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Coaches' Golf Committee

(Listed By Districts)

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The Championship Program

First Practice—Feb. 2 First Contest—Feb. 23

New Online Requirements For All Sports

POSTING SCHEDULES

Schools must go online to the AHSAA website Member Section and enter season schedules for all sports by the deadline dates listed below for sports in each quarter. Failure to do so will result in a fine of \$100 assessed to the school. Schools should go online and make any changes immediately as they occur.

Deadlines for entering schedules:

March 1-- fall sports (football, volleyball, cross country, swimming)

Sept. 15 --winter sports (wrestling, basketball)

Jan 15 -- spring sports (baseball, softball, outdoor track, soccer, golf and tennis)

POSTING SCORES

Schools are also required to post scores of contests ONLINE immediately following all contests in the regular season (and within 24 hours after regular season tournaments). Results must be posted no later than 30 minutes following a regular season contests. Failure to do so will result in a fine of \$25 assessed to the school.

In the post-season playoffs, failure to report scores in the same manner will result in a \$100 fine assessed to the school.

Instructions will be posted on the AHSAA website Member Section.

1. The golf program provides competition for boys in five divisions-Class 1A-2A, 3A, 4A, 5A and 6A, and for girls in two divisions-Class 1A-5A and 6A.
2. Each high school is limited to 14 regular season playing dates (including weekday tournaments) plus weekend tournaments prior to the section and state tournaments. Regular season dates can be multi-team matches. Tournaments are not counted as playing dates if they held on weekends with no loss of school time. (Note: A playing date is a calendar day.)

Each junior high/middle school is limited to eight regular season playing dates (including weekday tournaments) plus weekend tournaments. Regular season dates can be multi-team matches. Tournaments are not counted as playing dates if they are held on weekends with no loss of school time. (Note: A playing date is a calendar day.)

Each student is limited to two regular season playing dates per week during school time. A team may add a third regular season playing date during a week if there is no loss of school time.

A tournament is defined as an organized competition that results in determining a champion and presenting awards.

Each school may play regular season matches between the section and state tournaments provided the dates fall within the maximum number allowed.

3. It is recommended by the Golf Committee that all participants and coaches wear a shirt with a collar (preferably matching shirts for a team) and pants or dress shorts in all section and state tournament play. (Note: Blue jeans, cut-offs, extremely baggy pants and t-shirts are not permitted.)
4. A school team and individuals must play a minimum number of regular season matches (5 for girls and 7 for boys) in order to qualify for a section tournament. Section directors must check section entries for the minimum match requirement.
5. A player must establish an official USGA handicap index in order to participate in a section tournament. An 18 handicap index will be required for boys and a 36 handicap index required for girls. The index must be an official USGA handicap that clubs offer free to youth golfers. A coach can collect scores from team members and get the handicaps figured at a club. A letter from a club pro verifying a player's handicap is permissible.
6. A participant should be disqualified for any use of tobacco.
7. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated at any level of competition. A warning system will be used in all regular season matches and tournaments as well as in section and state tournaments. A first warning by the home coach or tournament director will result in a two-stroke penalty. A second warning will result in disqualification from that match or event.
 Players should monitor conduct of their foursome during each round and report any unsportsmanlike conduct to the section (or state) tournament director for appropriate enforcement of the rules. Coaches should be stationed around the course to help monitor conduct. The section director is the only one with the authority to issue any official warnings or disqualify (eject) a player.
8. All participants must be eligible under AHSAA rules. Any complaints regarding the eligibility of any student should be made to the State Office.
9. In the boys and girls divisions, each section will qualify the top four finishers plus the four low individual scorers not on the qualifying teams to a sub-state tournament. In the sub-state tournament, all qualifying teams from each section will compete in the team competition and all qualifiers (team members and the four low scorers) from each section will compete in the individual competition. Three teams and three individuals from each sub-state tournament will qualify for the state tournament.

Boys Section Tournaments

1. Section tournaments will be played in one day, 18 holes of stroke play for each participant. All team ties for section runner-up and individual ties for the No. 2 low scorer must be broken by a sudden death playoff. Teams would be split "3 and 2" in each group and the four low scores on each hole would be counted.
 A member of a qualifying team is not permitted to participate in a playoff to break a tie for the No. 2 low scorer.
2. The individual and team championships will be decided by the low scores for the 18 holes.

3. Each school may enter a 4- or 5-player team with the four lowest scorers counting for the team score. All team players must be designated prior to tournament play and all must be accompanied by a certified teacher from the school the players represent.
4. A school entering a 5-player team may enter a maximum of two additional players, a school entering a 4-player team a maximum of three additional players and school entering a 3-player team a maximum of four additional players. A school not entering a team may enter a maximum of three individual players.
5. The top four finishers will qualify for the team competition in the sub-state tournament. All members of the four qualifying teams and the next four low scorers not on the qualifying teams in each section may compete for the individual championship in the sub-state tournament.
6. Team players may be changed between the section and sub-state tournaments, but substitutes must have played the minimum number of regular season matches required-5 for girls and 7 for boys.
7. United States Golf Association rules will govern all play except where local rules are necessary because of circumstances and unforeseen conditions. The AHSAA section director has the final say in all decisions and must name a rules committee to assist with major problems, including those caused by inclement weather. The range finder approved by the USGA may not be used during the 2009 season and playoffs.
8. If a section tournament is not completed because of inclement weather, the normal policy is to replay the entire round for all participants on the next available day.
9. During play, participants are not permitted to use caddies, golf carts or other conveyances. Pull carts may be used, but coaches, faculty members or relatives of a player must remain in the gallery during play. There is a two-stroke penalty for coaches and parents talking to participants during play.
10. During play, the designated head coach of each team is allowed to communicate with his/her team members only from "green to tee" and only if it does not disrupt the pace of play during section and state tournaments.
11. The Golf Committee recommends that all section tournaments have adult monitors, preferably coaches, who would watch all play. Monitors would not be official scorekeepers. No parents may serve as monitors.
12. For information on tournament management such as tee-off times, practice rounds, etc., contact the appropriate tournament director.
13. Team trophies may be awarded at the discretion of each section. A section entry fee (maximum \$8 per individual) is permitted to cover section team awards. Green fees may be an additional charge.
14. Section Tournament Directors' Responsibility:
 - (a) Submit Form 48A to the appropriate Sub-State Tournament Director to report the qualifiers by noon the day following the section tournament. Complete the entire form, including the section number, the school and

- the section score of each sub-state tournament qualifier.
(b) Fax the Golf Section Director's Evaluation Form (48B) to the State Office (334-287-0075) the day following the section tournament.

Boys Section Sites

Entries (Form 48) should reach the section director by mail seven days before the tournament Date.

CLASS 1A-2A SECTION 1

Date: April 29

Site: Tuscaloosa-Ol Colony Golf Complex (Course fee: To be determined)

Teams: American Christian, Elba, Excel, Fruitdale, Holy Spirit, Horseshoe Bend, Houston Academy, Isabella, Lineville, Mobile Christian, New Brockton, Providence Christian, Washington County

Director: Danny Matherson, American Christian Academy, 2300 Veterans Memorial Parkway, Tuscaloosa, AL 35404

Phone: 205-553-5963, ext. 23 or 205-242-8478 (cell). **Fax:** 205-553-5942

Email: dmatherson@academy.com

SECTION 2

Date: April 27

Site: Glencoe-Silver Lakes Golf Course (Course fee: \$25 per participant)

Teams: Clay County, Donoho Faith Christian, Fayetteville, Fyffe, Geraldine, J.B. Pennington, North Sand Mountain, Ohatchee, Ragland, Randolph County, Section, Spring Garden, Victory Christian, Westbrook Christian, West End-Walnut Grove

Director: Mark Hale, Geraldine High School, 13011 Highway 227, Geraldine, AL 35974

Phone: 256-659-2142 or 256-659-2444 (cell). **Fax:** 256-659-429

Email: mhale@dekalbk12.org

SECTION 3

Date: April 28

Site: Cullman Municipal Golf Course (Course fee: \$10 per participant)

Teams: Appalachian, Asbury, Brilliant, Brindlee Mountain, Cleveland, Cold Springs, Falkville, Fulntondale, Lamar County, Marion County, Oakman, Paint Rock Valley, Parkway Christian, Parrish, Red Bay, Skyline, Sulligent

Director: Chris Freeman, Cold Springs High School, P. O. Box 130, Bremen, AL 35033

Phone: 205-300-0151 (cell) or 256-287-1787.

Fax: 256-287-2841. **Email:** cfreeman@ccboe.org

SECTION 4**Date:** April 27**Site:** Athens-Southern Gayles Golf Club (Course fee: \$10 per participant)**Teams:** Athens Bible, Belgreen, Catholic-Huntsville, Cherokee, Clements, Covenant Christian, Decatur Heritage, Fultondale, Hatton, Hubbard, Lexington, Mars Hill Bible, New Century, Shades Mountain Christian, Shoals Christian, Speake, Tanner, Westminster Christian, Woodville)**Director:** Billy Owens, Tanner High School, 12060 Sommers Rd., Tanner AL 35671**Phone:** 256-233-6682. 256-777-9724 (cell). **Fax:** 256-233-6449**CLASS 3A****SECTION 1****Date:** April 27**Site:** Montgomery-Lagoon Park Golf Course (Course fee: \$15 per participant)**Teams:** Bayside Academy, Beulah, Cottage Hill, Daleville, Elba, Geneva, Headland, LAMP, Marbury, Montevallo, Montgomery Academy, Slocomb, Trinity, West Blocton**Director:** Tim Bethea, Montgomery Academy, 3240 Vaughn Rd., Montgomery, AL 36106**Phone:** 334-272-8210 or 334-277-4710 (home)**Fax:** 334-277-3240. **Email:** Bethea.t@montgomeryacademy.org**SECTION 2****Date:** April 27**Site:** Jasper-Musgrove Country Club (Course fee: \$25 per participant; Team entry fee: \$10)**Teams:** Altamont, Carbon Hill, Cordova, Hamilton, Hanceville, Indian Springs, Leeds, Northside, Sumiton Christian, Tarrant, Winfield,**Director:** Kyle Dutton, Carbon Hill High School, 217 Bulldog Blvd., Carbon Hill, AL 35549**Phone:** 205-924-8821 or 205-924-4360 (office). **Fax:** 205-924-8877**Email:** duttonj@walkercountyschools.com**SECTION 3****Date:** April 29**Site:** Fairview-Chesley Oaks Golf Course (Entry fee: \$10 per participant)**Teams:** Catholic-Huntsville, Clements, Colbert County, Colbert Heights, Danville, Elkmont, Holly Pond, Lauderdale County, Madison Academy, New Hope, Randolph, Sheffield, West Limestone, West Morgan**Director:** Danny Welborn, Good Hope High School, 210 Good Hope School Rd., Cullman, AL 35057**Phone:** 256-734-9600. **Fax:** 256-734-9704 (middle school)**Email:** jdwelborn@ccboe.org**SECTION 4****Date:** April 28**Site:** Glencoe-Twin Bridges Golf Course (Course fee: \$20 per participant)**Teams:** Brindlee Mountain, B. B. Comer, Crossville, Glencoe, J.B. Pennington, Piedmont, Pleasant Valley, Pisgah, Sardis, Susan Moore, White Plains, Weaver**Director:** Joel Sims, Glencoe High School, 803 Lonesome Bend Rd., Glencoe, AL 35905**Phone:** 256-492-2250 or 256-492-5319. **Fax:** 256-492-2265.**Email:** joel_sims@ecboe.org

**CLASS 4A
SECTION 1**

Date: April 28

Site: Mobile-Azalea City Golf Course (Course fee: \$25 per participant-practice round not included)

Teams: Alabama Christian, Andalusia, Ashford, B.C. Rain, Brewbaker Tech, Catholic-Montgomery, Clarke County, Dallas County, Elmore County, Holtville, W.S. Neal, St. James, Thomasville, UMS-Wright

Director: Todd Morris, UMS-Wright Prep School, 65 N. Mobile St., Mobile, AL 36607

Phone: 251-470-9019 or 251-656-1810. **Fax:** 251-470-9050

Email: toddmorris314@hotmail.com

SECTION 2

Date: April 28

Site: Oneonta Limestone Springs Golf Club (Team entry fee: \$150 per team)

Teams: Alexandria, Bibb County, Calera, Cherokee County, Childersburg, Cleburne County, Corner, Handley, Holt, Jacksonville, Jemison, Lincoln, Munford, Oak Grove, Oneonta, Saks

Director: Gardner Gilliland, Oneonta High School, 27605 State Hwy. 75, Oneonta, AL 35121

Phone: 205-625-3801 or 256-446-1223 (cell). **Fax:** 205-625-5015

Email: ggilliland@oneonta.k12.al.us

SECTION 3

Date: April 28

Site: Cullman-Chesley Oaks Golf Course (Course fee: \$50 per team, \$15 for addition- al individuals)

Teams: Columbia, DAR, Dora, Douglas, Fairview, Guntersville, Handley, Hokes

Bluff, Locust Fork, North Jackson, Plainview, St. Clair County, Ramsay, West Point

Director: Marty Hardman, Fairview Elementary School, 841 Welcome Rd., Cullman, AL 35058

Phone: 256-796-6304 (elementary school). **Fax:** 256-796-0066

Email: MHardman@ccboe.org

SECTION 4

Date: April 28

Site: Florence-Florence Country Club Golf Course (Course fee: \$25 per participant; Entry fee: \$10 per team)

Teams: Ardmore, Brooks, Central-Florence, Deshler, East Lawrence, Fayette County, Haleyville, Lawrence County, Northside, Priceville, Rogers, Wilson

Director: Harold Hall, Wilson High School, 7601 Highway 17, Florence, AL 35634

Phone: 256-766-1311 or 256-766-7221 (home). **Fax:** 256-764-1304

Email: harold.hall@lcschools.org

**CLASS 5A
SECTION 1**

Date: April 28

Site: Mobile-Azalea City Golf Course (Course fee: \$25 per participant payable to UMS-Wright-practice round not included.)

Teams: Carroll, Charles Henderson, Citronelle, Eufaula, Greenville, Gulf Shores, LeFlore, Monroe County, Rehobeth, St. Paul's, Spanish Fort, Vigor

Director: Todd Morris, UMS-Wright Prep School, 65 N. Mobile St., Mobile, AL 36607

Phone: 251-470-9019 or 251-656-1810. **Fax:** 251-470-9050

Email: toddmorris314@hotmail.com

SECTION 2

Date: April 28

Site: Jasper-Musgrove County Club (Entry fee: \$20 per participant)

Teams: Briarwood, Brookwood, Chelsea, Chilton County, Cullman, Curry, Demopolis, McAdory, Pleasant Grove, Shelby County, Sylacauga, Tallassee, Walker

Director: Chris Cain, Curry High School, 155 Yellow Jacket Dr., Jasper, AL 35503

Phone: 205-384-3887, 205-300-2501 (cell) or 205-221-9255 (home)

Fax: 205-221-7381. **Email:** cainc@walkercountyschools.com

SECTION 3

Date: April 27

Site: Fort Payne-Terrapin Hills Golf Club (\$8 per participant)

Teams: Beaugard, Boaz, Erwin, Etowah, Fort Payne, Hayden, John Carroll, Moody, Mortimer Jordan, Southside-Gadsden, Springville, Talladega

Director: Adam Comeens, Fort Payne High School, 201 45th St, NE, Fort Payne, AL 35967

Phone: 256-415-0302 (cell) or 256-845-0535

Fax: 256-845-7868. **Email:** acomeens@ftpayk12.org

SECTION 4

Date: April 27

Site: Muscle Shoals-Cypress Lakes Country Club (Course/Entry Fee: \$20 per participant)

Teams: Albertville, Arab, Athens, Brewer, Butler, East Limestone, Hartselle, Lee-Hunsville, Madison County, Muscle Shoals, Russellville, Scottsboro

Director: Derrick Gargis, Muscle Shoals High School, 1900 E. Avalon Ave., Muscle Shoals, AL 35661.

Phone: 256-389-2640, Ext. 1421 or 256-386-0628 (home).

Fax: 256-389-2647. **Email:** dgargis@mscs.k12.al.us

**CLASS 6A
SECTION 1**

Date: April 29

Site: Mobile-TimberCreek Golf Course (Course fee: \$35 per participant payable to UMS-Wright-practice round not included in fee.)

Teams: Alma Bryant, Baker, Baldwin County, Blount, Daphne, Davidson, Fairhope, Foley, Mary Montgomery, McGill-Toolen, Murphy, Robertsdale, Satsuma, Theodore, Williamson

Director: Todd Morris, UMS-Wright Prep School, 65 N. Mobile St., Mobile, AL 36607

Phone: 251-470-9019 or 251-656-1810. **Fax:** 251-470-9050

Email: toddmorris314@hotmail.com

SECTION 2

Date: April 27

Site: Saughatchee Country Club (Course fee: \$15 per participant; Team entry fee: \$10 per team)

Teams: Auburn, Benjamin Russell, Central-Phenix City, Dothan, Enterprise, Jeff Davis, Sidney Lanier, Lee-Montgomery, Northview, Opelika, Prattville, Russell County, Smiths Station, Stanhope Elmore, Wetumpka

Director: Duke Smith, Auburn High School, 405 Dean Rd., Auburn, AL 36830

Phone: 334-887-4970 or 334-703-6553 (cell). **Fax:** 334-887-4177

Email: psmith@auburnschools.org

SECTION 3

Date: April 28

Site: Tuscaloosa-O'Colony Golf Club (Course fee: \$20 per participant; Team entry fee: \$10 per participant)

Team: Gardendale, Hillcrest-Tuscaloosa, Homewood, Hoover, Hueytown, Mountain Brook, Northridge, Oak Mountain, Paul Bryant, Pelham, Pell City, Spain Park, Thompson, Tuscaloosa County, Vestavia Hills)

Director: David Akins, Northridge High School, 2901 Northridge Rd., Tuscaloosa, AL 35406

Phone: 205-759-3590 or 205-752-4142 or 205-349-9410 (cell).

Fax: 205-759-3605. **Email:** dakins@tusc.k12.al.us

SECTION 4

Date: April 27

Site: Madison-Sunset Landing Golf Course (Course fee: \$10 per participant; Team entry fee: \$20 per team)

Teams: Austin, Bob Jones, Buckhorn, Clay-Chalkville, Decatur, Florence, Grissom, Hazel Green, Hewitt-Trussville, Huntsville, Minor, Oxford, Pinson Valley, Shades Valley, Sparkman

Director: Bobby Jackson, Bob Jones High School, 650 Hughes Rd., Madison, AL 35758

Phone: 256-464-8370. **Fax:** 256-464-8291

Email: bwjackson@madisoncity.k12.al.us

Boys Sub-State Sites

Four teams and four individuals from each section will qualify for sub-state play.

SOUTH 1

Date: May 5

Site: Mobile-Azalea City Golf Course (Course fee: \$25 per participant payable to Mc-Gill-Toolen)

Entries: Qualifiers from Sections 1 and 2 in Class 6A.

Director: Tom Buhring, McGill-Toolen School, 1501 Old Shell Rd., Mobile, AL 36604

Phone: 251-377-4159 (cell). **Fax:** 251-433-8356

Email: coachbuhring@bellsouth.net

SOUTH 2

Date: May 5

Site: Pelham-Ballantrae Golf Course (Course fee: \$30 per participant)

Entries: Qualifiers from Sections 1 and 2 in Classes 3A and 4A.

Directors: Gardner Gilliland, Oneonta High School, 27605 Hwy. 75, Oneonta, AL 35121

Phone: 205-625-3801 or 205-446-1223 (cell). **Fax:** 205-625-5075

Email: ggilliland@oneonta.k12.al.us

SOUTH 3

Date: May 4

Site: Oneonta-Limestone Springs Golf Club (Course fee: \$40 per participant)

Entries: Qualifiers from Sections 1 and 2 in Class 1A-2A and 5A.

Director: Richard Hollingsworth, Westbrook Christian School, 100 Westminster Drive, Rainbow City, AL 35906

Phone: 256-442-7457, ext. 112 or 256-441-7725 (cell).

Fax: 256-442-7635

Email: rhollingsworth@westbrookchristian.org

NORTH 1

Date: May 4

Site: Scottsboro-Goosepond Colony Golf Course (Course/entry fee: \$20 per participant)

Teams: All qualifiers from Sections 3 and 4 in Classes 5A and 6A

Director: Stan Gibby, Scottsboro High School, 35053 John T. Reid Parkway, Scottsboro, AL 35768

Phone: 256-218-2032 or 256-609-7799 (cell)

Fax: 256-218-2090. **Email:** sgibby@scottsboroschools.net

NORTH 2

Date: May 4

Site: Glencoe-Silver Lakes Golf Course (Course fee: \$25 per participant)

Teams: All qualifiers from Sections 3 and 4 in Classes 3A and 4A

Director: Rex McAlister, Pleasant Valley High School, 4141 Pleasant Valley Rd., Jacksosnville, AL 36265

Phone: 256-741-6772 or 256-435-3938 (home). **Fax:** 256-659-4296.
Email: rmcalist.pe@calhoun.k12.al.us

NORTH 3

Date: May 4

Site: Courtland-Valley Landing Golf Course (Course fee: \$20 per participant)

Teams: All qualifiers from Sections 3 and 4 in Class 1A-2A

Director: Janet Latham, Athens High School, P. O. Box 109, Athens, AL 35612

Phone: 256-233-6613 or 256-777-8950 (cell). **Fax:** 256-233-6617

Email: janet.latham@acs-k12.org

Boys State Tournament **All Classes**

Date: May 11-12

Site: Prattville-Capitol Hill (1A-2A & 3A on Senator Course; 4A, 5A & 6A on Legislator Course)

Director: Fred A. Stephens, Alabama Golf Association, P. O. Box 660149, Birmingham, AL 35266

Phone: 1-800-783-4446 or 205-979-1234. **Email:** Fred@BamaGolf.com

Housing Coordinator: Debo Clark, Collegiate Sports Travel, 334-469-5302

Entries: Must be submitted on line at the AGA website, www.BamaGolf.com. As a backup, fax the qualifiers by noon the day following the sub-state round. (Fax to Fred Stephens at 205-979-1602). Wednesday, May 6, is the deadline for making lineup changes other than those required because of injuries.

Entry Fee: \$10 per participant (payable to AHSAA) must be submitted to tournament director at the tournament registration.

Playing Order: First Day-Boys 3A, Girls 6A, Boys 1A-2A and Boys 6A, 4A & 5A, Girls 1A-5A

Second Day-Girls 6A, Boys 1A-2A, Girls 1A-5A and Boys 4A, 5A & 6A, Boys 3A,

Pace of Play Policy: Players must abide by the time frames policy established for both courses. It will be enforced and penalized as follows: A group out of position according to the Pace of Play policy will be timed. A player(s) will be advised of their first bad time. A second bad time will result in a one-shot penalty, a third bad time in a two-shot penalty, and a fourth bad time in disqualification for the round being played.

Awards: (a) trophies to team winner and runner-up
(b) plaques to individual winner and runner-up

1. The top three teams (five-player teams) and top three individuals not on the qualifying teams in each sub-state tournament will qualify for the state tournament. The qualifying teams will compete in the team competition and all members on those teams and all the qualifying individuals may compete for the individual championship.

2. All participants will play 36 holes (18 holes each day).
3. These tiebreakers are in effect for section, sub-state and state play:
 - Individual:** (1) A sudden death playoff by stroke play on the same day. If a playoff is not possible, use tiebreaker 2.
 - (2) Scorecard regression from the 18th hole. In the state tournament, individual ties are not broken. If there is a tie for the individual championship, the players tied will be declared co-champions (or tri-champions).
 - Team:** (1) A playoff counting the four low boys scores (3 low girls) per team, per hole. If a playoff is not possible, use tiebreaker 2.
 - (2) Use the 5th players' scores (4th for girls) for the final round, if available. If not, move to tiebreaker 3.
 - (3) Scorecard regression from the 18th hole of the final round using the top four boys scores (3 top girls) per hole. In section play, individual and team ties should be broken for 1st and 4th places, in sub-state for 1st and 3rd places, and in state play 1st places only.
4. Coaches must attend the coaches' meeting at 5 p.m. Sunday, May 10. No parents will be allowed to attend. Coaches should go over all state tournament rules and regulations with their team parents prior to the tournament, including a reminder to remain on the cart path at all times during the tournament. All coaches must be certified and are subject to having their certified coaching credentials checked at the state tournament.
5. The second day boys pairings will have the top three teams together and playing last, then the next two teams with individuals, then the 6-7-8 teams last.
6. All players must use "ready" golf.
7. During play, participants are not permitted to use caddies, golf carts or other conveyances. Pull carts may be used. The policy for the use of carts will permit one cart per school per division, and coaches must pay for their use. Spectator carts are not allowed.
8. Coaches, faculty members and adult relatives and supporters of a player must remain in the gallery during play. There is a two-stroke penalty for parents talking to participants during play.
9. The dress code is in effect (See No. 3 under The Championship Program).
10. State Tournament guidelines for coaches, players, and fans:

Coaches

- You are ultimately responsible for your player(s) and any supporters who attend the state tournament. School and/or tournament officials will not deal directly with any such supporters but will report problems to you and you are expected to handle any situations immediately. All coaches must be certified and are subject to having their certified coaching credentials checked at the state tournament.
- You will received a faxed a copy of the Groupings & Starting Times as soon as

they are completed following the conclusion of the sub-state qualifying tournaments. Players will have badges prepared for them with their names engraved.

- The only carts that will be allowed during the two days of the tournament will be to coaches for a fee of \$15 plus tax per day. There is a limit of one (1) cart per team or individual player and only one person-the coach-is allowed in the cart. Schools that have both a girls and a boys team will be allowed one cart per team only if there is a separate coach for each team. Carts cannot be used to transport players at any time, either before the round or after, unless specifically instructed to do so by an AHSAA or AGA tournament official. Any violation of this cart policy will result in the immediate loss of cart privileges.
- Coaches are allowed contact with their players between the play of holes, i.e. from green to the next tee, but should not stop the player from proceeding or delay play in any manner.

Pace of Play

A Pace of Play policy regarding the State Championship will be made a part of the school packet distributed at the coaches' meeting on Sunday afternoon and will specifically cover the time frames for the course being played in any given year. It is a must that coaches and players read this and be prepared to abide by its terms as Pace of Play will be emphasized beginning with the 2008 tournament.

This policy will be enforced and penalized as follows: a group out of position per the Pace of Play policy will be timed. A player(s) will be advised of their first bad time. A second bad time will result in a one-shot penalty, a third bad time in a two-shot penalty, and a fourth bad time in disqualification for the round being played.

Players

- Players must be dressed appropriately. Please refer to the Spring Sports book for instructions as to appropriate attire.
- Players are not allowed the use of a cart and must walk and carry their own golf bags. This includes the day of practice.
- Players are to play only one ball during practice and refrain from repeating shots, including putting on the greens if there is a group waiting to play into the green.
- Players are expected to conduct themselves in a gentlemanly or lady-like fashion throughout the tournament and to be respectful of the golf course staff and AHSAA and AGA representatives.
- Trash must be placed in proper containers and not left lying around the course, including practice areas.
- Players must refrain from any contact with anyone except officials and/or their coach during their rounds unless a life-threatening or dangerous situation arises.

Parents/Supporters

Parents and supporters are as welcome at the AHSAA State Golf Tournament as they are at any AHSAA-sponsored event or championship. However, due to the uniqueness of golf coupled with past experiences, the following guidelines are offered to avoid any misunderstandings. Coaches are expected to go over this list with, or get it into the hands of, any supporters accompanying the team or an individual player. Again, these points are valid for both days of the tournament as well as the Sunday practice day.

- Supporters must refrain from any direct contact with players during play except to offer support or cheer, unless there is a life-threatening or dangerous situation. If players need food or beverages or additional equipment such as umbrellas, this is the responsibility of the coach.
- Supporters are to restrict movement to the cart paths, or close proximity to the path, and are to do so in a manner that does not interfere with or disturb play either ahead of or behind the group they are following.
- There will be no spectator carts allowed-no exceptions. Supporters that are unable to walk and follow play need to restrict their support to those areas they can reach without the use of a cart.
- Supporters must refrain from contact with the golf course staff, except to buy food and beverages or seek general information, as well as AHSAA or AGA personnel. All complaints are to be directed to the team/player coach.
- Parking is always a problem and we encourage supporters to car pool as much as possible to help alleviate this situation.
- Only coaches and players will be permitted to play golf on Sunday at the two courses to be used for the state tournament.

Girls Section Tournaments

1. Section tournaments must be played in one day, 18 holes of stroke play for each participant. All team ties for section runner-up and individual ties for the No. 2 low scorer must be broken in a sudden death playoff by stroke play. A member of a qualifying team is not permitted to participate in a playoff to break a tie for the No. 2 low scorer.
2. The individual and team championships will be decided by the low scores for the 18 holes.
3. Each school may enter a 3- or 4-person team with the three lowest scorers counting for the team score. All team players must be designated prior to tournament play.
4. A school entering a 3-player team may enter a maximum of four additional players and a school entering a 4-player team may enter a maximum of three addi-

- tional players. A school not entering a team may enter a maximum of two individual players.
5. The top four finishers will qualify for the team competition in the sub-state tournament. All members of the four qualifying teams and the next four low scorers not on the qualifying teams in each section may compete for the individual championship in the sub-state tournament.
 6. Team players may be changed between the section and sub-state tournaments.
 7. United States Golf Association rules will govern all play except where local rules are necessary because of circumstances and unforeseen conditions. The AHSAA section director has the final say in all decisions and must name a rules committee to assist in handling major problems, including those caused by inclement weather. The range finder approved by the USGA may not be used during the 2009 season and playoffs.
 8. If a section tournament is not completed because of inclement weather, the normal policy is to replay the entire round for all participants on the next available day.
 9. During play, participants are not permitted to use caddies, golf carts or other conveyances. Pull carts may be used, but coaches, faculty members or relatives of a player must remain in the gallery during play. There is a two-stroke penalty for coaches and parents talking to participants during play.
 10. During play, the designated head coach of each team is allowed to communicate with his/her team members only from "green to tee" and only if it does not disrupt the pace of play during section and state tournaments.
 11. The Golf Committee recommends that all section tournaments have adult monitors, preferably coaches, who would watch all play. Monitors would not be official scorekeepers. No parents may serve as monitors.
 12. For information on tournament management such as tee-off times, practice rounds, etc., contact the appropriate tournament director.
 13. Team trophies may be awarded at the discretion of each section. A section entry fee (maximum \$8 per individual) is permitted to cover section awards.
 15. Section Tournament Directors' Responsibility:
 - (a) Submit Form 48A to the appropriate Sub-State Tournament Director to report the qualifiers by noon the day following the section tournament. Complete the entire form, including the section number, the school and the section score of each sub-state tournament qualifier.
 - (b) Fax the Golf Section Director's Evaluation Form (48B) to the State Office (334-287-0075) the day following the section tournament.

Girls Section Sites

Entries (Form 48) should reach the section director by mail seven days before the tournament date,

CLASS 1A-5A SECTION 1

Date: April 28

Site: Mobile-Azalea City Golf Course (Course fee: \$25 per participant.)

Teams: Bayside Academy, B.C. Rain, Beulah, Bibb County, Briarwood, Brewbaker Tech, Carroll, Charles Henderson, Childersburg, Citronelle, Cottage Hill, Dadeville, Dallas County, Demopolis, Elmore County, Geneva, Greenville, Gulf Shores, Mobile Christian, Montgomery Academy, Spanish Fort, St. James, St. Paul's, Tallassee, Thomasville, Trinity, UMS-Wright, Washington County,

Director: Todd Morris, UMS-Wright Prep School, 65 N. Mobile St., Mobile, AL 36607

Phone: 251-470-9019 or 251-656-1810. **Fax:** 251-470-9050

Email: toddmorris314@hotmail.com

SECTION 2

Date: April 27

Site: Decatur-Burningtree Golf Course (\$25 per participant)

Teams: Altamont, B.B. Comer, Brewer, Brookwood, Chilton County, Colbert County, Cordova, Corner, Cullman, Dora, Erwin, Fairview, Fayetteville, Fultondale, Good Hope, Hamilton, Hartselle, Hatton, Hayden, Hazlewood, Hubbard, Leeds, Lincoln, McAdory, Moody, Mortimer Jordan, Oak Grove, Oakman, Oneonta, Pleasant Grove, J.B. Pennington, Priceville, Ramsay, Red Bay, Shades Mountain, Christian, Shelby County, Springville, St. Clair County, Sylacauga, Talladega, Vinemont, Walker

Director: Gary Orr, Hartselle, 904 Sporkman St. SW, Hartselle, AL 35640

Phone: 256-773-5426 or 256-345-7792 (cell). **Fax:** 256-773-5572

Email: gary.orr@hcs.k12.al.us

SECTION 3

Date: April 29

Site: Athens-Southern Gayles Course (Course fee: \$10 per participant; Team entry fee: \$10 per team)

Teams: Ardmore, Athens, Arab, Brooks, Butler, Central-Florence, Cherokee, Clements, Danville, DAR, Decatur Heritage, East Lawrence, East Limestone, Elkmont, Falkville, Haleyville, Hanceville, Lamar County, Lee-Huntsville, Lawrence County, Madison County, Muscle Shoals, New Hope, Russellville, Sheffield, Speake, Tanner, West Limestone, West Morgan

Director: John South, Ardmore High School, 30285 Ardmore Ave., Ardmore, AL 35739

Phone: 205-423-2685, 256-431-1424 (cell) or 256-233-6307 (home).

Fax: 256-4234991. **Email:** John.South@lcsk12.org

SECTION 4

Date: April 28

Site: Scottsboro-Goosepond Colony Golf Course (Course fee: \$20 per participant)

Teams: Albertville, Alexandria, Appalachian, Asbury, Boaz, Brindlee Mountain, Catholic-Huntsville, Cherokee County, Columbia, Crossville, Donoho, Douglas, Etowah, Fort Payne, Fyffe, Geraldine, Glencoe, Guntersville, Hokes Bluff, Jacksonville, Lineville, Madison Academy, New Century, North Jackson, North Sand

Mountain, Ohatchee, Paint Rock Valley, Piedmont, Pleasant Valley, Randolph, Saks, Scottsboro, Skyline, Southside-Gadsden, Spring Garden, Susan Moore, Weaver, Westbrook Christian, Westminster Christian, White Plains, Woodville

Director: Alicia Bell, Scottsboro High School, 25053 John T. Reid Parkway, Scottsboro, AL 35768

Phone: 256-218-2031 or 256-599-2063 (cell). **Fax:** 256-218-2090.

Email: ABell@scottsboroSchools.net

CLASS 6A SECTION 1

Date: April 29

Site: Mobile-TimberCreek Golf Course (Course fee: \$25 per participant-payable to UMS-Wright--practice round not included in fee.)

Teams: Alma Bryant, Baker, Baldwin County, Daphne, Davidson, Dothan, Enterprise, Fairhope, Foley, Jeff Davis, Lee-Montgomery, Mary Montgomery, McGill-Toolen, Murphy, Prattville, Robertsedale, Satsuma, Wetumpka.

Director: Todd Morris, UMS-Wright Prep School, 65 N. Mobile St., Mobile, AL 36607

Phone: 251-470-9019 or 251-656-1810 (cell). **Fax:** 251-470-9050

Email: toddmorris314@hotmail.com

SECTION 2

Date: April 27

Site: Birmingham-Altadena Country Club (Course fee: \$25 per participant entry fee: \$15 per team)

Teams: Auburn, Benjamin Russell, Central-Phenix City, Gardendale, Hillcrest-Tuscaloosa, Hueytown, Huffman, Minor, Northridge, Oak Mountain, Opelika, Paul Bryant, Russell County, Spain Park, Pelham, Thompson.

Director: Kelly Holland, Spain Park High School, 4700 Jaguar Dr., Hoover, AL 35242

Phone: 205-439-1536 or 205-281-0892 (cell). **Fax:** 205-439-1501

Email: kholland@hoover.k12.al.us

SECTION 3

Date: April 27

Date: Birmingham-Highland Park Golf Course (Course and entry fee: \$25 per participant)

Teams: Clay-Chalkville, Gadsden City, Hewitt-Trussville, Homewood, Hoover, Mountain Brook, Oxford, Pell City, Pinson Valley, Shades Valley, Vestavia Hills,

Director: Deborah Broom, Vestavia Hills High School, 2235 Limerock Rd., Vestavia Hills, AL 35216

Phone: 205-402-5208 or 205-492-7759 (cell). **Fax:** 205-402-5211

Email: broomeda@vestavia.k12.al.us

SECTION 4

Date: April 27

Date: Huntsville Municipal Golf Course (Team entry fee: \$20 per participant)

Teams: Austin, Bob Jones, Buckhorn, Deccatur, Florence, Grissom, Hazel Green, Huntsville, Sparkman,

Director: Teresa Stephens, Grissom High School, 7901 Bailey Cove Rd., Huntsville, AL 35802

Phone: 256-658-6486 (cell). **Fax:** 256-428-8001

Email: tstephens@hsv.k12.al.us

Girls Sub-State Sites

Four teams and four individuals from each section will qualify for sub-state play.

SOUTH 1

Date: May 5

Site: Mobile-Azalea City Golf Club (Course fee: \$25 per participant-payable to McGill-Toolen High School)

Entries: Qualifiers from Sections 1 and 2 in Class 6A.

Director: Tom Buhring, McGill-Toolen High School, 1501 Old Shell Rd., Mobile, AL 36604

Phone: 251-445-2900. **Fax:** 251-433-8356

Email: buhrint@mcgill.pvt.k12.al.us

SOUTH 2

Date: May 4

Site: Cullman-Teri Pines Golf Course (Course fee: \$15 per participant)

Entries: Qualifiers from Sections 1 and 2 in Class 1A-5A

Director: Jonathan Hayes, Cullman High School, 510 13th St. NE, Cullman, AL 35055
Phone: 256-734-3923. **Fax:** 256-734-9570 **Email:** jhayes@cullmancats.net

NORTH 1

Date: May 5

Site: Gadsden-Twin Bridges Golf Club (Course fee: \$20 per participant)

Teams: All qualifiers from Sections 3 and 4 in Classes 1A-5A.

Director: Wes Weems, Glencoe High School, 803 Lonesome Bend Rd., Glencoe, AL 35905

Phone: 256-492-5627 or 256-478-0573 (cell). **Fax:** 256-492-2265

Email: coachweems67@bellsouth.net

NORTH 2

Date: May 5

Site: Gadsden-- Twin Bridges Golf Course (Course fee: \$20 per participant)

Teams: All qualifiers from Sections 3 and 4 in Classes 6A.

Director: Deborah Richey, Gadsden City High School, 1917 Black Creek Parkway, Gadsden, AL 35904

Phone: 256-549-2959 or 256-490-6679 (cell). **Fax:** 256-547-6323

Email: drichey@gcs.k12.al.us

Girls State Tournament

Date: May 11-12

Site: Prattville-Capitol Hill (1A-5A & 6A on Senator Course)

Director: Fred Stephens, Alabama Golf Association, P. O. Box 660149, Birmingham, AL 35266

Phone: 1-800-783-4446 or 205-979-1234. **Email:** Fred@BamaGolf.com

Entries: Must be submitted on line at the AGA website, www.BamaGolf.com. As a backup, fax the qualifiers by noon the day following the section tour-

nament. (Fax to Fred Stephens at 205-979-1602). Wednesday, May 8, is the deadline for making lineup changes other than those required because of injuries.

Entry Fee: \$10 per participant (payable to AHSAA) must be submitted to tournament director at the tournament registration.

Playing Order: First Day-Boys 3A, Girls 6A, Boys 1A-2A and Boys 6A, 4A & 5A, Girls 1A-5A

Second Day-Girls 6A, Boys 1A-2A, Girls 1A-5A and Boys 4A, 5A & 6A, Boys 3A,

Pace of Play Policy: Players must abide by the time frames policy established for both courses. It will be enforced and penalized as follows: A group out of position according to the Pace of Play policy will be timed. A player(s) will be advised of their first bad time. A second bad time will result in a one-shot penalty, a third bad time in a two-shot penalty, and a fourth bad time in disqualification for the round being played.

Awards: (a) trophies to team winner and runner-up
(b) plaques to individual winner and runner-up

1. The top three teams (four-player teams) and top three individuals not on the qualifying teams in each sub-state tournament will qualify for the state tournament. The qualifying teams will compete in the team competition and all members on those teams and all the qualifying individuals may compete for the individual championship.
2. All participants will play 36 holes (18 holes each day).
3. These tiebreakers are in effect for section, sub-state and state play:
Individual: (1) A sudden death playoff by stroke play on the same day. If a playoff is not possible, use tiebreaker 2.
(2) Scorecard regression from the 18th hole. In the state tournament, individual ties are not broken. If there is a tie for the individual championship, the players tied will be declared co-champions (or tri-champions).
Team: (1) A playoff counting the three low girls scores per team, per hole. If a playoff is not possible, use tiebreaker 2.
(2) Use the 4th players' scores for the final round, if available. If not, move to tiebreaker 3.
(3) Scorecard regression from the 18th hole of the final round using the top three girls scores per hole. In section play, individual and team ties should be broken for 1st and 4th places, in sub-state for 1st and 3rd places, and in state play 1st places only.
4. Coaches must attend the coaches' meeting at 5 p.m. Sunday, May 10. No parents will be allowed to attend. Coaches should go over all state tournament rules and regulations with their team parents prior to the tournament, including a reminder to remain on the cart path at all times during the tournament. All coaches must be certified and are subject to having their certified coaching credentials checked at the state tournament.
5. The second day pairings will be grouped by individual qualifiers.

6. All players must use “ready” golf.
7. During play, participants are not permitted to use caddies, golf carts or other conveyances. Pull carts may be used. The policy for the use of carts will permit one cart per school per division, and coaches must pay for their use. Spectator carts are not allowed.
8. Coaches, faculty members and adult relatives and supporters of a player must remain in the gallery during play. There is a two-stroke penalty for parents talking to participants during play.
9. The dress code is in effect (See No. 3 under The Championship Program).
10. State Tournament guidelines for coaches, players, and fans:

Coaches

- You are ultimately responsible for your player(s) and any supporters who attend the state tournament. School and/or tournament officials will not deal directly with any such supporters but will report problems to you and you are expected to handle any situations immediately. All coaches must be certified and are subject to having their certified coaching credentials checked at the state tournament.
- You will receive a faxed copy of the Groupings & Starting Times as soon as they are completed following the conclusion of the sub-state qualifying tournaments. Players will have badges prepared for them with their names engraved.
- The only carts that will be allowed during the two days of the tournament will be to coaches for a fee of \$15 plus tax per day. There is a limit of one (1) cart per team or individual player and only one person-the coach-is allowed in the cart. Schools that have both a girls and a boys team will be allowed one cart per team only if there is a separate coach for each team. Carts cannot be used to transport players at any time, either before the round or after, unless specifically instructed to do so by an AHSAA or AGA tournament official. Any violation of this cart policy will result in the immediate loss of cart privileges.
- Coaches are allowed contact with their players between the play of holes, i.e. from green to the next tee, but should not stop the player from proceeding or delay play in any manner.

Pace of Play

A Pace of Play policy regarding the State Championship will be made a part of the school packet distributed at the coaches' meeting on Sunday afternoon and will specifically cover the time frames for the course being played in any given year. It is a must that coaches and players read this and be prepared to abide by its terms as Pace of Play will be emphasized beginning with the 2008 tournament.

This policy will be enforced and penalized as follows: a group out of position per the Pace of Play policy will be timed. A player(s) will be advised of their first bad time. A second bad time will result in a one-shot penalty, a third bad time in a

two-shot penalty, and a fourth bad time in disqualification for the round being played.

Players

- Players must be dressed appropriately. Please refer to the Spring Sports book for instructions as to appropriate attire.
- Players are not allowed the use of a cart and must walk and carry their own golf bags. This includes the day of practice.
- Players are to play only one ball during practice and refrain from repeating shots, including putting on the greens if there is a group waiting to play into the green.
- Players are expected to conduct themselves in a gentlemanly or lady-like fashion throughout the tournament and to be respectful of the golf course staff and AHSAA and AGA representatives.
- Trash must be placed in proper containers and not left lying around the course, including practice areas.
- Players must refrain from any contact with anyone except officials and/or their coach during their rounds unless a life-threatening or dangerous situation arises.

Parents/Supporters

Parents and supporters are as welcome at the AHSAA State Golf Tournament as they are at any AHSAA-sponsored event or championship. However, due to the uniqueness of golf coupled with past experiences, the following guidelines are offered to avoid any misunderstandings. Coaches are expected to go over this list with, or get it into the hands of, any supporters accompanying the team or an individual player. Again, these points are valid for both days of the tournament as well as the Sunday practice day.

- Supporters must refrain from any direct contact with players during play except to offer support or cheer, unless there is a life-threatening or dangerous situation. If players need food or beverages or additional equipment such as umbrellas, this is the responsibility of the coach.
- Supporters are to restrict movement to the cart paths, or close proximity to the path, and are to do so in a manner that does not interfere with or disturb play either ahead of or behind the group they are following.
- There will be no spectator carts allowed-no exceptions. Supporters that are unable to walk and follow play need to restrict their support to those areas they can reach without the use of a cart.
- Supporters must refrain from contact with the golf course staff, except to buy food and beverages or seek general information, as well as AHSAA or AGA personnel. All complaints are to be directed to the team/player coach.

- Parking is always a problem and we encourage supporters to car pool as much as possible to help alleviate this situation.
- Only coaches and players will be permitted to play golf on Sunday at the two courses to be used for the state tournament.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR HIGH SCHOOL GOLFERS

A student who is participating on a high school golf team should be instructed on the following AHSAA rules:

- (a) Amateur Rule: A student cannot receive cash or merchandise for participation in golf. (This includes golf clubs, equipment, etc. Deferred receipt thereof is not legal and may affect a student's eligibility in other school sports.) If, during the past year, a student accepted an award (cash or merchandise) having a monetary value in excess of \$500 from participation in such golf events, the student is ineligible to participate on a high school team this school year.
- (b) Independent Rule: After a school golf team's season starts, a member of its team may participate as an independent in outside activities (no limit on the number) on non-school days during the golf season. The schedule of the school team, including its championship play, takes precedent over any outside participation by an individual.

