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TO: 1st Alabama Women's State Match Play Championship Contestants
FROM: Adam Powell, Alabama Golf Association
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TOPIC: Women's State Match Play Championship Player Information

The Alabama Golf Association looks forward to seeing you at the 1st playing of the Alabama Women's State Match Play Championship at Auburn University Club in Auburn, AL from July 9-11, 2024. 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](#)

Championship History

This year marks the 1st playing of the Alabama Women's State Match Play Championship.

Championship Registration

Players should sign the host plaque in the clubhouse outside of the grill on Monday, July 8th from 8:00am-3:00pm.

Auburn University Club Information

General Manager: Jimmy Green
Head Golf Professional: David Haven
Physical Address: 1650 Yarbrough Farms Blvd., Auburn, AL 36830
Club Website: www.augolfclub.com
Golf Shop Phone: 334-821-8381
Golf Shop Hours: 6:30am-7:00pm
Practice Facility Hours: 6:30am-7:00pm
Food & Beverage Hours: 11:00am-8:00pm
Championship Yardage/Course/Slope Rating: 5948 yards/74.9/137
Tournament Division Yardage/Course Rating/Slope Rating: 5509 yards/72.2/131
Course Architect: Bill Bergin

Food and Beverage

All food and beverage consumed on club grounds must be purchased at the AU Club Grille.

Directions to Auburn University Club

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/AUClub>

Lodging

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

[AGAccess Travel & Member Perks](#)

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 host club and we ask that players, caddies and family members car pool as much as possible due to club house construction.
- *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 Signature back to home club accounts.

Practice Rounds and Practice Facility

Official practice rounds will be on Monday, July 8. You must call the golf shop (334-821-8381) to schedule your practice round for that day. There may be availability the preceding week for practice rounds but must be scheduled with the Golf Shop. Make sure to identify yourself as an Alabama Women's State Match Play 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 \$35.00 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 July 9 will be available on July 5 by 5:00pm. Check the AGA website at www.alabamagolf.org or call the AGA office.

Championship Format and Schedule

18 holes of gross individual stroke play to determine seeding within each division. Championship Division will be cut to low 16 players from the stroke play qualifier that will compete for the overall championship. Remaining Championship Division players will be divided into flights of four (4). Tournament Division players will be divided into flights of four (4) to compete at match play based on qualifying round score. All players are guaranteed a minimum of two matches due to consolation brackets for each flight.

Monday, July 8	Registration and Practice Rounds
Tuesday, July 9	7:30AM – 1 st Round, 18-hole stroke play qualifier for all divisions to determine positions for match play.
Wednesday, July 10	7:30AM – Championship Division: (AM) Round of 16. (PM) Quarterfinals and Consolation Quarterfinals. Tournament Division: (AM) Semifinals.
Thursday, July 11	7:30AM – Championship Division:(AM) Semifinals and Consolation Semifinals. (PM) Final and Consolation Tournament Division: (AM) Finals and Consolation Finals.

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

- *Stroke Play Qualifying Rounds:* Lowest Scoring Player for 18 Holes in Championship Division: Silver medal; if a tie, duplicate medals will be awarded.
- *Match Play:* Awards will be presented to the Champion, runner-up and semi-finalists in the Championship Flight. All other flights will be awarded flight winner and consolation winner.

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

Championship Division – AGA Red Tee Markers

Course Rating: 74.9/137

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	353	154	370	465	385	326	452	160	349	3014	320	343	460	304	137	354	493	165	358	2934	5948
Par	4	3	4	5	4	4	5	3	4	36	4	4	5	4	3	4	5	3	4	36	72

Tournament Division – AGA Blue Tee Markers

Course Rating: 72.2/131

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	353	154	340	402	314	326	452	160	305	2806	320	343	413	304	137	296	448	140	302	2703	5509
Par	4	3	4	5	4	4	5	3	4	36	4	4	5	4	3	4	5	3	4	36	72

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, June 25, 2024, 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 Sunday, July 7, 2024, 75% 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.

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

Auburn University Club Golf Shop: 334-821-8381