



## GCAA Amateur Series Powered by Golfstat – Player Information

Maumelle Country Club

October 31- November 1



- Player Registration** Player registration is available on Friday, October 30th from noon to 4:00 p.m., or Saturday morning from 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. in the clubhouse. Players **must wear a mask while inside the clubhouse** and practice social distancing. If you need to withdraw, please call the GCAA Amateur Series Manager below so he can call the next alternate.
- Format & Tee Times** This is a 54-hole stroke play competition. We plan to start the first round with a **shotgun or double tee start at 8:00 a.m.** on Saturday. 2<sup>nd</sup> round shotgun or double tee start at 2:00 p.m. The final round on Sunday will start with a shotgun at 8:00 a.m. We plan to re-pair by score for the final round. Leaders going off Hole # 1. You will receive your first-round shotgun grouping and starting hole assignment via email/text on Friday.
- Tees to Play & Par** Men will play the Black Championship Tees. Women will play the White Tees. Approximate yardages 7,050 men and 6,400 women depending on daily GCAA course setup and morning weather predictions. Par is 72.
- Practice Round** Practice rounds are available on Friday or any time prior. The practice round fee is \$35.00 depending on the time of play. Call **(501) 851-1033** in advance to reserve a time. Please let the golf shop know your exact group or if you need them to pair you up. Please play ready golf and stay up with the group in front of you so everyone has a nice experience playing a practice round by only playing “one shot” into a green. Please allow yourself two (2) additional putts OR chips but not both. Please NO extra bunker shots.
- Box Lunch & Water** A box lunch will be provided for you on Saturday afternoon between rounds. If you have any special dietary needs, please call the GCAA Series Manager to help you in advance. Please practice social distancing with a mask on while only in the clubhouse. Water is being provided in coolers on the course during the competition.
- Caddies** No Caddies are allowed during the competition.
- Push Carts** Players are approved to use non-motorized push carts. Please plan to bring your own.
- Range Finders** GCAA allows the usage of distance-measuring devices in all GCAA competitions. If, during a stipulated round, a players uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or MEASURE OTHER CONDITIONS that might affect his/her play (e.g., gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 4.3 (1).
- One Ball Rule** Yes, the one ball rule is in effect. Please plan accordingly with your supply in advance.
- Golf Cars & Evacuation** Golf cars will be staged in the golf car staging area. Please plan to be at your golf car in staging **by 7:45 a.m.** You will drive out to your starting hole and simply pull your golf car off to the side. Leave the key in it. You will be walking during the competition. If we have to blow the horn/siren for inclement weather. Please go to the nearest staged golf car and follow the evacuation plan as provided to the nearest shelter. Please be mindful of social distancing and wait for email/text messages to let you know when it is all clear.

<b>Suspension of Play</b>	A suspension for a dangerous situation ( <i>i.e.: lightning or tornado</i> ) will be signaled by one long siren or horn blast. Players shall discontinue play immediately and seek shelter. All other suspensions shall be signaled by three shorts blasts. All practice areas shall be closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the committee has declared them open for use.
<b>Practice Facilities</b>	The range & practice putting green will be open for use starting at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday morning. There is no charge for practice balls on Saturday or Sunday for warm up prior to the competition. Please practice social distancing in these areas to the best of your ability.
<b>Pace of Play</b>	GCAA Rules Committee has set a generous pace of five (5) hours for each round of competition. If your group hopefully plays quicker, you will have more time to enjoy your lunch on Saturday before the 2 <sup>nd</sup> round. The exact pace of play guidelines is located on the Golfstat event link. Play ready golf and keep up with the group in front of you.
<b>Withdraw / Alternates</b>	Please call the GCAA Amateur Series Manager, <b>Brandon Earnest, 214.422.3809</b> if you must withdraw before the competition so he can contact the next alternate to participate.
<b>GCAA Contacts</b>	Brandon Earnest, GCAA Amateur Series Manager, 214.422.3809 cell; <a href="mailto:Brandon@collegiategolf.com">Brandon@collegiategolf.com</a>  Gregg Grost, GCAA Chief Executive Officer, 405.820.7824 cell; <a href="mailto:Gregg@collegiategolf.com">Gregg@collegiategolf.com</a>
<b>Rules Officials</b>	John Reis, GCAA Director of Rules & Competitions  <b>Adding the other three Rules Officials names from John Reis here...</b>
<b>Refund Policy</b>	GCAA will provide a refund minus a \$25 administrative fee (\$240 refund) 14 days in advance of any competition for any reason. GCAA will provide a refund fee of (\$200 refund) between 13 days and one week in advance of the start of any competition for any reason. Inside of a week, a refund minus a \$25 administrative fee (\$240 refund) will be provided due to an injury or illness with a doctor's written documentation, in the case of a family emergency with written explanation or if the players will be traveling with his/her University/College varsity team with a coach's written documentation. GCAA will provide a full refund if the event is canceled due to local health governing agencies.
<b>Scoring / Scorecards</b>	Players will be required to bring a fully charged <b>mobile phone</b> or device that supports the Golfstat application (available on iOS or Android) to use for their official scorecard and live scoring during GCAA events. Instructions on how to download and use the app can be found <b>here</b> . <b>(ADD hyperlink)</b> Players will be provided your own player log in at registration and will be assigned to mark for another player in the group. The player is responsible for providing their own mobile device, as well as ensuring that it is fully charged to make it thru 12 hours on site on Saturday. <b>Please bring your fully charged backup charger.</b> All player information will be provided electronically on Golfstat for your ease of access.
<b>Post Round</b>	All players are politely asked to leave the facility immediately following their 2nd round and practice social distancing in the clubhouse and parking lot. You will be emailed/texted your final round starting hole within 30 minutes after scoring is complete of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> round.
<b>Champion Award</b>	There will be a quick awards presentation and picture for the Champion immediately following the close of the competition by the clubhouse.

<b>Play-off Procedure</b>	There will be a hole-by-hole playoff if there is a tie for the Champion Award. If a hole-by-hole playoff is not feasible due to inclement weather, the Champion will be decided by a scorecard play-off of the total score of the last nine holes (Holes 10-18). If the players have the same score for the last nine holes, the champion will be determined, on the basis, of the last six (Holes 13-18), last three (Holes 16-18), and finally last hole (18 <sup>th</sup> ).
<b>Personal Appearance</b>	Players must be neat with respect to personal grooming and clothing. Players may not wear cargo/nor denim shorts. Men are to wear collar or designer mock shirts. Hats must be worn forwards and shirts tucked in. Please keep in mind, we are guests at this facility.
<b>Code of Conduct</b>	Any conduct unbecoming a golfer shall be subject to one warning by an official then immediate disqualification at any time thereafter. Such conduct shall include abusive language, club throwing, profanity, showing disrespect to volunteers, officials, or staff, littering, or leaving trash on the course, or abuse of the golf course/facilities. Players must be willing to comply with respect to dress code and social distancing.
<b>Parents / Spectators</b>	We appreciate spectator support of our event. Players are allowed, to have up to two parents or spectators depending on the club policy. We ask all spectators to walk on the golf car paths and keep up with their group. Spectators are encouraged to get off the path only if they can help locate an errant tee shot in the rough to keep pace moving. Under no circumstance are you allowed to give players advice during a round. Please be mindful of the high level of concentration needed of the players to achieve their best. Please do not distract them with your cameras or cell phones.
<b>Spectator Golf Cars</b>	Spectators who request relief under the Americans with Disabilities Act and seek a reasonable accommodation for their disability by use of a motorized golf car during the event competition shall be required to submit a written request with their state authorized handicap number to either GCAA contact as noted prior for review and determination.
<b>Health &amp; Safety Plans</b>	<p>The GCAA's 2020 health and safety plans are developed below using recommendations from global health partners and working in conjunction with the Back2Golf plan, an industry-wide collaboration of the PGA TOUR, PGA of America, USGA, LPGA, IAGA and allied golf associations.</p> <p>In addition, the GCAA is working with local government officials to ensure community guidelines are met. At a minimum of four weeks out, governing agencies are asked to sign off on the GCAA's safety plans and approve an event can be conducted in each local community. This timeline is ideal to finalizing fields and giving time for proper travel arrangements.</p> <p>The new requirements include parameters to keep safety No. 1 by limiting the overall number of people at an event, eliminating all possible touch points, and maximizing the game's natural physical distance.</p>
<b>Registration</b>	<p>Temperatures are taken by a health official/trainer for all staff, players, and volunteers.</p> <p>Gifts are sanitized and distributed with as few touch points as possible.</p> <p>Staff wears masks and gloves when interacting with players.</p> <p>Hand sanitizer is available at registration, golf car staging, and in the tournament office.</p>
<b>Practice Facilities</b>	Players are assigned warm-up times and can arrive one-½ hours before the shotgun.

Driving range stalls are spaced per social distancing requirements.

Range balls are set out without bags and baskets.

Holes are removed from practice putting greens.

**Starting Events**

Staff, officials, and volunteers will wear masks when interacting with players.

No paperwork is physically distributed but all is available on the Golfstat website.

All players participate in digital scoring with mobile devices – no physical scorecards.

**During Competition**

Essential number of GCAA Rules Officials will monitor pace of play and volunteers will distribute water using gloves and masks on the course.

Flagsticks always remain in the hole. Inserts may be added to holes by the club to assist players in retrieving golf balls.

Bunker rakes will be removed from the course. Players are encouraged to smooth sand with their club or shoes upon exiting bunkers. GCAA Rules Officials and staff will monitor bunker conditions and keep a rake in their golf car to maintain the course as needed.

Traditional social events will be replaced with box lunches to eliminate large gatherings.

Players are encouraged to display good sportsmanship without hugs and handshakes.

**Scoring will be conducted after the round at your final hole.**

Players will be asked to social distance to review their entry.

GCAA officials can confirm hole-by-hole scores and totals, as well as helping with marker and player disputes if they do not agree with their scores, near the clubhouse.

Awards ceremony will be brief. The Champion will be photographed individually.

**Spectators**

Please practice social distancing: defined by at least six feet of physical distance between people which hopefully will be maintained most of the times.

May be limited up to two family members or friends per player, dependent on the local restrictions. Some events may not allow spectators.

Final determination about spectators will be announced to the field before each event.

Approved media, as well as college coaches may attend GCAA events.

**Social Media**

**Instagram: @GolfCoachesAssn**

**Facebook: GolfCoachesAssociationofAmerica**

**Twitter: @GolfCoachesAssn**

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**Club Address & Phone**

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