators