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TO: 2018 U.S. Open Championship Local Qualifying Contestants at Glencoe, AL  
FROM: Brian Scheufler, Alabama Golf Association  
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TOPIC: RTJ Golf Trail at Silver Lakes (Backbreaker/ Heartbreaker), Glencoe, AL Qualifying Contestant Information

Please review the following information for the U.S. Open Championship Local Qualifier on May 3, 2018 at RTJ Golf Trail at Silver Lakes (Backbreaker/ Heartbreaker), in Glencoe, 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. Open 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.

## **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 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.

## **Caddies**

Caddies will NOT be available at Silver Lakes. 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 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 on May 3.

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

<http://www.alabamagolf.org/2018-usga-qualifying>

## **Starting Time**

Please click the below link for your starting time on Wednesday, May 3:

<https://www.ghintpp.com/bamagolf/TPPOnlineScoring/Pairings.aspx?id=405>

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

U.S. Open local 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/2018\\_USGA\\_Hard\\_Card\\_Final\\_.pdf](http://www.alabamagolf.org/Images/alabamagolf/documents/2018_USGA_Hard_Card_Final_.pdf)

## **RTJ Golf Trail at Silver Lakes Information**

GPS Address: 1 Sunbelt Pkwy, Glencoe, AL 35905

Director of Golf: Jason Callan

Golf Shop Phone: (256) 892-3268. Golf Shop Hours: 7:00am-6:00pm

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

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.

## **Directions to Silver Lakes**

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

**Lodging** – Check online for best rate.

<https://www.google.com/maps/search/Hotels/@33.8850486,85.9917627,12z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m8!2m7!3m6!1sHotels!2sSilver+Lakes+Golf+Course,+1+Sunbelt+Pkwy,+Gadsden,+AL+35905!3s0x888a482299798e9f:0x80a923d8f6962d4d!4m2!1d-85.9217229!2d33.884917?hl=en>

**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 Silver Lakes 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 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: 75.2/139) Note: Yardage is subject to change. Backbreaker is front nine – Heartbreaker is back nine.**

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yardage	426	160	425	451	180	401	590	420	534	3587	568	414	450	410	215	447	550	155	430	3639	7226
Par	4	3	4	4	3	4	5	4	5	36	5	4	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	36	72

**Qualifying Schedule**

**Wednesday, May 2**

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

**Thursday, May 3**

Qualifying Round: 18 holes of stroke play.

Playoffs for qualifying spots and alternates immediately following play.

**Friday, May 4**

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**

RTJ Golf Trail at Silver Lakes	256-892-3268
United States Golf Association	908-234-2300
Alabama Golf Association	205-979-1234