

PLAYER ADVANCE SHEET

THE BAHAMAS GREAT ABACO CLASSIC AT THE ABACO CLUB

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HOURS OF OPERATION

DATE	DAY	PLAYER & CADDIE REGISTRATION	TOURNAMENT SHUTTLE	BREAKFAST	LUNCH	RANGE	PHYSICAL THERAPY
1/16	Thu	7:00 AM - 4:00 PM	7:00 A.M. – 9:30 PM	7:00 AM – 9:30 AM	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM	7:00 AM – 5:30 PM	Setup Day
1/17	Fri	7:00 AM - 4:00 PM	6:00 A.M – 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
1/18	Sat	7:00 AM - 12:00 PM	5:00 A.M. – 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 st Pro-Am Time – 3:00 PM
1/19	Sun	N/A	5:00 A.M. – 6:30 PM	5:30 AM – 9:30 AM	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM	5:30 AM - 5:30 PM	1.5 hours before 1 st Tee Time – 3:00 PM
1/20	Mon	N/A	5:00 A.M. – 6:30 PM	5:30 AM – 9:30 AM	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM	5:30 AM - 5:30 PM	1.5 hours before 1 st Tee Time – 3:00 PM
1/21	Tue	N/A	5:00 A.M. – 6:30 PM	5:30 AM – 9:30 AM	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM	5:30 AM - 5:30 PM	1.5 hours before 1 st Tee Time – 3:00 PM
1/22	Wed	N/A	5:00 A.M. – 6:30 PM	5:30 AM – 9:30 AM	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM	5:30 AM – 1 Hour after last tee time	1.5 hours before 1 st 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 PGA TOUR Links 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.
- PLAYER/CADDIE REGISTRATION** must be completed before practice or play. Player & Caddie Registration will be located at **The Cliff House Restaurant by 18 Green (New for 2025)** on site at the Abaco Club. Golf cart shuttles will be provided from the welcome center and Flippers. Hours of operation are listed above.
- THURSDAY PRO AM** There is a shotgun Pro-Am at 11:30 am. Practice play must be completed on the first 14 holes by 11:00 am. Practice rounds will be available during the gap in the pro-am.

- **OFFICIAL (SATURDAY) PRO-AM** is **9&9** and will take place Saturday, January 18th 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 10th tee. There will be approximately 30 teams. There will be no practice round availability off #1 tee prior to the Pro-Am. The 10th 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.
- **GROUPINGS & STARTING TIMES** will be made available on-site and distributed/posted electronically mid-day on Friday, January 17th.
- **TICKETS Physical tickets** will be available at the tournament office.
- **PLAYER/CADDIE PARKING** will be available in the staff parking lot just past the main entrance on the right (New parking lot for 2025). Overflow parking is available on the street adjacent to the parking lot.
- **PLAYER DINING** is located at **The Cliff House Restaurant** , open to players and spouses/significant others. Hours of operation are listed above.
- **CADDIE DINING** is complimentary and located at **Flippers/Beach House Restaurant** adjacent to #1 tee. 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.
- **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 or 2025 Committee Approved Book(s).
- **PACE OF PLAY POLICY** has undergone changes, including out of position definitions, timing cadence by Referees and expanded policies on the AST and Excessive ASTs. Please refer to Player Links and the Virtual Locker Room for affectional information.
- **PLAYER/CADDIE TRANSPORTATION** Please see complete shuttle schedule on Player Links and Virtual Locker Room.

TOURNAMENT WEEK SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 15th

- Course is available for play. Please contact Head Golf Professional Lauren Strong . (+1 517-614-7018)

Thursday, January 16th

- 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 11:30 am. Practice play must be completed on the first 14 holes by 11:00 am. Practice rounds will be available during the gap in the pro-am.

Friday, January 17th

- 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

Saturday, January 18th

- 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 10:15 am – 3:00 pm off the 10th 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 - 12:00
- There is no practice round availability off #1 tee prior to the Pro-Am. The 10th 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 19th

- Practice Facilities will be open from 5:30 am until 5:30 pm.
- Round 1 tee times begin at approximately 7:00 am.

Monday, January 20th

- Practice Facilities will be open from 5:30 am until 5:30 pm.
- Round 2 tee times begin at approximately 7:00 am.

Tuesday, January 21st

- Practice Facilities will be open from 5:30 am until 5:30 pm.
- Round 3 tee times TBD. Approximate finish time 4:30 pm.

Wednesday, January 22nd

- Practice Facilities will be open from 5:30 am until 1 hour after last tee time.
- Round 4 tee times TBD. Approximate finish time 3:00 pm
- Following Play Trophy Presentation (18th Green)

Agronomy Report:

The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club

Golf Course Superintendent: Matt DiMase
PGA TOUR Agronomist: Alex Stuedemann, CGCS

The Abaco Club is ready for the upcoming event, thanks to sound agronomics and a mild hurricane season. The SeaDwarf Paspalum greens are in good condition, with minor issues on hole #s 4, 17, and 18 that are being addressed in advance with additional fertility and plugging. The closely mown surfaces established with SeaSle Supreme Paspalum are generally strong, though some effects from seasonal winds and sea spray will be managed over the coming weeks. The mix of warm-season turfgrasses in the rough will provide a dense border against the natural sandy areas. For 2025, an expanded and re-grassed putting green near the 1st tee and the new Diablo putting course will be introduced, both expected to match the quality of the on-course greens.

Quick Facts:

- The target greenspeed will be 10.5' 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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