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TO: 2024 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship Sectional Qualifying Contestants at Alexander City, AL  
FROM: Brian Scheufler, Alabama Golf Association  
DATE: January 1, 2023  
TOPIC: Willow Point Golf & Country Club, Alexander City, AL Qualifying Contestant Information

Please review the following information for the U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship Sectional Qualifier on October 18, 2023 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.

## 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](http://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 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 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. **Pull-carts are allowed.**

## Caddies

A player may provide his own caddie. Caddies will NOT be available at Willow 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 \$30.00 daily cart fee (per bag) on October 18.

## Qualifier Website, Starting Times and Scoring

<https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/3870091>

## Format and 18-Hole Cut

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

## USGA Policies

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/2023\\_USGA\\_Hard\\_Card\\_Final\\_.pdf](http://www.alabamagolf.org/Images/alabamagolf/documents/2023_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: Brad Lacey

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**

Willow Point has limited on-site Villas. Call 256-212-1407 to check availability.

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** \$50.00 cart/range fee per player 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. 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 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 in the Grill 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 Set-Up/Yardage** (\*All yardage is subject to change based upon wind direction and weather conditions)

Course Rating: 73.4/128

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yardage	433	450	564	193	380	518	446	179	442	3605	395	169	549	174	443	404	381	427	520	3462	7067
Par	4	4	5	3	4	5	4	3	4	36	4	3	5	3	4	4	4	4	5	36	72

**Qualifying Schedule****Tuesday, October 17**

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

**Wednesday, October 18**

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

Playoffs for qualifying spots and alternates immediately following play.

**Thursday, October 19**

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