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TO: 51st Southern Junior Championship Contestants
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TOPIC: Southern Junior Championship Player Information

The Southern Golf Association looks forward to seeing you at the 51st playing of the Southern Junior Championship at Baton Rouge Country Club in Baton Rouge, LA from June 14-16, 2023. 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 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/page/name/2023-southern-junior-championship>

Championship History

This year marks the 51st playing of the Southern Junior Championship and the first time that Baton Rouge Country Club has hosted the Southern Junior Championship. Wyatt Plattner, of Sarasota, Florida won the title in 2022 at the Country Club of Charleston in Charleston, SC. 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

Championship registration for all competitors will be held in the Tavern Lounge on Tuesday, June 13 from 7:00am-4:00pm. Please register to sign the host plaque, receive your player gift package, and have your photo taken for website scoring and digital scoreboard.

Baton Rouge Country Club– Course Information

- PGA Head Golf Professional: Billy Holtz, PGA
- Course Superintendent: Cory Kitchen
- Club Address: 8551 Jefferson Hwy., Baton Rouge, LA 70809
- Club Website: <https://www.batonrougecc.org/>
- Golf Professional Shop Phone: 225-925-2433
- Golf Shop Hours: 6:30am-8:00pm
- Practice Facility Hours: 6:30am-2:30pm
- Food & Beverage Hours: 6:30am-8:00pm
- Championship Yardage: 7043 yards
- Course Architect: Greg Muirhead; Rees Jones & David Toms (Redesign 2007)
- Course Turfgrass: Tees/Fairways (Bermuda 419); Putting Greens (Mini Verde)
- [Directions to Baton Rouge Country Club](#)

Food and Beverage

All food and beverage consumed on club grounds must be purchased at Baton Rouge Country Club. The clubhouse will be open to service all snack and beverage needs beginning at 6:30am each morning in the upstairs Ballroom. Club accepts credit cards only for food purchases. Complimentary bottled water will be available throughout the course for players and spectators.

Hosted Player Food Functions

The SGA will provide lunch for players from 11:00am-3:00pm for each round of the championship as well as the practice round (Tuesday-Friday) in the upstairs clubhouse Ballroom and breakfast (Wednesday-Friday) from 6:30am-9:00am. Hosted breakfast and lunch are for players only. Parents and spectators may purchase items.

Parking

Updated: This will be a very busy week at Baton Rouge Country Club with the tournament and normal club activities especially in the middle of the day. Limited parking will be available on-site at Baton Rouge Country Club and at a satellite parking lot is available located at South Baton Rouge Church of Christ (8725 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA 70809) about 500 yards from BRCC. We request players and family members to carpool as much as possible or use a rideshare taxi service and to drop-off players or spectators with mobility limitations at the main golf entrance located left of the clubhouse.

Host Club Policies

Cell Phone Policy: Cell phones may only be used on the golf course in case of an emergency, for Live Scoring, 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.

Updated Coolers: A small backpack cooler is permitted. Spectators may carry food and drinks for players. Reminder that outside food and beverages are prohibited. All food and beverages must be purchased from BRCC. Complimentary bottled water will be available throughout the course for players and spectators. Otherwise, traditional personal coolers are not allowed.

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 credit cards for food and beverage purchases. Golf shop accepts credit cards for merchandise purchases.

Practice Rounds and Practice Facility

Updated One official practice round is on Tuesday, June 13. Facilities are closed to championship participants prior to June 13. You will schedule a practice round through this [online registration link](#). Practice round tee times will run from 7:30am-3:00pm off #1 tee. 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 and putting green throughout the championship. The short game area at the back end of the range will be closed due to safety concerns.

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

Baton Rouge Country Club: SGA Tees

| Hole | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | Out | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | In | Total |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-------|
| Yards | 400 | 465 | 132 | 404 | 583 | 369 | 360 | 179 | 537 | 3429 | 383 | 384 | 194 | 450 | 186 | 597 | 445 | 448 | 527 | 3614 | 7043 |
| Par | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 36 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 36 | 72 |

*Alternate tees: All Par 3 tee platforms.

Course Fees; Push/Pull Carts

- **Practice Round Fees:** Practice round fees are included in the entry fee.
- **Championship Round Fees:** All course fees during the championship rounds are paid by the SGA and 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 at a fee of \$20/day.

Starting Times

Updated Starting times for June 14-15 will be available on Sunday, June 11th by 8:00pm CT. Players will be notified via text message and available at [51st Southern Junior Championship Website](#).

Lodging

There are several lodging options near Baton Rouge Country Club. Below are the hotels in the area that are offering SGA discounted group rates.

[Hampton Inn Baton Rouge I-10 College Drive](#)

- Rate: \$119 per night
- Reservation cut-off date: May 30th

[Courtyard Baton Rouge Acadian Centre/LSU Area](#)

- Rate: \$119 to \$139 per night
- Reservation cut-off date: May 13th

[Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel](#)

- Rate: \$129 to \$149 per night
- Reservation cut-off date: May 15th

[Baton Rouge Marriott](#)

- Rate: \$119 per night
- Reservation cut-off date: May 26th

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

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, June 13

7:00am-4:00pm: Player Registration in the Tavern Lounge.
7:30am-3:00pm: Practice rounds off #1 tee.
11:00am-3:00pm: Hosted Player Lunch in upstairs Ballroom.

Wednesday, June 14

Round 1: Tee times at 7:30am-9:30am & 12:30pm-2:30pm off #1 & #10 tee.
6:30am-9:00am: Hosted Player Breakfast in Ballroom.
11:00am-3:00pm: Hosted Player lunch in Ballroom.

Thursday, June 15

Round 2: Tee times at 7:30am-9:30am & 12:30pm-2:30pm off #1 & #10 tee.
6:30am-9:00am: Hosted Player Breakfast in Ballroom.
11:00am-3:00pm: Hosted Player Lunch in Ballroom.
Cut to low 66 scores and ties.
Field re-grouped according to score.

Friday, June 16

Round 3: Tee times 7:30am-9:30am off #1 & #10 tee.
6:30am-9:00am: Hosted Player Breakfast in Ballroom.
11:00am-3:00pm: Hosted Player Lunch in Ballroom.
Awards ceremony immediately following play at clubhouse.

Prizes & Awards

Awards will be presented to the top three finishers. The 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).

Exemptions and Rankings Earned

- Champion receives one exemption into the 2024 Southern Amateur Championship.
- Champion receives an exemption into all future Southern Junior Championships in which he is eligible to compete.
- Top 5 finishers receive Fully Exempt Status with AJGA for 2 seasons (2023 & 2024) if eligible to compete.
- 1st-25th 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.
- *Updated Spectators*: SGA welcomes spectators at our championships. For your safety, we request that spectators always walk near the cart path. Reminder that parents and spectators must not give a player Advice but can assist in ball searches and permitted to carry food/beverages/umbrella/rain suit, etc. for a player.
- *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.

**Note: A limited number of Disabled Golf Carts will be available each day provided based upon application date/time received. SGA will respond to each applicant with a determination in advance of the championship.*

Updated 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.
- Be ready to play when it is your turn or request to play out of turn if it is safe to do so.
- Keep practice strokes and time taken to read putts to a minimum.
- Play a provisional ball if your original ball may be lost outside a penalty area or out of bounds.
- Keep time taken between nines to a minimum.
- Your SGA issued scorecard will have the maximum pace of play per hole printed on it.

Updated 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.
- The policy may provide that at any time, if a player is observed by a referee to take longer than a specified time to play a shot (i.e., 120 seconds), they will be notified of the excessive shot time and be timed, even though the group is in position.

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 and Refunds

If an accepted player withdraws for any reason before **11:59pm CST on Monday, May 8, 2023**, the entry fee will be refunded, subject to a \$25.00 service fee in addition to the non-refundable application fee of \$25.00 (i.e., \$245.00 refunded). If an accepted player withdraws for any reason after the close of registration and before **11:59pm CST on Sunday, June 11, 2023**, 50% of the entry fee will be refunded (i.e., \$147.50 refunded). No refunds will be made for withdrawals beginning **Monday, June 12, 2023**. To withdraw from the event, follow the below instructions or email adam@southerngolf.org:

To withdraw from the event before the close of registration, follow these steps:

- 1) Navigate to the Championship Website Portal.
- 2) Sign Into 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.