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TO: 2017 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship Sectional Qualifying Contestants at Killen, AL
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TOPIC: Turtle Point Yacht & Country Club, Killen, AL Qualifying Contestant Information

Please review the following information for the U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship Sectional Qualifier on October 4, 2016 at Turtle Point Yacht & Country Club in Killen, 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.

New Grooves Rule Condition of Competition in Effect for U.S. Amateur Four-Ball 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. Amateur Four-Ball 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.

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 starting time on Tuesday, October 4:

<https://www.ghintpp.com/bamagolf/TPPOnlineScoring/Default.aspx?id=293>

Format and 18-Hole Cut

U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Sectional qualifying is 18 holes of four-ball stroke play.

Caddies

A player may provide his own caddie. Caddies will NOT be available at Turtle Point Y&CC.

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 \$25.00 daily cart fee (per bag) on October 4.

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

Turtle Point Yacht & Country Club Information

GPS Address: 1000 Club Dr, Killen, AL 35645

PGA Golf Professional: Les Holcombe; Superintendent: Glen Junkin

Golf Shop Phone: 256-757-2155. Golf Shop Hours: 7:00am-6:00pm

Practice Facility Hours: 7:00am-6:00pm; Website: <http://www.tpycc.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, MasterCard, Visa, Discover, American Express for golf shop and food & beverage.

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 per player for the practice round. You must call the Turtle Point 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 Four-Ball 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 19th Hole beginning at 8:00am.

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: 73.6/130) 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	409	190	439	387	566	435	535	145	433	3539	168	504	459	359	378	397	194	524	415	3398	6937
Par	4	3	4	4	5	4	5	3	4	36	3	5	4	4	4	4	3	5	4	36	72

Lodging

There are a number of hotels near the course.

<https://www.google.com/maps/search/hotels+near+Killen,+AL/@34.812635,-87.654967,13z/data=!3m1!4b1?hl=en>

Qualifying Schedule

Monday, October 3

Tuesday, October 4

Wednesday, October 5

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

Qualifying Round: 18 holes of four-ball stroke play.

Playoffs for qualifying spots and alternates immediately following play.

Rain Date (if necessary)

Directions to Turtle Point Yacht & Country Club

<https://goo.gl/maps/cMzaSH1RFqH2>

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

Turtle Point Yacht & Country Club	256-757-2155
United States Golf Association	908-234-2300
Alabama Golf Association	205-979-1234