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TO: 114th Southern Amateur Championship
FROM: Andy Priest/Adam Powell, Southern Golf Association
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TOPIC: Southern Amateur Championship Player Information

The Southern Golf Association looks forward to seeing you at the 114th playing of the Southern Amateur Championship at Maridoe Golf Club in Carrollton, TX from July 15-18, 2020. Please carefully review the following championship information. Remember that we are guests of the club, need to conduct ourselves in a proper manner, adhere to all host club policies and the SGA Code of Conduct. Also, make sure to be at your assigned tee ready to play at least five minutes before your starting time. Contact us at the SGA office (205-979-4653) or email: Andy Priest (andy@southerngolf.org) and Adam Powell (adam@southerngolf.org) if you have any questions. We hope you have a great championship!

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

Championship History

This year marks the 114th playing of the Southern Amateur Championship and the first time that Maridoe Golf Club has hosted the Southern Amateur Championship. AJ Ott of Fort Collins, CO won the title in 2019 at Chenal Country Club in Little Rock, AR with a score of 274 (-10).

The Championship was first played in 1902 at Nashville Golf & Country Club in Nashville, TN. A.F. Schwartz of New Orleans, LA defeated Percy Whiting 4 and 2 to win the inaugural event. The Championship was not played in 1918 due to World War I and 1942-1945 due to World War II. Format was changed from match play to stroke play in 1964. [Southern Amateur Past Champions](#)

Championship Registration

There will be a formal registration for all competitors in the clubhouse foyer on Monday, July 13 from 10:00am-5:00pm and Tuesday, July 14 from 8:00am-5:00pm. Please register to sign the host plaque, receive your player gift, and have your photo taken for website scoring.

Maridoe Golf Club Information

Director of Golf: Marc Wielgosz
Head Golf Professional: Ronnie O'Brien
Course Superintendent: Shawn Westacott
Physical Address: 2525 Honors Club Drive, Carrollton, TX 75006
Club Website: <https://maridoe.com/>
Golf Shop Phone: 972-416-6496
Golf Shop Hours: 6:00am-7:00pm
Practice Facility Hours: 6:30am-6:00pm
Food & Beverage Hours: 6:30am-7:00pm
Championship Yardage: 7287 yards
Course Architect: Steve Smyers
Course Turfgrass: Tees/Fairways (Northbridge Bermuda); Putting Greens (Champion Bermuda)
Directions: <https://www.google.com/maps/place/MaridoeGolfClub>

Food and Beverage

All food and beverage consumed on club grounds must be purchased from Maridoe Golf Club. The Halfway House adjacent to the putting green will be open to service all food needs beginning at 6:30am each morning.

Hosted Player Lunch on July 15-18

The SGA will provide lunch for players from 11:00am-3:00pm on Wednesday-Saturday in the clubhouse. Hosted lunch is for players only. Caddies and spectators may purchase food and beverage at several club locations.

Area Lodging and DFW Airport

There are a number of hotels near Maridoe Golf Club. Use the below links to research for lodging options in the Dallas area.

- [Search and Reserve Hotel Room at other Dallas Area Hotels](#)

Closest airport is Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport in DFW Airport, TX (DFW). DFW Airport is 21 minutes from Maridoe Golf Club. All airline carriers have daily flights to DFW.

Please note that players are responsible for their own accommodations and transportation.

Maridoe Golf 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: This will be a very busy week at Maridoe Golf Club with the tournament and normal club activities. Parking will be available on-site at Maridoe Golf Club. However, we request for 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 caddies and spectators. Please remove hats while inside the clubhouse.

Coolers: Personal coolers are not allowed. Bottled water will be available throughout the golf 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 and credit card. MasterCard/Visa may be used.

Practice Rounds and Practice Facility

Official practice rounds are available on Monday, July 13 and Tuesday, July 14. You must call the golf shop (972-416-6496) in advance to schedule your practice round(s) for these days. Make sure to identify yourself as a Southern Amateur 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, short game area and putting green throughout the championship. *Note that the practice range may close early for maintenance each evening.

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

Maridoe Golf Club – SGA Tee Markers

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	454	186	415	550	385	345	575	175	428	3513	440	608	194	422	178	420	428	590	494	3774	7287
Par	4	3	4	5	4	4	5	3	4	36	4	5	3	4	3	4	4	5	4	36	72

*Alternate tees: TBD

Starting Times

Starting times for July 15-16 will be available on July 10th by 5:00pm. Check the SGA website at www.southerngolf.org and a link will be sent to each player via text message.

Championship Format

- The field will be cut to the low 66 players and ties after 36 holes.
- The lowest score for 72 holes will be the Champion.
- In the event of a tie for the Championship, a “sudden death” 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 the first two rounds; the field will be cut and re-grouped by score after the second round for the third round; field re-grouped by score for the fourth round.

Prizes

- Awards will be presented to the three lowest scores after 72 holes. Champion will have his name engraved on the *George W. Adair Trophy*, which is enshrined in the Bob Jones Room of the Atlanta Athletic Club, Atlanta, Georgia.

Exemptions Earned

- Champion receives a five-year exemption into the Southern Amateur Championship (2021-2025).
- Players finishing in the top 10 (and ties) receive an exemption into the 2021 Southern Amateur Championship.

Championship Schedule

Monday, July 13

10:00am-5:00pm: Player Registration in the Clubhouse Foyer.
PM: Practice rounds

Tuesday, July 14

All Day: Practice rounds.
8:00am-5:00pm: Player Registration in the Clubhouse Foyer.

Wednesday, July 15

Round 1: Tee times begin at 7:30am & 12:30pm off #1 & #10 tees. 18 holes of Stroke Play.
11:00am- 3:00pm: Hosted player lunch.

Thursday, July 16

Round 2: Tee times begin at 7:30am & 12:30pm off #1 & #10 tees. 18 holes of Stroke Play.
11:00am- 3:00pm: Hosted player lunch.
Cut to low 66 scores and ties.
Field re-grouped according to score.

Friday, July 17

Round 3: Tee times begin at 7:30am off #1 & #10 tees. 18 holes of Stroke Play.
11:00am-3:00pm: Hosted player lunch.

Field re-grouped according to score.

Saturday, July 18

Round 4: Tee times begin at 7:30am off #1 & #10 tees. 18 holes of Stroke Play.

11:00am-3:00pm: Hosted player lunch.

Awards ceremony immediately following play at scoreboard.

Championship Policies

- Competitors and caddies must walk at all times during practice and championship rounds.
- This is a soft-spike facility. The penalty for non-compliance is disqualification.

Range Fees; Push Carts

- Practice and championship round range fees are paid by the SGA.
- Personal push carts are permitted.
- Maridoe Golf Club will have a limited number of push carts available for rent (\$10/day).

Caddies

- Caddies are permitted for practice and championship rounds. Caddies and players must walk at all times during the round except where authorized shuttles are provided. Contact Maridoe Golf Club Golf Shop (972-416-6496) for caddie availability (\$125 per round).
- Caddies are required to wear an SGA issued caddie bib at the championship proper. Bibs will be available at the designated starting tee and must be returned to the SGA at the conclusion of each round.

Spectators and Cart Requests

- *Spectators:* SGA welcomes spectators at our championships. For your safety, we request that spectators walk near the cart path at all times. Spectator carts are generally not available except as provided in the *Disabled Golf Cart Policy*.
- *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 staff or 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.

Withdrawals

Successful Qualifier Withdrawal: If a successful qualifier withdraws for any reason after paying his remaining championship balance of \$120.00 and before **11:59pm CST on Sunday, July 12, 2020**, 50% of the remaining championship balance will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after **Sunday, July 12, 2020**.

Exempt Player Withdrawal: If an exempt player withdraws for any reason before the close of registration at **11:59pm CST on Tuesday, May 26, 2020**, the entry fee will be refunded, subject to a \$50.00 service fee. If an exempt player withdraws for any reason after the close of registration and before **11:59pm CST on Wednesday, July 1, 2020**, 50% of the entry fee will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after **Wednesday, July 1, 2020**. To withdraw from the event, click on link below and follow steps 2-4 or email andy@southerngolf.org.

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 SGA Tournament Registration Account.
- 3) Click "Edit Registration" from left side of 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: SGA will process your withdrawal and applicable refund within 72 hours.

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 account. Follow @sgagolf.

U.S. Amateur Championship Sectional Qualifier in Dallas, TX

In an effort to help minimize player travel, the SGA in conjunction with the Texas Golf Association has scheduled a U.S. Amateur Championship sectional qualifier following the Southern Amateur Championship for Tuesday-Wednesday, July 21-22. Qualifier will be conducted by the Texas Golf Association (www.txga.org). Players must register online through the USGA at www.usga.org.

Phone Numbers

Southern Golf Association: 205-979-4653

Maridoe Golf Club: 972-416-6496