

# SOUTHERN GOLF ASSOCIATION

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TO: 46<sup>th</sup> Southern Junior Championship Contestants  
FROM: Andy Priest, Southern Golf Association  
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TOPIC: Southern Junior Championship Player Information

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The Southern Golf Association looks forward to seeing you at the 46<sup>th</sup> playing of the Southern Junior Championship at Squire Creek Country Club in Choudrant, LA from June 13-15, 2018. 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 SGA office if you have any questions or e-mail me at [andy@southerngolf.org](mailto:andy@southerngolf.org). We hope you have a great championship!

**Championship Website:** <https://www.southerngolf.org/southern-junior>

### Championship History

This year marks the 46<sup>th</sup> playing of the Southern Junior Championship and the second time that Squire Creek Country Club has hosted the Southern Junior Championship (2010). Ethan Hagood, of Birmingham, Alabama won the title in 2017 at Willow Point Golf & Country Club in Alexander City, AL. The Championship was first played in 1973 with Buddy Rountree from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida winning the inaugural event. Charles Howell III, of Augusta, Georgia holds the record with 3 victories (1994-1996).

### Championship Registration

There will be a formal registration for all competitors in the clubhouse on Tuesday, June 12 from 8:00am-5:00pm. Please register to sign the host plaque, receive your player gift, and have your photo taken for website scoring.

### Squire Creek Country Club Information

General Manager: Rick Maier  
Director of Golf: Brad Pullin, PGA  
Course Superintendent: Nick Cauley  
Physical Address: 289 Squire Creek Parkway, Choudrant, LA 71227  
Club Website: [www.squirecreek.com](http://www.squirecreek.com)  
Golf Shop Phone: 318-768-7000  
Golf Shop Hours: 6:00am-7:00pm  
Practice Facility Hours: 6:30am-4:00pm  
Food & Beverage Hours: 6:30am-9:00pm  
Championship Yardage: 7074 yards  
Course/Slope Rating: 75.3/146  
Course Architect: Tom Fazio  
Course Turfgrass: Tees/Fairways, Rough (Tifway Bermuda); Putting Greens (TifEagle Bermuda)

### Directions to Squire Creek Country Club

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

### Food and Beverage

All food and beverage consumed on club grounds must be purchased at Squire Creek Country Club. The Fazio Grill will be open to service all food needs beginning at 6:30am each morning. Dinner service is available from 5:30pm-9:00pm with required advance reservations.

### Hosted Player Lunch on June 13-15

The SGA will provide lunch for players from 11:00am-3:00pm for each round of the championship (Wednesday-Friday) in the clubhouse. Hosted lunch is for players only.

### Lodging

Lodging is available at the following facilities for SGA participants. Please note that players are responsible for their own accommodations and transportation.

#### **Courtyard by Marriott Ruston**

Address: 1309 Maxwell Boulevard, Ruston, LA 72170  
Phone: 318-254-0067  
Rate: \$109+ tax/night  
Call by Date: 5/22/2018  
Group: Southern Junior Championship

**Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott of Ruston**

Address: 1707 Roberta Avenue, Ruston, LA 71270

Phone: 318-251-9800

Rate: \$95+ tax/night

Call by Date: 5/22/2018

Group: Southern Junior Championship

[Book your group rate for SOUTHERN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP](#)**Hampton Inn by Hilton Ruston**

Address: 1315 N. Trenton, Ruston, LA 71270

Phone: 318-251-3090

Rate: \$99+ tax/night

Call by Date: 5/29/2018

Group: Southern Golf Association

**Holiday Inn Express & Suites Ruston**

Address: 1312 Hospitality Street, Ruston, LA 71270

Phone: 318-232-1230

Rate: \$105+ tax/night

Call by Date: 5/29/2018

Group: Southern Junior Championship

**Host 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 players, caddies and spectators.

*Coolers:* Personal coolers are not allowed. Bottled water will be available throughout the course.

*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 SGA nor the host club will be held responsible for any lost or stolen personal items.

*Accepted Forms of Payment:* Club accepts **CASH, MasterCard, Visa, American Express, Discover.**

**Practice Rounds and Practice Facility**

Official practice round is on Tuesday, June 12. You must call the golf shop (318-768-7000) in advance to schedule your practice round beginning June 5<sup>th</sup>. Make sure to identify yourself as a Southern Junior Championship participant. Please do not show up at the course and expect to be accommodated for a practice round. 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.

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

Course Rating/Slope: 75.3/146

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	388	528	163	438	175	366	464	405	546	3473	447	559	185	356	405	427	205	561	456	3601	7074
Par	4	5	3	4	3	4	4	4	5	36	4	5	3	4	4	4	3	5	4	36	72

\*Alternate tees: Hole 3 (185); Hole 14 (298); Hole 16 (170, 133)

**Range Fees; Push Carts**

- *Practice Rounds:* Practice round fees are not included in the entry fee.
- *Championship Rounds:* All range fees during the championship rounds are paid by the SGA and are included in the entry fee. Competitors must walk during championship rounds. Push carts are permitted.

**Starting Times**

Starting times for June 13-14 will be available on June 8<sup>th</sup> by 5:00pm. Check the SGA website at [www.southerngolf.org](http://www.southerngolf.org) or call the SGA office.

**Championship Format**

- 54 holes of gross individual stroke play.
- The field will be cut to the low 66 players and ties after 36 holes.

- The lowest score for 54 holes will be the Champion.
- In the event of a tie for the overall Championship only, a hole-by-hole play-off will be held immediately following play. The play-off holes and their order of play will be determined by the Committee.
- Initial groupings will be for two days; the field will be cut and re-paired by score after the second round for the third round.

### Championship Schedule

<b>Tuesday, June 12</b>	All Day: Practice rounds. 8:00am-5:00pm: Player Registration in the Clubhouse Foyer adjacent to the golf shop.
<b>Wednesday, June 13</b>	Round 1: Tee times at 7:30am & 12:30pm off #1 & #10 tees. 11:00am-3:00pm: Hosted player lunch.
<b>Thursday, June 14</b>	Round 2: Tee times at 7:30am & 12:30pm off #1 & #10 tees. 11:00am-3:00pm: Hosted player lunch. Cut to low 66 scores and ties. Field re-grouped according to score.
<b>Friday, June 15</b>	Round 3: Tee times at 7:30am off #1 & #10 tees. 11:00am-3:00pm: Hosted player lunch. Awards ceremony immediately following play at scoreboard.

### Prizes & Awards

Awards will be presented to the top three finishers. Champion will have his name engraved on the *Perry Adair Trophy* that is housed in the SGA Office. Ties for second and third place will be determined using the USGA recommended score card playoff procedure to break ties (last 9 (Holes 10-18), last 6 (Holes 13-18), last 3 (Holes 16-18), 18<sup>th</sup> hole, 1<sup>st</sup> hole, 2<sup>nd</sup> hole, etc. until the tie is broken).

*State Team Competition* – All U.S. players are automatically entered into The State Team competition. Each state is comprised of the low four players from the same state. State residency is determined by the player's home address listed on their entry application. The State Team winner is determined after the first 36 holes of play. Each of the winning team members receives an award. In the event of a tie, the aggregate score of all team members from round two will be used. If there is still a tie, then round one aggregate score is used.

### Exemptions Earned

- Champion receives an exemption into the 2018 and 2019 Southern Amateur Championship
- Champion receives an exemption into all future Southern Junior Championships in which he is eligible to compete
- Champion receives AJGA exemptions (see AJGA.org website)

### Caddies; Spectators; Golf Cart Requests

- *Caddies*; Caddies are not allowed.
- *Spectators*: SGA welcomes spectators at our championships. For your safety, we request that spectators walk near the cart path at all times.
- *Disabled Golf Cart Policy*: In consistency with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), SGA will grant an individual with a bona fide disability a golf cart if the following conditions are met:
  1. Requesting individual completes and submits a [Disabled Golf Cart Request Form](#) by the close of entries;
  2. Host club has a golf cart available;
  3. Requesting individual pays host club the appropriate cart fee;
  4. Requesting individual presents to the SGA representative a handicap card issued by a government agency.

**Pace of Play:** The SGA 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 SGA tournament. Your SGA issued score card will have the acceptable pace of play per hole printed on it.

### Pace of Play Policy

A group that is out of position will be advised of the situation and the individuals may be timed.

- Any competitor who is discovered taking more than 40 seconds to play a stroke is subject to a warning for slow play and will be advised of the fact.
- The competitor will be notified that exceeding 40 seconds on one more occasion will result in a penalty of one stroke in stroke play or loss of hole in match play. A third violation will result in a two stroke penalty in stroke play or loss of hole in match play, followed by disqualification for a fourth violation.
- A warning is any notice given to a competitor regarding pace of play.

- A competitor's time to play begins when the competitor has had a reasonable opportunity to reach his or her ball and when it is the competitor's turn to play and can do so without interference or distraction. Penalties are applied individually, but more than one competitor in a group may be penalized.
- In general, competitors in a group are subject to being timed at any time but specifically when the group is deemed to be out of position and over the allotted pace of play guidelines.

Note that a group that is out of position at any time may be asked to close the gap regardless of pace of play guidelines. A group is out of position if they are over their maximum acceptable pace of play and more than 15 minutes behind the group ahead of them. The first group off either side is out of position if they are over their maximum acceptable pace of play.

#### **Championship Policies**

- This is a soft-spike facility. The penalty for non-compliance is disqualification.
- Local Rule allowing the use of conforming distance measuring devices will be in effect (i.e. measure distance only) in this competition. A player may use a device to measure distance only. However, if, during a stipulated round, a player uses a function to measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.); the player is in breach of Rule 14-3. Compass and weather applications are now permitted on the device.
- Local Rule for accidental movement of a ball on the putting green will be in effect. When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced. Note: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.

#### **Withdrawals**

If an accepted player withdraws before **10:59 P.M., Tuesday, June 12, 2018** for any reason, the entry fee will be refunded, subject to a \$30.00 service fee. No refunds will be made for any reason after **10:59 P.M., Tuesday, June 12, 2018**. To withdraw from the event, click on link below and follow steps 2-4 or email [andy@southerngolf.org](mailto:andy@southerngolf.org):

- 1) <http://www.ghintpp.com/sgagolf/TPPOnlineGolfer/TournamentPlayerList.aspx>
- 2) Log into your TPP account.
- 3) Click "Events Registered For".
- 4) Click "Withdraw" under "Actions" column

#### **No Shows**

Players that fail to notify the SGA 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 SGA events.

#### **Tournament Delays and Updates**

The SGA will text players with any tournament delays or schedule changes. Notices will also be posted our Twitter and Instagram accounts. Follow @sgagolf.

#### **Phone Numbers**

Southern Golf Association: 205-979-4653  
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