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TO: 2018 U.S. Senior Amateur Championship Sectional Qualifying Contestants at Alexander City, AL  
FROM: Brian Scheufler, Alabama Golf Association  
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TOPIC: Willow Point Golf & Country Club, Alexander City, AL Qualifying Contestant Information

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Please review the following information for the U.S. Senior Amateur Championship Sectional Qualifier on July 19, 2018 at Willow Point Golf & Country Club in Alexander City, 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. Senior 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. Senior 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 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](http://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.

## **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 \$25 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 his own caddie. Caddies will NOT be available at Willow Point. Players may carry their own bag during the qualifying round. **Pull-carts are allowed.**

## **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 Thursday, July 19:

<https://www.ghintpp.com/bamagolf/TPPOnlineScoring/Pairings.aspx?id=410>

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

U.S. Senior 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 player 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)

## **Willow Point Golf & Country Club Information**

GPS Address: 2544 Willow Point Rd, Alexander City, AL 35010

PGA Director of Golf: Matt Sheppard

Course Superintendent: Cole McGinnis

Golf Shop Phone: 256-212-1409

Golf Shop Hours: 7:00am-Dark

Practice Facility Hours: 7:00-Dark

Website: <http://www.willowpoint.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: Cash or credit card.

**Directions to Willow Point Golf & Country Club**

<https://goo.gl/maps/JMhq3K9ovMy>

**Lodging**

There are a number of hotels near the host site:

<https://www.google.com/maps/search/hotels+near+Alexander+City,+AL/@32.8695175,-85.9351171,11.25z?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 Willow 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. Senior Amateur Championship qualifying participant. It would be helpful if you make your own game before calling.

On the qualifying day, cart fees are \$25 per player. Range balls are complimentary.

**Food and Beverage**

The club will have food and beverage service available in the Main Clubhouse beginning at 7:00am.

**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: 70.7/117) 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	399	384	532	193	380	485	412	158	405	3348	371	169	479	174	391	375	352	397	490	3198	6546
Par	4	4	5	3	4	5	4	3	4	36	4	3	4	3	4	4	4	4	5	36	72

**Qualifying Schedule**

**Wednesday, July 18**

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

**Thursday, July 19**

Qualifying Round: 18 holes of stroke play.

Playoffs for qualifying spots and alternates immediately following play.

**Friday, July 20**

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**

Willow Point Golf & Country Club	256-212-1409
United States Golf Association	908-234-2300
Alabama Golf Association	205-979-1234