

## PLAYER ADVANCE SHEET

### THE BAHAMAS GREAT ABAKO CLASSIC AT THE ABAKO CLUB

#### CONTACTS

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#### HOURS OF OPERATION

DATE	DAY	PLAYER & CADDIE REGISTRATION	TOURNAMENT SHUTTLE	BREAKFAST	LUNCH	RANGE	PHYSICAL THERAPY
1/15	Thu	7:00 AM - 4:00 PM	7:00 AM - 9:30 PM	7:00 AM - 9:30 AM	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM	7:00 AM - 5:30 PM	Setup Day
1/16	Fri	7:00 AM - 4:00 PM	6:00 AM - 7:30 PM	6:00 AM - 9:30 AM	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM	6:00 AM - 5:30 PM	7:00 AM - 3:00 PM
1/17	Sat	7:00 AM - 12:00 PM	5:00 AM - 8:30 PM	5:30 AM - 9:30 AM	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM	5:30 AM - 5:30 PM	1 hour before 1 <sup>st</sup> Pro-Am Time - 3:00 PM
1/18	Sun	N/A	5:00 AM - 6:30 PM	5:30 AM - 9:30 AM	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM	5:15 AM - 5:30 PM	1.5 hours before 1 <sup>st</sup> Tee Time - 3:00 PM
1/19	Mon	N/A	5:00 AM - 6:30 PM	5:30 AM - 9:30 AM	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM	5:15 AM - 5:30 PM	1.5 hours before 1 <sup>st</sup> Tee Time - 3:00 PM
1/20	Tue	N/A	5:00 AM - 6:30 PM	5:30 AM - 9:30 AM	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM	5:15 AM - 5:30 PM	1.5 hours before 1 <sup>st</sup> Tee Time - 3:00 PM
1/21	Wed	N/A	5:00 AM - 6:30 PM	5:30 AM - 9:30 AM	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM	5:15 AM - 1 Hour after last tee time	1.5 hours before 1 <sup>st</sup> Tee Time - Last Tee Time

#### NEED TO KNOW

- **VIRTUAL LOCKER ROOM/LOCKER ROOM POSTING BOARDS** Each week the Rules Committee will prepare documents, notices and policies in these areas for your review. Posted documents will include tournament-specific information as well as Groupings, Pace of Play, Weather, etc. The Virtual Locker Room is accessible via the PGA TOUR Central Platforms (Website or Mobile App). Posting Boards will be located in a high-traffic area (i.e., Player Dining) when Locker Rooms are not available or accessible at host facilities.
- **GOLF COURSE CHANGES** The Abaco Club on Winding Bay executed significant golf course changes during the summer of 2025, most notably to #7 which is a new golf hole. There are also new tee complexes on #6, #8 and #9. These changes are reflected in the 2026 Committee Approved Yardage Book as well as on the Official Scorecard.

- **PLAYER/CADDIE REGISTRATION** must be completed before practice or play. Player & Caddie Registration will be located at **Flippers/The Beach House (Change for 2026)** adjacent to the Pro Shop and #1 tee on-site at The Abaco Club.
- **PRACTICE ROUNDS** As a reminder, prohibitions to practice rounds beginning on #10 tee after a specific time, do not apply during weeks when a 9&9 Pro-Am Format is being utilized. However, practice rounds beginning on #10 must yield in all instances to players making the turn and must not delay practice rounds at any time. Further, players and caddies **MUST** take into consideration other closures affecting practice rounds, such as the Unofficial Pro-Am.
- **UNOFFICIAL (THURSDAY) PRO AM** There is a shotgun Pro-Am Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm with approximately 12-14 groups. Practice play must be completed on the first 14 holes by 11:30 am. Practice rounds will be available during the gap in the pro-am. Please consult with a member of the Rules Committee with any questions.
- **OFFICIAL (SATURDAY) PRO-AM** is **9&9** and will take place Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup> with first nine starting times from approximately 7:00 am – 12:30 pm (first tee only). Second nine tee times from approximately 9:30 am – 3:30 pm off the 10<sup>th</sup> tee. There will be approximately 30 teams. There will be no practice round availability off #1 tee prior to the Pro-Am. The 10<sup>th</sup> tee will be open for practice rounds from 6:45 am – 9:00 am. The first tee will open for practice rounds following the pro-am from approximately 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm. The practice range will be closed to non-Pro-Am professionals from 9:30 am- 12:30 pm. Shuttles to #10 tee will be available for players playing practice rounds prior to the Pro-Am. Official Pro-Am starting times and assignments will be posted on-site (Registration) and online (PGA TOUR Central) on Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **GROUPINGS & STARTING TIMES** will be made available on-site and distributed/posted electronically mid-day on Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.
- **TICKETS** No digital tickets. Complimentary admission for any player families.
- **PLAYER/CADDIE PARKING** will be available in the staff parking lot just past the main entrance on the right. Overflow parking is available on the street adjacent to the parking lot.
- **PLAYER DINING** is located at **Flippers/The Beach House Restaurant**, open to players and spouses/significant others. Hours of operation are listed above.
- **CADDIE DINING** is complimentary and located at **Little Flippers (left of Flippers Beach Bar)** adjacent to #1 tee. Hours of operation are listed above. Hours of operation are listed above.
- **LOCKER ROOM/CLUB STORAGE** locker room facilities are unavailable. Bag storage is secure and available next to the pro shop.
- **FITNESS CENTER** facilities are available on site on the lower level of the Spa next to the Cliff House Restaurant.
- **CHIROPRACTOR/PHYSICAL THERAPY** is located in the Fitness Center on the lower level of the Spa next to the Cliff House. Medics will be onsite.
- **YARDAGE BOOKS** will be issued to players and caddies free of charge at registration. Players and caddies **MUST** use the 2023,2024, 2025 or 2026 Committee Approved Book(s).
- **PLAYER/CADDIE TRANSPORTATION** Please see complete shuttle schedule on PGA TOUR Central.

## **TOURNAMENT WEEK SCHEDULE**

### **Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

- The golf course and practice facilities will be open after 12:00 p.m. Please contact Assistant Golf Professional Toby Young . (+1 802-881-5674) or the Golf Shop (+1 401-648-8297)

### **Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**

- Practice Facilities are open from 7:00 am – 5:30 pm
- Practice Rounds are available from 7:00 am
- There is a shotgun Pro-Am at 12:00 pm. Practice play must be completed on the first 14 holes by 11:30 am. Practice rounds will be available during the gap in the pro-am.

### **Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**

- Practice Rounds are available all day. Practice rounds starting on #10 must yield to groups making the turn. Shuttles to #10 tee will leave from the sandy lot adjacent to Flippers.
- Practice Facilities will be open from 6:00 am – 5:30 pm
- Youth Clinic on the Driving Range from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

### **Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**

- Official Pro-Am will be a 9&9 format with approximately 30 teams. First nine times are approximately 7:00 am – 12:30 pm. Second nine tee times from approximately 9:30 am – 3:30 pm off the 10<sup>th</sup> tee
- Practice Facilities will be open from 5:30 am until 5:30 pm
- Practice Range will be closed to non-Pro-Am professionals from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm.
- There is no practice round availability off #1 tee prior to the Pro-Am. The 10<sup>th</sup> tee will be open for practice rounds from 6:45 am – 9:00 am.
- The first tee will open for practice rounds following the Pro-Am from approximately 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm.

### **Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

- Practice Facilities will be open from 5:15 am until 5:30 pm.
- Round 1 tee times begin at approximately 6:55 am.

### **Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

- Practice Facilities will be open from 5:15 am until 5:30 pm.
- Round 2 tee times begin at approximately 6:55 am.

### **Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**

- Practice Facilities will be open from 5:15 am until 5:30 pm.
- Round 3 tee times TBD. Approximate finish time 5:00 pm.

### **Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

- Practice Facilities will be open from 5:15 am until 1 hour after last tee time.
- Round 4 tee times TBD. Approximate finish time 4:00 pm
- Following Play Trophy Presentation (18th Green)

**Agronomy Report:**

**The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club**

Golf Course Superintendent: Demetrio Hepburn  
 PGA TOUR Agronomist: Blake Meentemeyer

The Abaco Club is well positioned for The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic. The SeaDwarf Paspalum greens are in good condition but with visually evident areas on several greens' edges and in the interior portions of #11 and 17 from sod and plug repairs made approximately 6 weeks ago. The closely mown surfaces including tees, fairways, and approaches established with Sealsle Supreme Paspalum are generally strong. The rough is a mix of warm-season turfgrasses surrounded by natural sandy areas. For 2026, the entire 7<sup>th</sup> hole has been renovated complete with new tee, fairway, green, revetted greenside bunker, and zoysiagrass rough. To accommodate these changes, new tees were constructed on hole #s 6, 8, and 9. In addition, the area between #3 and #11 has been sodded to zoysiagrass and coconut palms have been introduced to the area.

***Quick Facts:***

- The target greenspeed will be 11' with any adjustments dictated by forecasted winds.
- The tees, fairways, and approaches will be mowed at 0.400".
- The primary rough will be maintained at 2.50" with no intermediate cut.

**KEY PEOPLE**



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