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TO: 2025 U.S. Girls' Junior Championship Sectional Qualifying Contestants at Huntsville, AL
FROM: JD Venosdel, Alabama Golf Association
DATE: January 1, 2025
TOPIC: Valley Hill Country Club (Hill/Valley), Huntsville, AL Sectional Qualifying Contestant Information

Please review the following information for the U.S. Girls' Junior Championship Sectional Qualifying on Thursday, June 5, 2025, at Valley Hill Country Club (Hill/Valley) in Huntsville, AL. Please remember that we are guests of the club, and we must conduct ourselves in an appropriate manner. Call me at 205-979-1234 or email me (jd@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 her own caddie. Caddies are not available at Valley Hill Country Club.

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

Qualifier Website, Starting Times and Scoring: <https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/5062888>

Format and 18-Hole Cut

U.S. Girls Junior Championship Sectional Qualifying round is 18 holes of stroke play.

USGA Policies

Traditional metal spikes are **NOT** allowed (the penalty for non-compliance is disqualification). USGA Hard Card rules sheet is available online at: https://www.alabamagolf.org/images/alabamagolf/documents/2025_USGA_Hard_Card_Final_.pdf

Valley Hill Country Club Information

GPS Address: 8300 Valley Hill Dr. SE, Huntsville, AL 35802

Director of Golf: Greg Glover PGA

Course Superintendent: Jeff Lee

Website: www.vhcc.com

Golf Shop Phone: 256-883-7620.

Golf Shop Hours: 6:30am-5:00pm

Practice Facility Hours: 6:30am-6:00pm;

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, Credit card.

Directions to Valley Hill Country Club: <https://www.google.com/maps>

Lodging

There are several hotels near the course. Check online for the best rate.

Practice Round and Qualifying Round Fees

You are entitled to one practice round when times are available. There is a mandatory \$30.00 fee for the practice round. You must call the golf shop (256-883-7620) in advance to schedule a practice round tee time. Please do not just show up and expect to be accommodated for a practice round without calling first. Make sure to identify yourself as a U.S. Girls Junior Championship qualifier participant.

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

Food and Beverage

All food and beverage consumed on club grounds must be purchased at Valley Hill Country Club. The Grill will be open to service all food needs beginning at 6:30am each morning

Qualifying Spots and Playoffs

An on-course playoff is used to determine the last qualifying spot(s) or alternate position(s). 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 (Hill/Valley) (*All yardage is subject to change based upon wind direction and weather conditions)

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	333	157	355	160	352	500	368	485	356	3066	490	160	312	319	468	135	386	343	358	2917	6037
Par	4	3	4	3	4	5	4	5	4	36	5	3	4	4	5	3	4	4	4	36	72

Qualifying Schedule

Wednesday, June 4, 2025: Tee times available for practice round. Call the golf shop in advance for a starting time.

Thursday, June 5, 2025: Qualifying Round: 18 holes of stroke play.
Playoffs for qualifying spots and alternate spots immediately following play.

Friday, June 6, 2025: 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 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

Valley Hill Country Club	256-883-7620
United States Golf Association	908-234-2300
Alabama Golf Association	205-979-1234