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TO: 2016 U.S. Open Championship Local Qualifying Contestants at Oneonta, AL
FROM: Brian Scheufler, Alabama Golf Association
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TOPIC: Limestone Springs Golf Club, Oneonta, AL Qualifying Contestant Information

Please review the following information for the U.S. Open Championship Local Qualifier on May 3, 2016 at Limestone Springs Golf Club in Oneonta, 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@bamagolf.com if you have any questions.

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

In Local and 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. Open 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

Are not allowed in any stage of US Open Qualifying or the Championship proper.

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. There will be a shuttle service for players going from the green on hole #9 to the tee on hole #10.

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 Tuesday, May 3:

<https://www.ghintpp.com/bamagolf/TPPOnlineScoring/Pairings.aspx?id=292>

Format and 18-Hole Cut

U.S. Open local qualifying is 18 holes of stroke play.

Caddies

Caddies will NOT be available at Limestone Springs. Players may carry their own bag during the qualifying round. **Pull-carts are allowed.** Caddies will be allowed to rent a cart for the qualifying round at this site. However, caddies will 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 \$25.00 daily cart fee on May 3.

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

Limestone Springs Golf Club Information

GPS Address: 3000 Colonial Dr., Oneonta, AL 35121

General Manager: Travis Smith; Superintendent: Jay Stubbs

Golf Shop Phone: 800-786-3410. Golf Shop Hours: 7:00am-6:00pm

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

Locker Room: Players will have access to the men's locker room.

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, MasterCard, Visa, Discover, American Express for golf shop and food & beverage.

Practice Round and Qualifying Round Fees

You are entitled to one practice round on May 2 when tee times are available. There is a **mandatory** \$35.00 cart/range fee for the practice round. You must call the Limestone Springs GC 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. Open Championship qualifying participant. It would be helpful if you make your own game before calling.

On the qualifying days, there are no other fees are 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 Grille.

Qualifying Spots and Playoffs

An on-course playoff (Hole #1, then Hole #18 if needed and repeated until spots are determined) is used to determine the last qualifying spot or an alternate position. Players are responsible for making themselves available at the scoreboard for playoff instructions.

Course Yardage (Course Rating: 73.6/138) 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	381	547	395	406	222	431	148	523	332	3385	416	568	189	317	414	227	530	421	456	3538	6923
Par	4	5	4	4	3	4	3	5	4	36	4	5	3	4	4	3	5	4	4	36	72

Lodging

Limited lodging is available on-site at the Limestone Golf Club cottages.

* (2) Levels = \$595.00 +

* (1) Level = \$295.00 +

Each level is equipped with (4) queen beds - Living Room - Small Dining Area - (2) Baths - Small Kitchen Area

Call the Limestone reservation department at 800-786-3410.

Qualifying Schedule

Monday, May 2

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

Tuesday, May 3

Qualifying Round: 18 holes of stroke play.

Playoffs for qualifying spots and alternates immediately following play.

Wednesday, May 4

Rain Date (if necessary)

Directions to Limestone Springs Golf Club

<http://limestonesprings.com/contact-us/>

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 listed on the player's scorecard.

Important Phone Numbers

Limestone Springs Golf Club	800-786-3410
United States Golf Association	908-234-2300
Alabama Golf Association	205-979-1234