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TO: 2017 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Sectional Qualifying Contestants at Shoal Creek, AL
FROM: Brian Scheufler, Alabama Golf Association
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TOPIC: Shoal Creek Golf Club, Shoal Creek, AL Qualifying Contestant Information

Please review the following information for the U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Sectional Qualifier on August 16, 2017 at Shoal Creek Golf Club in Shoal Creek, 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. Women's Mid-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. Women's Mid-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 her 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.

Accidental Movement of a Ball on the Putting Green

When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced. **Note:** If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.

Transportation (Players and Caddies Required to Walk)

Players and caddies 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 not allowed.**

Caddies

A player may provide her own caddie. Caddies will be available at Shoal Creek for a fee of \$75, call in advance to reserve.

Qualifier Website, Starting Times and Scoring

<http://www.alabamagolf.org/2017-usga-qualifying>

Starting Time

Please click the below link for your starting time on Wednesday, August 16.

<https://www.ghintpp.com/bamagolf/TPPOnlineScoring/Pairings.aspx?id=352>

Format

U.S. Women's Mid-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/2017_USGA_Hard_Card_Final_.pdf

Shoal Creek Club Information

GPS Address: 100 New Williamsburg Dr, Shoal Creek, AL 35242

PGA Director of Golf: Eric Williamson; Superintendent: Jim Simmons

Golf Shop Phone: 205-991-9000.

Golf Shop Hours: 8:00am-6:00pm

Practice Facility Hours: 8:00am-6:00pm; Website: <http://www.shoalcreekclub.com>

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:

Caddies: Cash only

Golf Shop: Cash, Credit or reciprocal.

Turnhouse (food): Cash or reciprocal

