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TO: 2016 U.S. Amateur Championship Sectional Qualifying Contestants at Decatur, AL  
FROM: Brian Scheufler, Alabama Golf Association  
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TOPIC: Burningtrees Country Club, Decatur, AL Qualifying Contestant Information

Please review the following information for the U.S. Amateur Championship Sectional Qualifier on July 18, 2016 at Burningtrees Country Club in Decatur, AL. Remember that we are guests of the club and we need to conduct ourselves in a proper manner. Call me at 205-979-1234 or email: [brian@alabamagolf.org](mailto:brian@alabamagolf.org) if you have any questions.

## **New Grooves Rule Condition of Competition in Effect for U.S. Amateur Contestants**

In Sectional Qualifying and in the Championship proper, the player's clubs must conform to the groove specifications in the Rules of Golf that are effective from January 1, 2010. The condition of competition is available for review on the U.S. Junior Amateur Championship entry application. The USGA and R&A have created a reference resource called the Informational Club Database to assist golfers in determining whether their irons, hybrids and fairway woods comply with the New Grooves Rule Specifications. For information about and to access the database, please use the following link: <http://www.usga.org/InfoClubsDB/intro.html>

\*Penalty for Carrying, But Not Making Stroke with, Club or Clubs in Breach of Condition: Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – Four strokes.

\*Penalty for Making Stroke with Club in Breach of Condition: Disqualification

## **Distance Measuring Devices**

In Sectional qualifying and in the Championship proper, a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3. For more information, visit [www.usga.org/dmd](http://www.usga.org/dmd).

## **Transportation (Players Required to Walk)**

Players must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorized by the Committee. The optional condition prescribed in Appendix I of The Rules of Golf will be in effect. Players may carry their own bag during the qualifying round. **Pull-carts are allowed.**

## **Qualifier Website, Starting Times and Scoring**

<http://www.alabamagolf.org/2016-usga-qualifying>

## **Starting Time**

Please click the below link for your round one starting time on Monday, July 18. Round 2 starting times are approximate:

<https://www.ghintpp.com/bamagolf/TPPOnlineScoring/Pairings.aspx?id=288>

## **Format and 18-Hole Cut**

U.S. Amateur Sectional qualifying is 36 holes of stroke play.

## **Caddies**

A player may provide his own caddie. Caddies will NOT be available at Burningtrees.

Caddies will be allowed to rent a cart for the qualifying round at this site. However, caddies may have to share carts during the qualifying round as not more than two carts are allowed per group. Any caddie that rents a cart is subject to a \$40.00 daily cart fee on July 18.

## **USGA Policies**

The USGA prohibits the use of cellular phones during qualifying and championship rounds. Also, the USGA does not allow spectator carts or spectators to ride in a caddie cart during qualifying rounds or the championship proper. Traditional metal spikes are NOT allowed. The penalty for non-compliance is disqualification. The "One-Ball" rule will be in effect. USGA Hard Card rules sheet is available online at: [http://www.alabamagolf.org/Images/alabamagolf/documents/2016\\_USGA\\_Hard\\_Card\\_Final.pdf](http://www.alabamagolf.org/Images/alabamagolf/documents/2016_USGA_Hard_Card_Final.pdf)

## **Burningtrees Country Club Information**

GPS Address: 2521 Burningtrees Drive Decatur, Alabama 35603

PGA Golf Professional: Jim Settles; Superintendent: Kyle Sheheane

Golf Shop Phone: (256) 355-5982. Golf Shop Hours: 7:00am-6:00pm

Practice Facility Hours: 7:00am-6:00pm; Website: <http://www.btcountryclub.com/home>

Dress Code: Shirts must have collars and be tucked-in; shorts are allowed but must be Bermuda length, and no denim. The policy is for both players and caddies.

Accepted Forms of Payment: MasterCard, Visa, Discover, American Express for golf shop and food & beverage. No Cash.

## **Practice Round and Qualifying Round Fees**

You are entitled to one practice round when tee times are available. There is a **mandatory** \$35.00 cart/range fee for the practice round. You must call the Burningtrees CC golf shop in advance to schedule a practice round tee time. Do not show-up and expect to be accommodated for a practice round without calling first. Make sure to identify yourself as a U.S. Amateur Championship qualifying participant. It would be helpful if you make your own game before calling.

On the qualifying days, there are no other fees due to the host club unless a caddie rents a cart. Range balls are complimentary.

## **Food and Beverage**

The club will have food and beverage service available at the 19<sup>th</sup> Hole.

### Qualifying Spots and Playoffs

An on-course playoff is used to determine the last qualifying spot or an alternate position. Holes to be used will be determined by the Committee based on availability and daylight. Players are responsible for making themselves available at the scoreboard for playoff instructions.

### Course Yardage (Course Rating: 74.1/125) Note: Yardage is subject to change.

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yardage	418	459	170	435	460	193	606	402	423	3566	421	408	207	521	172	421	547	392	429	3518	7084
Par	4	4	3	4	4	3	5	4	4	35	4	4	3	5	3	4	5	4	4	36	71

### Lodging

There are a number of hotels near the course.

<https://www.google.com/maps/search/hotels+decatour+alabama/@34.5725898,-87.0356525,12z/data=!3m1!4b1>

### Qualifying Schedule

**Sunday, July 17**

Tee times available for practice round. Call golf shop in advance for a starting time.

**Monday, July 18**

Qualifying Round: 36 holes of stroke play.

Playoffs for qualifying spots and alternates immediately following play.

**Tuesday, July 19**

Rain Date (if necessary)

### Directions to Burningtree Country Club

<https://goo.gl/maps/kzCkcfvCTf72>

### Withdrawals

Contact the USGA Championship Administration Department at 908-234-2300 to officially withdraw.

### Pace of Play Policy

A group that is out of position will be advised of the situation and the individuals may be timed. The players will be notified that exceeding 40 seconds to play their next shot will result in a penalty of one stroke. A second violation will result in a two stroke penalty, followed by disqualification for a third violation.

A player's time to play begins when the player has had a reasonable opportunity to reach his or her ball and when it is the player'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.

Pace of play guidelines are an average of 15 minutes per hole or approximately 4:30 for the round. Hole by hole time par is listed on the player's scorecard.

### Important Phone Numbers

Burningtree Country Club	256 355-5982
United States Golf Association	908-234-2300
Alabama Golf Association	205-979-1234