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TO: 48th Southern Junior Championship Contestants
FROM: Andy Priest, Southern Golf Association
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TOPIC: Southern Junior Championship Player Information

The Southern Golf Association looks forward to seeing you at the 48th playing of the Southern Junior Championship at Blessings Golf Club in Fayetteville, AR from August 12-14, 2020. 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. We hope you have a great championship!

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

Championship History

This year marks the 48th playing of the Southern Junior Championship and the first time that Blessings Golf Club has hosted the Southern Junior Championship. Jackson Lalonde, of Lexington, Kentucky won the title in 2019 at Idle Hour Country Club in Lexington, KY. 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, August 11 from 8:00am-5:00pm. Please register to sign the host plaque, receive your player gift package, and have your photo taken for website scoring.

Blessings Golf Club Information

Blessings Golf Club was developed with the vision of being a club of comfort to its members and their guests by providing a superior golfing experience designed to test championship golfers on every shot. The Club is home to the University of Arkansas Men's and Women's Golf Teams.

- General Manager: Richard Cromwell
- PGA Head Golf Professional: Justin Sellin
- Director of Agronomy: Troy Fink, CGCS
- Physical Address: 5826 Clear Creek Blvd., Fayetteville, AR 72704
- Club Website: www.arkansasrazorbacks.com/facility/the-blessings/
- Golf Shop Phone: 479-444-6330
- Golf Shop Hours: 6:00am-9:00pm
- Practice Facility Hours: 6:30am-4:00pm
- Food & Beverage Hours: 6:30am-9:00pm
- Championship Yardage: 7063 yards
- Course/Slope Rating: 75.8/152
- Course Architect: Robert Trent Jones, Jr., Kyle Phillips
- Course Turfgrass: Tees/Fairways (Cavalier Zoysia); Putting Greens (A1/A4 Bentgrass)

Directions to Blessings Golf Club

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

Food and Beverage

All food and beverage consumed on club grounds must be purchased at Blessings Golf Club. The Dining Room will be open to service all food needs beginning at 7:00am each morning. Club accepts CASH for food purchases. *Note: club does not serve breakfast but will have snacks and drinks available.

Hosted Player Lunch on August 12-14

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

Lodging

There are a number of hotels Blessings Golf Club. Use the below link to research for lodging options in the Fayetteville area. Please note that players are responsible for their own accommodations and transportation.

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

Parking

There are three parking lots at Blessings Golf Club. The main lot is located adjacent to the clubhouse and golf course. Auxiliary parking lots are located directly across the street from the club and 100 yards up Clear Creek Blvd. We ask that players and family members carpool as much as possible.

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.

Dress Code: This is a soft-spike facility. The penalty for non-compliance is disqualification. Appropriate golf attire must be worn. No cut-offs, no denim, no cargo pants or cargo shorts. Men must wear shirts with collars and sleeves that are always tucked in. Hats must not be worn inside the clubhouse. Dress code applies to players 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** for food and beverage purchases. Golf shop accepts credit cards for merchandise purchases.

Practice Rounds and Practice Facility

Official practice round is on Tuesday, August 11. You must call the Blessings Golf Club golf shop at 479-444-6330 beginning on June 9 to schedule your practice round. 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 outdoor practice facilities 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: 75.8/152

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	419	545	177	405	580	334	467	134	368	3429	568	366	390	213	458	557	447	183	452	3634	7063
Par	4	5	3	4	5	4	4	3	4	36	5	4	4	3	4	5	4	3	4	36	72

Range and Championship Fees; Push/Pull Carts

- *Practice Round Fees:* Practice round fees are included in the entry fee.
- *Championship Round Fees:* All range fees during the championship rounds are paid by the SGA and are included in the entry fee.
- *Push/Pull Carts:* Competitors must walk during practice and championship rounds. Private push/pull carts are permitted. Club has a limited number available on a first come, first serve basis. Contact golf shop to reserve.

Starting Times

Starting times for August 12-14 will be available on Friday, August 7th by 5:00pm CT. Players will be notified via text message and available at www.southerngolf.org.

Championship Format

- 54 holes of 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

Tuesday, August 11

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

Wednesday, August 12

Round 1: Tee times at 7:30am off #1 tee.
11:00am-3:00pm: Hosted player lunch.

Thursday, August 13 Round 2: Tee times at 7:30am off #1 tee.
11:00am-3:00pm: Hosted player lunch.
Cut to low 66 scores and ties.
Field re-grouped according to score.

Friday, August 14 Round 3: Tee times at 7:30am off #1 tee.
11:00am-3:00pm: Hosted player lunch.
Awards ceremony immediately following play at clubhouse.

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 scorecard playoff procedure to break ties (last 9 (Holes 10-18), last 6 (Holes 13-18), last 3 (Holes 16-18), 18th hole, 1st hole, 2nd hole, etc. until the tie is broken).

State Team Competition – All United States players are automatically entered into a 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. 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. If an additional tiebreaker is necessary, then the highest 36-hole individual total score is matched, followed by the second highest, third highest and fourth highest until the tie is broken.

Exemptions and Rankings Earned

- Champion receives one exemption into the 2021 Southern Amateur Championship.
- Champion receives an exemption into all future Southern Junior Championships in which he is eligible to compete.
- Champion receives Fully Exempt Status with AJGA for 2 seasons (2020 & 2021).
- Champion receives exemption into 2020 Northeast Junior Championship.
- Champion receives exemption into 2021 Gator Invitational Junior Championship.
- 2nd-15th places receive AJGA Stars (see AJGA.org website).
- Players making the 36-hole cut receive Rolex AJGA Ranking points.

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 scorecard 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. A third violation will result in a two stroke penalty, 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

If an accepted player withdraws for any reason before the close of registration at **11:59 P.M. on Tuesday, June 9, 2020**, the entry fee will be refunded, subject to a \$50.00 service fee. If an accepted player withdraws for any reason after the close of registration and before **11:59 P.M. on Sunday, August 9, 2020**, 50% of the entry fee will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after **11:59 P.M. on Sunday, August 9, 2020**. To withdraw from the event, follow the below instructions 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 and Instagram accounts. Follow @sgagolf.

Southern Golf Association Code of Conduct

The Southern Golf Association (SGA) takes great pride in the quality of its players, host facilities and volunteer involvement at each tournament. In order to continue making the SGA experience enjoyable and rewarding for everyone, the SGA requires all tournament participants to adhere to a set of guidelines known as the Code of Conduct.

Violations of Code of Conduct

It is impossible to determine exactly the standard of conduct expected from players and caddies in SGA competitions. It is also impossible to make a list of all the acts in violation of the Code of Conduct. In most circumstances, any of the following actions by a player or their caddie at an SGA event constitutes a violation of the SGA Code of Conduct and could result in sanctions or penalties.

- Unsportsmanlike conduct, including abusive language, cheating, club throwing, disrespect to volunteers, officials or fellow competitors, or abuse and theft of golf course property.
- Not adhering to the dress code at the host facility.
- Conduct not becoming of an SGA player, such as acting in anger or creating other distractions such as loudly playing music or listening to sporting events during a round.
- Use of headphones during a round.
- Failure to treat host golf course with respect by ignoring the responsibility of caring for the course, filling divots and fixing ball marks.
- Physical abuse, threat of physical abuse, verbal abuse, slander or libel towards other players, host golf course staff or members, SGA staff, directors or volunteers in any medium.
- Incidents of wagering or gambling considered flagrant or excessive by the Committee.
- Use of cellular phones (except for emergencies, a ruling, viewing tournament leaderboard, viewing weather forecasts, or use as a distance measuring device), laptop and tablet computers, PDA's and the like.

Code of Conduct Violation Penalties

The SGA Tournament Committee may assess any or all of the following penalties based on severity and frequency of the Code of Conduct violation(s):

- First breach = Warning or Committee sanction
- Second breach = One penalty stroke
- Third breach = General Penalty
- Fourth breach or any serious misconduct = Disqualification

Depending on the severity of the violation, a tournament disqualification may also result in disqualification from future SGA event(s).

The SGA reserves the right to suspend or revoke a player's ability to compete in SGA events for a major breach of the Code of Conduct. SGA participants violating the Code of Conduct at non-SGA competitions may also be subject to the penalties above based on severity.