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TO: 2020 U.S. Junior Amateur Championship Sectional Qualifying Contestants at Birmingham, AL
FROM: Brian Scheufler, Alabama Golf Association
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TOPIC: Country Club of Birmingham (West Course), Birmingham, AL Qualifying Contestant Information

Please review the following information for the U.S. Junior Amateur Championship Sectional Qualifier on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at The Country Club of Birmingham in Birmingham, 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.

Model Local Rule G-2 Groove and Punch Mark Specifications

"In making a *stroke*, the player must use clubs that conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the *Equipment Rules* that took effect on 1 January 2010.

An Informational Club Database of fairway woods, hybrids, irons and wedges which have been tested for conformance to the current *Equipment Rules* is found at USGA.org.

Exception – Ping Eye2 Irons Manufactured before 31 March 1990: Ping Eye2 irons manufactured before 31 March 1990 with a groove spacing to groove width ratio of 2.3 to 1 are allowed for play under the Rules of Golf, even when this Local Rule is in effect. In using this Exception, the player is responsible for proving when the club was manufactured. If the player cannot do so, the club must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications that took effect on 1 January 2010.

Penalty For Making a Stroke with Club in Breach of this Local Rule: Disqualification.

There is no penalty under this Local Rule for carrying but not making a *stroke* with a club which does not conform to these groove and punch mark specifications."

Transportation (Players and Caddies Required to Walk)

Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-6. During a round, a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized or later approved by the Committee. Players may carry their own bag during the qualifying round or provide their own caddie. **Pull-carts are allowed.**

Caddies

A player may provide his own caddie. Caddies will **NOT** be available at Country Club of Birmingham.

Exception: A player may **NOT** use a parent, step parent, or guardian as a caddie during Qualifying or the Championship proper.

Qualifier Website, Starting Times and Scoring

<http://www.alabamagolf.org/2020-usga-qualifying>

Format and 18-Hole Cut

U.S. Junior 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/2020_USGA_Hard_Card_Final_.pdf

Country Club of Birmingham Information

GPS Address: 3325 Country Club Road, Mountain Brook, AL 35213

PGA Director of Golf: Eric Eshleman; Superintendent: Lee McLemore

Golf Shop Phone: 205-803-4225. Golf Shop Hours: 8:00am-6:30pm

Practice Facility Hours: 8:00am-6:30pm; Website: <https://www.ccbham.org/Club/Scripts/Home/home.asp>

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: MasterCard, Visa, Discover, American Express for golf shop and food & beverage. No cash.

Directions to Country Club of Birmingham

<https://goo.gl/maps/Cf1Up4nzewP2>

Lodging

There are a number of hotels near the course.

<https://www.google.com/maps/search/hotels+near+country+club+of+birmingham/@33.4976694,-86.7806632,14z/data=!3m1!4b1?hl=en-US>

Practice Round and Qualifying Round Fees

You are entitled to one practice round after 12:00pm on Tuesday, June 16. You may call to schedule your practice round time on Tuesday, June 2. There is a mandatory \$25.00 fee for the practice round, players must walk. You must call The Country Club of Birmingham 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. Junior Amateur Championship qualifying participant. It would be helpful if you make your own game before calling.

On the date of qualifying, there are no other fees due to the host club. Range balls are complimentary.

Food and Beverage

The club will have food and beverage service available at the Turnhouse on #10.

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: 72.9/134) 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 |
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| Yardage | 378 | 448 | 426 | 531 | 188 | 418 | 452 | 171 | 400 | 3412 | 521 | 180 | 339 | 151 | 394 | 578 | 438 | 430 | 431 | 3462 | 6874 |
| Par | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 35 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 36 | 71 |

Qualifying Schedule

Tuesday, June 16

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

Wednesday, June 17

Qualifying Round: 18 holes of stroke play.

Playoffs for qualifying spots and alternates immediately following play.

Thursday, June 18

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

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| Country Club of Birmingham | 205-803-4225 |
| United States Golf Association | 908-234-2300 |
| Alabama Golf Association | 205-979-1234 |