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TO: 19th Alabama Women's State Four-Ball Championship Contestants
FROM: JD Venosdel, Alabama Golf Association
DATE: January 1, 2026
TOPIC: Women's State Four-Ball Championship Player Information

The Alabama Golf Association looks forward to seeing you at the 19th playing of the Alabama Women's State Four-Ball Championship at RTJ Golf Trail at The Shoals in Muscle Shoals, AL on July 23-24, 2026. 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 ten (10) minutes before your starting time. Call me at the AGA office if you have any questions or e-mail me at jd@alabamagolf.org. We hope you have a great championship!

[Championship Website](#)

Championship History

This year marks the 19th playing of the Alabama Women's State Four-Ball Championship and the first time that RTJ Golf Trail at The Shoal has hosted the Women's State Four-Ball Championship. The team of Taylor Tribble of Birmingham and Yvette Gorden of Pike Road claimed the title in 2025 at Highland Park Golf Course in Birmingham, AL. The Championship was first played in 2008 at Old Overton Club in Birmingham, AL with Kathy Hartwiger and Missy Gooden winning the inaugural event.

Championship Registration

Players should sign the host plaque in the Golf Shop on Wednesday, July 22nd between 9:00 AM-2:00 PM.

RTJ Golf Trail at The Shoals Information

Director of Golf: Cully Gillem, PGA
Physical Address: 990 SunBelt Parkway, Muscle Shoals, AL 35661
Club Website: <http://www.rtjgolf.com/theshoals/>
Golf Shop Phone: 256-446-5111
Golf Shop Hours: 6:00am-7:00pm
Practice Facility Hours: 6:00am-7:00pm
Food & Beverage Hours: 6:00am-7:00pm
Championship Yardage/Course/Slope Rating: 6140 yards/77.1/138

Food and Beverage

All food and beverage consumed on club grounds must be purchased at RTJ The Shoals.

Directions to RTJ Golf Trail at The Shoals: [Maps to RTJ The Shoals](#)

Lodging

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

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 carpool as much as possible.
- *Dress Code:* Appropriate golf attire must be worn. Males must wear tucked-in shirts with collars and sleeves, slacks, or Bermuda shorts. No cut-offs, denim, cargo pants or cargo shorts are permitted. The dress code applies to players, caddies, and spectators. Highland Park is a soft spike facility; the penalty for non-compliance is disqualification.
- *Coolers:* Personal coolers are not allowed.
- *Personal Items:* Make sure not to leave any valuable personal items unattended. 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 Credit Card**.

Practice Rounds and Practice Facility

Official practice rounds will be on Wednesday, July 22nd. You must call the golf shop to schedule your practice round. Make sure to identify yourself as an Alabama Women's State Four-Ball Championship participant. It would be helpful if you made 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 \$55.00+ tax 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.

- Order your discounted StrackaLine Yardage book [here](#).

Starting Times

Starting times for Round 1 will be available on July 17, 2026, by 5:00pm at: <https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/5654892>.

Championship Format and Schedule

The Championship is conducted at 36 holes of gross four-ball stroke play. An on-course hole by hole playoff will be used to break a tie for the overall championship.

Wednesday, July 22 All Day: Practice rounds.

Thursday, July 23 Round 1: 9:00 AM Shotgun

Friday, July 24 Round 2: 9:00 AM Shotgun
The awards ceremony immediately following play.

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 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:** Consistent 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.
 - The 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 always remain on the cart path 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

Awards will be presented to the side's low gross winner in each flight within the Tournament Division. In the Championship division, awards will be presented to the champions, 2nd place, and 3rd place. In addition, the Champions will have their names engraved on the *Jean H. Miller Trophy* and may take possession of the trophy for the ensuing year.

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

Course/Slope Rating: 77.1/138

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	512	370	373	326	160	408	467	375	145	3136	360	345	498	153	359	353	380	430	126	3004	6140
Par	5	4	4	4	3	4	5	4	3	36	4	4	5	3	4	4	4	5	3	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 side withdraws for any reason before the close of registration at **11:59 PM on Thursday, July 9, 2026**, the entry fee will be refunded, subject to a \$30.00 service fee. If an accepted side withdraws for any reason after the close of registration and before **11:59 PM on Tuesday, July 21, 2026**, 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 event at: <https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/5654892>.
- 2) Sign Into your AGA Tournament Registration Account.
- 3) Click "Edit Registration" from the left side of the page.
- 4) Choose "Cancel Registration" under the dropdown menu on right side of 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

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

RTJ Golf Trail at The Shoals Golf Shop: 256-446-5111