



Junior Golf Alabama

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TO: JGA Tour Final Presented by Smylie Kaufman Contestants
FROM: Karl Yervey, Junior Golf Alabama
DATE: August 9, 2024
TOPIC: JGA Tour Final Player Information

Junior Golf Alabama looks forward to seeing you at the JGA Tour Final Presented by Smylie Kaufman on November 9-10, 2024. Please review the following tournament information. Remember that we are guests of the club; as such, we 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 JGA office if you have any questions or e-mail me at karl@alabamagolf.org. We hope you have a great tournament!

Tournament Website: www.juniorgolfalabama.org/jgatour

Tournament Registration

No formal registration on Friday, November 8, 2024. Players should arrive at least 10 minutes prior to their schedule Round 1 Starting Time.

Vestavia Country Club Information

Golf Professional: Elliott Jones

Course Superintendent: Owen Coulson

Physical Address: 400 Beaumont Drive, Birmingham, AL 35216

Club Website: <http://www.vestaviacc.com>

Golf Shop Phone: (205) 822-8300

Golf Shop Hours: 7:00am – 6:30pm

Practice Facility Hours: 6:30am – 6:30 pm

Food & Beverage Hours: 7:00am – 6:30pm

Male Championship Yardage: 14-18 Age Division: 6744 yards, 9-13 Age Divisions: 5145 yards, 9-Hole Age Division: 3035 yards

Male Course/Slope Rating: 14-18 Age Division: 72.7/134, 9-13 Age Division: 65.1/117, 9-Hole Age Division: 27.9/107 (F); 28.2/109 (B)

Female Championship Yardage: 14-18 Age Division: 5605 yards, 9-13 Age Divisions: 5145 yards, 9-Hole Age Division: 3035 yards

Female Course/Slope Rating: 14-18 Age Division: 72.5/131, 9-13 Age Division: 70.0/124, 9-Hole Age Division: 29.1/112 (F); 29.7/109 (B)

Food and Beverage

All food and beverage consumed on club grounds must be purchased at Vestavia Country Club.

Directions to Vestavia Country Club

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

Lodging

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

Host Club Policies

Cell Phone Policy: Cell phones may only be used on the golf course in case of an emergency, a ruling, entering hole-by-hole scores, viewing tournament leaderboard, weather forecasts, or as a distance measuring device. We ask that phones are set to silent while on club grounds. Silent communications (text, email) may be used inside buildings. Verbal communication (phone calls) must be outside buildings.

Parking: There is a limited amount of parking available at the host club and we ask players, caddies, and family members to carpool as much as possible.

Dress Code: Appropriate golf attire must be worn. Slacks or Bermuda shorts. No cut-offs, no denim, no cargo pants, or cargo shorts. Men must wear shirts with collars and sleeves, always tucked in. Non-metal spikes only. Dress code applies to players, caddies, and spectators.

Coolers: 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 JGA nor the host club will be held responsible for any lost or stolen personal items.

Accepted Forms of Payment: **Cash and Credit Card**

Practice Rounds and Practice Facility

You are entitled to **one (1)** practice round on either Wednesday, November 6 or Thursday, November 7, 2024. You may call the golf shop 205-822-8300 to reserve a practice round tee time. You may reserve a practice round time for Wednesday, November 6 beginning on Saturday, November 2, 2024, and for Thursday, November 7 beginning on Sunday, November 3. Make sure to identify yourself as a registered participant in the JGA Tour Final Presented by Smylie Kaufman. The Pro Shop will pair you with registered play, as needed. Do not arrive at the course and expect to be accommodated for a practice round. There is a **mandatory** \$35.00/player fee for the practice round. Players are limited to playing one ball except from the teeing ground. Players may use the practice range and putting green no earlier than 45-minutes prior to their practice round time and should depart the course immediately after the conclusion of play.

Starting Times

Starting times for Round One (Saturday, November 9, 2024) will be available on November 1st by 5:00pm. Check the JGA website at www.juniorgolfalabama.org or registrant's email provided at entry.

Championship Format and Schedule

- 36 holes of gross individual stroke play for players 9-13 and 14-18 18-Hole Age Divisions.
- 18 holes (9 each day) for 9-Hole Age Divisions (6-8 and 9-11).
- The lowest score for 36 holes in the divisions (9-13 and 14-18 18-Hole Age Divisions) will be the Divisional Champions.
- Any ties in divisions will be resolved according to the USGA recommendation within the Committee Procedures of the Rules of Golf – "Matching Scorecards"
- Initial groupings will be for Round 1. Players will be re-paired by score for the Final Round.

Wednesday, November 6 OR Thursday, November 7: Practice Round (reserved in accordance with policy outlined above)

Saturday, November 9: Round 1: Tee times at 8:00am off #1 & #10 tees.
The field re-grouped according to score.

Sunday, November 10: Round 2: Tee times at 8:00am off #1 & #10 tees.

Pace of Play

The JGA 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.
- 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 JGA tournament. Following the lead of the USGA, the JGA 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 JGA tournaments will be denoted on each player's JGA issued scorecard.

See the complete JGA Pace of Play Policy for the procedure if a group is "out of position" and penalty for breach of Pace of Play Policy.

- 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.

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.

Range Fees; Push Carts

- *Practice Rounds:* Practice round fee is not included in the entry fee.
- *Tournament Site:* All range fees during the tournament rounds are paid by the JGA and are included in the entry fee. Competitors must walk during tournament rounds. Push carts are allowed.

Caddies

- Caddies are not allowed in the 9-11, 12-13 and 14-18 18-hole Age Divisions
- **Parents/Guardians are allowed to caddie for the 6-8 and 9-11 (9-Hole) Age Divisions only and must walk.**

Spectators

- *Spectator Cart Policy:* Host club policy allows spectator carts only to those with a state-issued Handicap placard.
- *Disability Golf Cart Policy:* In consistency with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), JGA 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 entry date.
 - The host club has a golf cart available.
 - Requesting individual pays host club, the appropriate fee.
 - Requesting individual presents to the JGA staff or JGA 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.
- Non-club owned spectator carts are not allowed except as provided in the [JGA Tournament Manual](#).

Prizes & Awards

Awards will be presented as follows:

- Top 3 in Male Age Divisions: 6-8 (9-Hole), 9-11 (9-Hole & 18-Hole), 12-13, 14-18
- Top 3 in Female Age Divisions: 6-8 (9-Hole), 9-11 (9-Hole & 18-Hole), 12-13, 14-18

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

Male 14-18 Age Division

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	394	545	380	465	215	525	185	430	290	3429	420	360	485	210	545	165	425	145	560	3315	6744
Par	4	5	4	4	3	5	3	4	4	36	4	4	4	3	5	3	4	3	5	35	71

Female 14-18 Age Division

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	330	490	320	380	130	475	140	350	270	2885	315	345	310	165	485	150	370	130	450	2720	5605
Par	4	5	4	4	3	5	3	4	4	36	4	4	4	3	5	3	4	3	5	35	71

Male & Female 9-13 Age Division

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	295	490	285	325	165	440	140	295	245	2680	315	270	310	145	410	135	320	110	450	2465	5145
Par	4	5	4	4	3	5	3	4	4	36	4	4	4	3	5	3	4	3	5	35	71

Male & Female 9-Hole Age Division

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	180	225	180	180	110	225	70	180	170	1520	180	190	200	100	225	100	170	110	240	1550	3035
Par	4	5	4	4	3	5	3	4	4	36	4	4	4	3	5	3	4	3	5	35	71

Tournament Policies

- JGA [Code of Conduct](#)
- JGA Tournament Manual
- This is a soft-spike facility. The penalty for non-compliance is disqualification.

Withdrawals

Withdrawal: If an accepted player withdraws for any reason before the close of registration at **11:59pm on Tuesday, October 29, 2024**, the entry fee will be refunded, subject to a \$30.00 service fee. If an accepted player withdraws for any reason after the close of registration and before **11:59pm on Thursday, November 7, 2024**, 75% of the entry fee will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after that time.

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

1. <https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/4529971>
2. Log into your USGATM Account
3. Click "Edit Registration"
4. Choose Cancel Registration under the dropdown menu on the right side of the page

To withdraw from the event after the close of registration, fill out the form here: <https://form.jotform.com/222983973261162>

No Shows

Players that fail to notify the JGA 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 JGA events.

Tournament Delays and Updates

The JGA will text players with any tournament delays or schedule changes. Notices will also be posted on our Twitter account. Follow @juniorgolfal.

Phone Numbers

Junior Golf Alabama: (205) 979-1234

Vestavia Country Club: (205) 822-8300