



ALABAMA GOLF ASSOCIATION

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TO: 7th Alabama State Parent-Child Contestants
FROM: Jeremy Gardner, Alabama Golf Association
DATE: January 1, 2024
TOPIC: State Parent-Child Championship Player Information

The Alabama Golf Association looks forward to seeing you at the 7th playing of the State Parent-Child at Highland Park Golf Course in Birmingham, AL on Tuesday, June 25 or Wednesday, June 26, 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 jeremy@alabamagolf.org.

Each Flight will play **only one day – Dependent on final entries*

Championship Website: <https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/4433853>

Championship History

This year marks the 7th playing of the Alabama State Parent-Child and the first time Highland Park Golf Course has hosted the State Parent-Child Championship. Teams of Tony and Justin Olive, Mark Hewes and Ella Kate Hewes, and Andrew and Cooper Pratt took home their respective division titles in 2023.

Championship Registration

No formal player registration for this Championship. Players should sign the host plaque at the conclusion of their round on Tuesday, June 25 or Wednesday, June 26.

Highland Park GC Information

General Manager: Evan Godfrey, PGA

Head Professional: Tripp Pritchett, PGA

Tournament & Operations Coordinator: Cameron Tomberlin

Physical Address: 3300 Highland Ave, Birmingham, AL 35205

Club Website: www.highlandparkgolf.com

Golf Shop Phone: (205) 332-1902

Golf Shop Hours: 7:00am-6:00pm

Practice Facility Hours: 7:30am-6:00pm

Food & Beverage Hours: 7:00am-6:00pm

Championship Yardage: Amateur Men age 14-64; Professional Men: 5,539 yards, Amateur Females age 14-50; Amateur Males age 65+;

Professional Women: 5,397 yards; Amateur Boys & Girls 13 & Under; Amateur Females age 50+: 5069 yards

Food and Beverage

All food and beverage consumed on club grounds must be purchased at Highland Park Golf Course.

Directions to Highland Park Golf Course

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

Lodging

There are several hotels near the course. Check online for best rates.

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 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, Credit Card**

Practice Rounds and Practice Facility

You are entitled to **one** practice round. You must call the golf shop in advance to reserve a practice round tee time. Make sure to identify yourself as an Alabama State Parent-Child 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** \$50.00 fee for the 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. **Players will not receive the practice round rate on Friday, June 21 – Sunday, June 23.**

Starting Times

Starting times for will be available by 5:00pm Friday, June 7. Check the AGA website at www.alabamagolf.org or call the AGA office.

Championship Format

Championship is conducted at 18 holes of modified alternate shot stroke play. Each side plays alternate shot except that both team members hit from their designated tee and then select the ball to be played. A side must complete the hole with the ball selected.

Teams select the division in which to compete if eligible:

Amateur Division: Team comprised of two amateurs. Champion is the team posting the lowest 18-hole gross score. Flights are determined based on number of entries using 50% team Handicap Index. Yardage is dependent on gender and age.

Open Division: Team comprised of one golf professional and one amateur (or an amateur awaiting reinstatement "A/R"). Yardage is dependent on gender, age, and amateur/professional status.

Championship Schedule

June 17-20

Tee times available for practice

Monday, June 24

Tee times available for practice

Tuesday, June 25

8:00 AM Shotgun start

Wednesday, June 26

8:00 AM Shotgun start

**Dependent on final entries*

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

- *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. Cart use is mandatory for the championship round.

Caddies

- *Caddies:* Caddies are not allowed for championship rounds

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

- Trophies and merchandise is awarded to the overall champion in each division and winner in each flight. Merchandise distributed to top teams in each amateur flight. Open division merchandise is distributed based on the size of the field to both professional and amateurs. Ties for merchandise prizes are split except for the overall champion in each division (determined by an on-course playoff) and winner in each flight (determined by a score card playoff using the USGA recommended tie-breaker method).
- Prizes in AGA amateur championships comply with USGA Rules of Amateur Status (see USGA Rules of Golf).
- High School or collegiate players should check with their institution compliance department regarding High School or NCAA regulations relating to accepting prizes or merchandise.

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

Amateur Men age 14-64; Professional Men

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	307	465	136	382	157	366	371	498	316	2998	365	171	492	113	273	309	350	117	351	2541	5539
Par	4	5	3	4	3	4	4	5	4	36	4	3	5	3	4	4	4	3	4	34	70

Amateur Females age 14-50; Amateur Males age 65+; Professional Women

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	307	443	136	331	157	366	371	467	316	2894	365	159	492	113	273	309	324	117	351	2503	5397
Par	4	5	3	4	3	4	4	5	4	36	4	3	5	3	4	4	4	3	4	34	70

Amateur Boys & Girls 13 & Under; Amateur Females age 50+

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	287	443	119	331	157	332	326	467	304	2766	327	159	444	89	273	309	324	106	272	2303	5069
Par	4	5	3	4	3	4	4	5	4	36	4	3	5	3	4	4	4	3	4	34	70

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 11, 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, June 23, 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. Log into your USGATM Account
3. Click “Edit Registration”
4. Choose Cancel Registration under the dropdown menu on the right side of the page

To withdraw from the event after the close of registration, fill out the form here: [Online Tournament Withdrawal Form](#)

*Note: AGA will process your withdrawal and applicable refund within 72 hours

No Shows

Sides 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” sides 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 to our Twitter account. Follow at @bamagolf.

Phone Numbers

Alabama Golf Association: (205) 979-1234

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