



PLAYER INFORMATION

To: 2009 State Senior Amateur Championship Participants

Welcome to the 2009 State Senior Championship! We hope you enjoy the tournament, as well as the facilities at Selma Country Club. If we can answer any questions for you, or be of service in any way, please don't hesitate to call on us.

This player packet contains the following:

1. Local Rules and Sample Hole Location Sheet.
2. General Rules of Play.
3. Pace of Play Policy.
4. Cart Policy.
5. Groupings Schedule for Sunday.

Groupings & Starting Times are available on the AGA website at www.bamagolf.com.

****At registration, which you must do prior to playing a practice round or before beginning play in the Championship, players will be given their player badge and a current USGA Rules of Golf booklet.****

All of the above is self-explanatory and we ask that you read these items very carefully. If you have any questions concerning these, please check with an AGA official or your starter.

Remember, it is your responsibility to ascertain your starting times and be prompt on the starting tee for all rounds. We recommend that you report to the starter AT LEAST 5 minutes prior to your time for any instructions he may have. Remember, we do **NOT** call players to the tee.

AGA Directors and other Officials will be stationed throughout the course daily. In event of a question, do not hesitate to contact them for help or rules interpretations.

The awards presentation will take place immediately upon completion of play Sunday afternoon.

Alabama Golf Association
Tournament Committee

12th State Senior Amateur Championship
Selma Country Club
June 26-28, 2009

LOCAL RULES

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Play is governed by the 2008-09 USGA Rules of Golf and its Decisions. This notice is a supplement to the AGA Rules of Play Sheet on the reverse of this sheet and is intended to further define specific situations not covered on the Rules of Play Sheet.

NOTE: Decision 14-3/0.5 Local Rule permitting use of Distance-Measuring Device is in effect for this championship. Use or possession of any device that measures anything other than distance will result in **Disqualification**.

1. FORMAT

54 holes stroke play. After Saturday's round the field will be cut to approximately 60 players. A tie for any age group will be a "multi-hole" play-off on hole #14, 15 & 18 in that order and if the tie is not broken continue with "sudden death" in that sequence.

2. OUT OF BOUNDS

Defined by inside edge at ground level of white stakes, inside edge of curbing on all public roads, inside edge at ground level of fence posts.

3. DROP ZONES:

As an additional option to Rule 26-1, the drop zone on **Hole # 17** located short and right of the lake may be used.

4. WATER HAZARDS:

Hole #17 - The inside (water side) face of the wooden wall defines the hazard.

5. GENERAL

a) Pace of play requirement is **14** minutes per hole. (See separate Pace of Play Policy.)

b) **TEES:** 50-64 Age Group: AGA **green & white** markers.
 65+ Age Group: AGA **yellow** markers.

c) Score cards must be returned to the scoring tents located behind #9 & #18 green immediately following play. Immediately is defined as before the following group reaches the scoring area or in the case of the last group within one starting interval

d) The starting and scoring tents and fans around greens are **TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS**. See Appendix I Pages 111-115 of Rules Book.

May this be an enjoyable Championship for you.

Rules Committee

HOLE LOCATIONS

SAMPLE				
Hole	Green Depth	Distance from Front	Position Left/Right/Center	Yardage Adjust
#1	19	12	6R	3
#2	18	11	6R	2
#3	32	26	Center	10
#4	28	8	Center	-6
#5	20	16	Center	6
#6	30	25	6L	10
#7	26	20	6R	7
#8	29	10	Center	-5
#9	28	13	5L	-1
#10	27	19	4L	6
#11	22	8	6R	-3
#12	28	10	5L	-4
#13	23	19	Center	8
#14	24	9	5R	-3
#15	15	10	Center	3
#16	28	17	7L	3
#17	28	19	5L	5
#18	28	10	6R	-4

Notes:

1. Hole locations are measured from the front of the green along the line of play from the center of the fairway or teeing ground.

2. Yardage Adjust is the yardage to add or subtract from any yardage indicators, i.e. sprinkler heads or permanent markers.

3. All yardage shown on sprinkler heads or permanent markers on tees are to the center of the green.



General Rules of Play

Play in all AGA sponsored tournaments is governed by the current USGA Rules of Golf, its Decisions, the following Local Rules (where applicable), and by conditions contained in the entry application for a particular tournament, subject to changes or amendments by the Rules Committee.

Unless otherwise specified, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is two strokes in Stroke Play and loss of hole in Match Play.

TIME OF STARTING

See Note under Rule 6-3a and Appendix I of the USGA's Rules of Golf book. **Please note:** The **official** time is the time used by AGA starters on the 1st & 10th tees. You are advised to be at your assigned starting tee AT LEAST five minutes prior to your assigned starting time.

GOLF BALLS

As allowed under the Note to Rule 5-1 in the USGA's Rules of Golf book, and as stated in Appendix I of that same book, "Only brands of golf balls on the USGA's latest *List of Conforming Golf Balls* may be used. Penalty for use of brand not on the List: Disqualification".

UNDUE DELAY

A player is subject to penalty if he unduly delays play (Rule 6-7). The AGA statement and policy regarding this is readily available and is furnished to each player prior to the start of a competition.

EMBEDDED BALL

The local rule regarding an embedded ball "through the green" is in effect. See Appendix I of the USGA Rules of Golf.

OUT OF BOUNDS

Where white stakes or fence posts are used, the nearest inside point at ground level defines out of bounds. When out of bounds is defined by a white line on the ground, the line itself is out of bounds.

Defined by inside edge of all public roads.

A ball which crosses a public road defined as out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that road is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course. --Decision 27/20.

ARTIFICIALLY SURFACED ROADS AND PATHS

White lined areas tying into artificially surfaced roads and paths are part of the obstruction, thus not ground under repair.

WATER HAZARDS

Margins are defined by **yellow** stakes and/or lines. Stakes and lines are in the water hazard. When both stakes and lines are used, stakes identify and lines define.

LATERAL WATER HAZARDS

Margins are defined by **red** stakes and/or lines. Stakes and lines are in the lateral hazards. When both stakes and lines are used, stakes identify and lines define. When a lateral water hazard is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend to infinity.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR

Enclosed white lined areas define ground under repair. Other areas of ground under repair, even not so marked, include:

- French Drains (trenches filled with stones or the like).
- New Sod Seams (for lie of ball only).

WRONG PUTTING GREEN

For the purpose of Rule 25-3, the putting green of each hole includes the apron surrounding the green. Decision 33-8/33.

OVERHEAD POWER LINES

Decision 33-8/13 is in effect for a ball deflected by an overhead power line.

ACTIVE FIRE ANT BEDS

Under Decision 1-4/10, a player is entitled to relief without penalty as fire ants are considered a dangerous situation. He should drop the ball in the nearest spot not near the hole which is not dangerous. Before the player proceeds, he first must determine that the ants are fire ants and the mound is active.

SUSPENSION AND RESUMPTION OF PLAY

Note under Rule 6-8b and Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I shall be in effect.

All practice areas shall be closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open.

GOLF CARTS (Refer to AGA Cart Policy). **PULL CARTS ARE PROHIBITED.**

CLOSE THE COMPETITION

The competition is deemed to be closed when all scores have been posted on the official scoreboard, approved by the Rules Committee, and the result of the competition has been officially announced.

PRACTICE BETWEEN HOLES PROHIBITED

Between the play of two holes, a player shall not play any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole last played. Note 2 to Rule 7.



Pace of Play

Rule 6-7 of the Rules of Golf states in part: "The player shall play without undue delay". The penalty for breach of the Rule is two strokes in stroke play, and for a subsequent offense, disqualification. The Committee, as a condition of the competition (Rule 33-1), and as allowed by Note 2 under Rule 6-7, has modified the penalty to one stroke **in stroke play only** for the first offense, an additional two strokes for the second offense, and disqualification for a subsequent offense.

Allotted Time

We do not wish to apply penalties for undue delay. However, we insist that, in the interest of all, the pace of play be reasonable. Play in this Championship will be scheduled in groups of three and we believe that it would be unreasonable for a group of three good players to take more than an average of **14** minutes per hole to play (approximately 4 hours - 2 minutes for the round). However, this schedule could be altered by the pace of the first three groups playing from either or both sides as all subsequent groups will be expected to maintain position as described below.

Definition of "Out of Position"

The first three groups to start will be considered out of position if, at any point in the round, the group is behind the prescribed schedule, which, in groups of three, is an average of 14 minutes per hole: par 3 holes - 10 minutes; par 4 holes - 14 minutes; par 5 holes - 16 minutes.

Any following group will be considered out of position if the group reaches any place on the course more than one starting interval behind the preceding group, e.g. a period of time equal to the starting interval between groups of players. **Note:** This statement does not necessitate that a group has to be out of position in order for an individual player to be timed.

Monitoring

Players will not be advised when the timing process begins by a Rules Official. Any player(s) being timed who takes more than **30** seconds to play a stroke will be advised he has a bad time. A subsequent, or second, bad time will result in a penalty of one stroke, of which the player will be advised. A third bad time will result in an additional penalty of two strokes, and an additional bad time disqualification from the competition. In match play, the same procedure will be followed except that the penalty after two violations will be loss of hole (no one stroke penalty in match play) followed by disqualification for a subsequent violation.

Timing

The timing of a competitor's stroke will begin when he has had a reasonable opportunity to reach his ball, it is his turn to play, and he could play without interference or distraction. The official timing the player will determine the point in time at which the player "has had a reasonable opportunity to reach his ball", whether or not the player has actually reached his ball, in determining the initiation of timing.

Except on the putting green, if a player has reached his ball, it is his turn to play, and there are no distractions, timing will begin after he has had reasonable time to select his club. Any time spent walking backward or forward to determine yardage will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

On the putting green, the timing will begin after a player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace his ball, repair his ball mark and other ball marks on his line of putt, and remove loose impediments on the line of putt.

This policy will apply to all rounds of this Championship.

We sincerely request your cooperation. If all competitors will cooperate, the Championship will be a more pleasant experience for everyone.



CART POLICY

The Alabama Golf Association's overriding concern is the quality of their championships. Powered golf carts have become a reality in modern golf and it is our goal to create an environment where golf carts pose as little interference and detriment to our tournaments as possible.

Powered golf carts pose a potential distraction to players, may physically interfere with play and damage the golf course. For these reasons, the Alabama Golf Association feels that it is important to minimize the number of carts on the golf course during the play of their championships and limit those who may drive and ride in these carts.

The caddie has a specific role in the game of golf and is referenced specifically in the Definitions of the Rules as follows:

A "caddie" is one who carries or handles a player's clubs during play and otherwise assists him in accordance with the Rules.

When one caddie is employed by more than one player, he is always deemed to be the caddie of the player whose ball is involved, and equipment carried by him is deemed to be that player's equipment, except when the caddie acts upon specific directions of another player, in which case he is considered to be that other player's caddie.

A golf cart is also referenced specifically in the Definitions of the Rules as Equipment:

....Equipment includes a golf cart, whether or not motorized. If a cart is shared by two or more players, the cart and everything in it is deemed to be the equipment of the player whose ball is involved except that, when the cart is being moved by one of the players sharing it, the cart and every thing in it are deemed to be that player's equipment.

Because of the way the Rules treat the caddie and his/her relationship to the player(s), situations arise in which a player can be penalized due to carelessness on the part of his caddie. This problem is magnified when carts are used. The selection of a caddie is an *important* decision. Remember that a player may only have one caddie, but a caddie may have two players. When a caddie, employed by two players, drives a golf cart, he is responsible as stated in the above definitions.

With these considerations in mind, the AGA has adopted the following policy regarding the use of powered carts during its championships and this policy is a part of the *General Rules of Play* which is included in the player packet:

GOLF CARTS

- a. Only a player or his caddie may ride in a cart, but NOT BOTH at the same time.
- b. When circumstances are such that one or two players in a group wish to employ a cart, that group is limited to a single cart; where three or four players in a group wish to employ a cart, that group is limited to two carts. At no time are more than two people allowed on a cart.

Penalty for Breach of Policy:

*Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round:
four strokes.*

Repeated Offense: disqualification.

The Alabama Golf Association does not prohibit the employment of **SPECTATOR CARTS** but leaves that to the discretion of the host club. If permitted by the host club, spectator carts must remain on the cart paths at all times and behind the players. Abuse of this privilege will result in forfeiture of the cart.



GROUPINGS SCHEDULE

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Groupings Schedule for Sunday, June 28

#1 Tee			#10 Tee		
Time	Division		Time	Division	
7:30 am	50-56 & 57-64	10 th Group	7:30 am	50-56 & 57-64	11 th Group
7:40 am	50-56 & 57-64	9 th Group	7:40 am	50-56 & 57-64	12 th Group
7:50 am	50-56 & 57-64	8 th Group	7:50 am	50-56 & 57-64	13 th Group
8:00 am	50-56 & 57-64	7 th Group	8:00 am	50-56 & 57-64	14 th Group
8:10 am	50-56 & 57-64	6 th Group	8:10 am	50-56 & 57-64	15 th Group
8:20 am	50-56 & 57-64	5 th Group	8:20 am	50-56 & 57-64	16 th Group
8:30 am	50-56 & 57-64	4 th Group	8:30 am	50-56 & 57-64	17 th Group
8:40 am	50-56 & 57-64	3 rd Group	8:40 am	50-56 & 57-64	18 th Group
8:50 am	50-56 & 57-64	2 nd Group	8:50 am	65+	2 nd Group
9:00 am	50-56 & 57-64	Best Scores	9:00 am	65+	Best Scores

Cut:

Groups of 3: 50-56 - 33 Players; 57-64 - 21 Players; 65+ - 6 Players.

Note: This schedule is provided to you to give you an idea of what we generally would like to do for Sunday's play, and is subject to change. Also, the number of players projected to make the cut are target numbers and are subject to change, either up or down. Players should obtain official, posted starting times after the conclusion of play on Saturday.