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TO: 2026 U.S. Junior Amateur Championship Sectional Qualifying Contestants at Birmingham, AL
FROM: Brian Scheufler, Alabama Golf Association
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TOPIC: Vestavia Country Club, Birmingham, AL Qualifying Contestant Information

Please review the following information for the U.S. Junior Amateur Championship Sectional Qualifier on Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at Vestavia Country Club 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 Vestavia Country Club.

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

<https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/5678574>

Format and 18-Hole Cut

U.S. Junior Amateur Sectional qualifying 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: http://www.alabamagolf.org/Images/alabamagolf/documents/2026_USGA_Hard_Card_Final_.pdf

Vestavia Country Club Information

GPS Address: 400 Beaumont Dr., Birmingham, AL 35216

Director of Golf: Kevin Quinn; Superintendent: Hunter Salts

Golf Shop Phone: 205-822-8300. Golf Shop Hours: 7:00am-6:30pm

Practice Facility Hours: 7:00am-6:00pm; Website: <http://www.vestaviacc.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 and Credit Card

Directions to Vestavia Country Club

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/P96uz4S7CNQ5Sfsn8>

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, May 26. You may call to schedule your practice round time on Tuesday, May 19. There is a mandatory \$60.00 fee for the practice round, players must walk. You must call Vestavia Country Club 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.

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: 72.7/134) 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
Yardage	394	545	380	465	215	525	185	430	290	3429	420	360	485	210	545	165	425	145	560	3315	6744
Par	4	5	4	4	3	5	3	4	4	36	4	4	4	3	5	3	4	3	5	35	71

Qualifying Schedule

Tuesday, May 26

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

Wednesday, May 27

Qualifying Round: 18 holes of stroke play.

Playoffs for qualifying spots and alternates immediately following play.

Thursday, May 28

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

Vestavia Country Club	205-822-8300
United States Golf Association	908-234-2300
Alabama Golf Association	205-979-1234