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TO: 2017 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship Sectional Qualifying Contestants at Charlotte, NC  
FROM: Chris Zeh, Carolinas Golf Association  
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TOPIC: Carolina Golf Club, Charlotte, NC Qualifying Contestant Information

Please review the following information for the U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship Sectional Qualifier on Monday, October 10, 2016 at Carolina Golf Club in Charlotte, NC. Remember that we are guests of the club and we need to conduct ourselves in a proper manner. Call the CGA office at 910-673-1000 or email: [chris.zeh@carolinasgolf.org](mailto:chris.zeh@carolinasgolf.org) if you have any questions.

## **New Grooves Rule Condition of Competition in Effect for U.S. Amateur Four-Ball 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. Open 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 using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3. To see a video and learn more about conformance issues related to the Local Rule, visit [www.usga.org/dmd](http://www.usga.org/dmd).

## **Transportation (Players Required to Walk) & Shuttles**

Players must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorized by the Committee. The optional condition prescribed in Appendix I of The Rules of Golf will be in effect.

## **Qualifier Website, Starting Times and Scoring**

<http://www.ghintpp.com/carolinasgolf/TPPOnlineGolfer/EventLanding.aspx?ID=1761>

## **Format**

U.S. Amateur Four-Ball sectional qualifying is 18 holes of four-ball stroke play. The gross score to count must be individually identifiable (Rule 31-3).

## **Qualifying Spots and Playoffs**

3 qualifying spots and 2 alternate positions are available at this site. There are 60 sides in the field. An on-course playoff is used to determine the last qualifying spot or an alternate position. Players are responsible for making themselves available at the scoreboard for playoff instructions. Championship proper will be contested May 27-31 at Pinehurst Resort & Country Club, Pinehurst, NC.

## **Push-carts and Caddies**

**Push-carts are allowed.** Caddies will NOT be available at Carolina Golf Club. Players may carry their own bag during the qualifying round. Caddies will be allowed to rent a cart for the qualifying round at this site. Maximum of one caddie cart per side. Caddie cart fee per side is \$35.00 on the qualifying date.

## **USGA Policies and Spectator Carts**

The USGA prohibits the use of cellular phones during qualifying and championship rounds except as a distance measuring device. Traditional metal spikes are NOT allowed. The penalty for non-compliance is disqualification. The "One-Ball" rule will be in effect.

Spectator carts are not allowed except for persons with a bona fide handicap issue. We will do our best to accommodate any handicap spectator cart requests. The requesting person must show proof of a handicap (i.e. handicap car placard), a cart must be available and the person must pay the \$35 cart fee. Handicap spectator cart requests must be made in advance to the CGA office. Spectators are not permitted to ride in a caddie cart during the qualifying round.

USGA Hard Card rules sheet is available online at:

<http://www.carolinasgolf.org/images/carolinasgolf/site/rules/rulesheetsusgaqualifier2010grooves.pdf>

## **Carolina Golf Club Information**

GPS Address: 2415 Old Steele Creek Rd, Charlotte, NC 28208

PGA Head Golf Professional: Knox Martin; Superintendent: Matthew Wharton

Golf Shop Phone: 704-927-7405 Golf Shop Hours: 7:00am-7:00pm

Practice Facility Hours: 7:00am-7:00pm; Website: <https://carolinagolfclub.org>

Dress Code: Shirts must have collars and be tucked-in; shorts are allowed but must be Bermuda length, no denim, no cut-offs, no warm-up suits. The policy is for both players and caddies. Please change all clothing and shoes in the locker room.

Accepted Forms of Payment: Credit Card

## **[Directions to Carolina Golf Club](#)**

## **Practice Round and Qualifying Round Fees**

You are entitled to one practice round on any Tuesday/Wednesday beginning September 1 or Sunday October 9 after 12:00pm when tee times are available. There is a **mandatory** \$35.00 cart/range fee for the practice round. You may call the Carolina CC golf shop (704-927-7405) starting September 1 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. See "Course Yardage" section for practice round tee locations. There are no other fees due to the host club on the qualifying date unless a side rents a caddie cart. Range balls are complimentary and will be set on the range on the qualifying date.

**Food and Beverage**

The club will have food and beverage service available at the turn house from 7:00am-5:00pm. They will have full menu. **CREDIT CARD ONLY.**

**Course Yardage (Course Rating: 73.2/139) 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
Yards	543	374	201	430	423	410	448	556	186	3571	442	405	140	512	357	441	200	433	441	3371	6942
Par	5	4	3	4	4	4	4	5	3	36	4	4	3	5	4	4	3	4	4	35	71

**Lodging**

Check online or call hotel for best rates.

**Qualifying Schedule**

**September 1-October 9** Tee times available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays or Sunday, October 9 After 12pm for practice round after.

**Monday, October 10** Qualifying Round: 18 holes of four-ball stroke play.

Playoffs for qualifying spots and alternates immediately following play.

**Wednesday, October 12** Rain Date (if necessary)

**Pace of Play Policy**

A group that is out of position will be advised of the situation and the individuals may be timed. The players will be notified that exceeding 40 seconds to play their next shot will result in a penalty of one stroke. A second violation will result in a two stroke penalty, followed by disqualification for a third violation.

A player's time to play begins when the player has had a reasonable opportunity to reach his or her ball and when it is the player'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.

Pace of play guidelines are listed on the player's scorecard.

**Important Phone Numbers**

Carolina Golf Club	704-927-7405
United States Golf Association	908-234-2300
Carolinas Golf Association	910-673-1000