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TO: 2026 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur Championship Sectional Qualifying Contestants at Scottsboro, AL
FROM: Brian Scheufler, Alabama Golf Association
DATE: January 1, 2026
TOPIC: Goose Pond Colony Resort, Lake Course, Scottsboro, AL Qualifying Contestant Information

Please review the following information for the U.S. Senior Women's Amateur Championship Sectional Qualifier on August 10, 2026 at Goose Pond Colony Resort, Lake Course in Scottsboro, 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 if you have any questions.

Model Local Rule G-2 Groove and Punch Mark Specifications

"In making a *stroke*, the player must use clubs that conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the *Equipment Rules* that took effect on 1 January 2010.

An Informational Club Database of fairway woods, hybrids, irons and wedges which have been tested for conformance to the current *Equipment Rules* is found at USGA.org.

Exception – Ping Eye2 Irons Manufactured before 31 March 1990: Ping Eye2 irons manufactured before 31 March 1990 with a groove spacing to groove width ratio of 2.3 to 1 are allowed for play under the Rules of Golf, even when this Local Rule is in effect. In using this Exception, the player is responsible for proving when the club was manufactured. If the player cannot do so, the club must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications that took effect on 1 January 2010.

Penalty For Making a Stroke with Club in Breach of this Local Rule: Disqualification.

There is no penalty under this Local Rule for carrying but not making a *stroke* with a club which does not conform to these groove and punch mark specifications."

Automotive Transportation (One-Seat Policy)

The player or the player's caddie may ride in a golf cart during a stipulated round, but both may not ride at the same time (cart fees are \$30 per player). Additionally, the AGA reserves the right to limit or suspend the use of golf carts due to inclement weather, unsafe use of the golf cart or circumstances where use of the golf cart would present a hazard to others, the course officials, the golf course or for other unforeseen circumstances.

If the player's caddie has a disability and the caddie would like to ride in a golf cart throughout the stipulated round in addition to the player, consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a disabled caddie may be permitted to use of a golf cart as an accommodation to his or her disability. As required by the ADA, the USGA will evaluate such requests on a case-by-case basis. To evaluate such requests, submission of the Golf Cart Request Form for the caddie is required (as well as additional important information for first time and subsequent requests for a golf cart).

The Golf Cart Request Form and additional information are available at the following link: <https://champs.usga.org/index.html>.

If two players in a group request a golf cart, only one cart will be distributed to that group. If three players request a golf cart, two carts will be distributed

Caddies

A player may provide her own caddie. Caddies will NOT be available at Goose Pond. Players may carry their own bag during the qualifying round. **Pull-carts are allowed.**

Qualifier Website, Starting Times and Scoring

<https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/5678676>

Format

U.S. Senior Women's Amateur Sectional qualifying is 18 holes of stroke play.

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/2026_USGA_Hard_Card_Final_.pdf

Goose Pond Colony Resort Information

GPS Address: 417 Ed Hembree Drive Scottsboro, AL 35769

Director of Golf Operations: Ashley Parrett

Golf Shop Phone: 256-912-0063. Golf Shop Hours: 7:00am-6:00pm

Practice Facility Hours: 6:30am-6:00pm; Website: <http://goosepond.org/>

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: Cash, Credit card.

Directions to Goose Pond Colony Resort

<https://goo.gl/maps/YQCTVBfKee42>

Lodging

Goose Pond has on site lodging. Call 256-912-0592 for lodging reservations or go to: <https://goosepond.org/>

Practice Round and Qualifying Round Fees

You are entitled to one practice round when tee times are available. There is a **mandatory** \$40.00 cart/range fee for the practice round. You must call the 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. Senior Women's Amateur Championship qualifying participant. It would be helpful if you make your own game before calling.

On the qualifying day, cart fees are \$30 per player. Range balls are complimentary.

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: 71.9/121) 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	307	480	135	316	346	345	445	118	340	2832	451	339	311	130	315	458	143	325	310	2782	5614
Par	4	5	3	4	4	4	5	3	4	36	5	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	4	36	72

Qualifying Schedule

Sunday, August 9

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

Monday, August 10

Qualifying Round: 18 holes of stroke play. Playoffs for qualifying spots and alternates immediately following play.

Tuesday, August 11

Rain Date (if necessary)

Withdrawals

Contact the USGA Championship Administration Department at 908-234-2300 or go to <http://champwithdrawals.usga.org/> 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. Your AGA issued score card will have the acceptable pace of play per hole printed on it.

- Any competitor who is discovered taking more than 40 seconds to play a stroke is subject to a warning for slow play and will be advised of the fact.
- The competitor will be notified that exceeding 40 seconds on one more occasion will result in a penalty of one stroke in stroke play or loss of hole in match play. A third violation will result in a two stroke penalty in stroke play or loss of hole in match play, followed by disqualification for a fourth violation.
- A warning is any notice given to a competitor regarding pace of play.
- 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.

Important Phone Numbers

Goose Pond Colony Resort	256-912-0063
United States Golf Association	908-234-2300
Alabama Golf Association	205-979-1234