



# Carolin's Golf Association

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TO: 2016 U.S. Amateur Championship Sectional Qualifying Contestants at Rocky Mount, NC  
FROM: Chris Zeh, Carolinas Golf Association  
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TOPIC: Benvenue Country Club, Rocky Mount, NC Qualifying Contestant Information

The Carolinas Golf Association looks forward to seeing you on Monday, July 25, 2015 for the U.S. Amateur Championship Sectional Qualifier at Benvenue Country Club, Rocky Mount, NC. This is a 36-hole qualifier in one day. Please review the following information since there is no formal registration at the club. Remember that we are guests of the club and we need to conduct ourselves in a proper manner. Also, make sure to pay any appropriate fees in the golf shop prior to each round and be at your assigned tee ready to play at least five minutes before your starting time. Call me at the CGA office at 910-673-1000 or e-mail me at [Chris.Zeh@carolinasgolf.org](mailto:Chris.Zeh@carolinasgolf.org) if you have any questions. Good luck!

## New Grooves Rule Condition of Competition in Effect for U.S. Amateur 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. If a player obtains distance information by using a multi-functional device, refer to Appendix IV for additional guidance.

## Transportation (Players Required to Walk)

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.

## Starting Times, Player Information, and Scoring Website

Click the below link for starting times, player information and scoring results.

<http://www.ghintpp.com/carolinasgolf/TPPOnlineGolfer/EventLanding.aspx?ID=1722>

## Format, Qualifying Spots and Playoffs

U.S. Amateur Championship sectional qualifying is 36 holes of stroke play in 1 day. You are required to walk in all phases of the championship including qualifying rounds. Due to this qualifier taking place over 1 day, there will be no 18-hole cut.

TBD qualifying spots and 2 alternate positions. There are 78 competitors in the field.

If your first round score is such that you don't think there is any chance to qualify, or you do not want to play the second round, there will be no penalty or consequence in forgoing the second round.

An on-course hole-by-hole playoff is used to determine the last qualifying spot or an alternate position as soon as the need is determined. Players are responsible for making themselves available at the scoreboard for playoff instructions.

## Benvenue Country Club Information

PGA Golf Professional: Ryan Keeter

Superintendent: David Jacob

Club Physical Address: 100 Southern Blvd., Rocky Mount, NC 27804

Club Website: [www.benvenuecountryclub.com](http://www.benvenuecountryclub.com)

Golf Shop Phone: 252-443-3926

Golf Shop Hours: Sunday: 7:00am-until; Monday: 7:00am-until

Practice Facility Hours: Sunday: 7:00am-6:00pm; Monday: 7:00am-6:00pm

Locker Room: Players will have full access to the men's locker room.

Dress Code/Coolers: Shirts must have a collar (mock neck is OK if 1.5 inches), shirts must be tucked-in, hat brims face forward, no denim, no cargo pants or shorts, soft-spike shoes. **Personal coolers are not allowed.**

Map and Driving Directions to Benvenue: [DIRECTIONS](#)

Accepted Forms of Payment: Cash, MasterCard and Visa for cart & range fees and golf shop purchases; Cash, MasterCard and Visa for food & beverage purchases.

## Caddies, Pull-Carts and Caddie Carts

You are responsible for providing your own caddie. Caddies will **NOT** be available at the club. Players may carry their own bag during the qualifying round. Private pull-carts are allowed. Caddies will be allowed to rent a cart for the qualifying round at this site for \$25.00. However, caddies will have to share carts during the qualifying round as not more than two carts are allowed per group.

## Qualifying Rounds Range Fee

Range balls are complimentary on July 25 for all contestants.

## Practice Round

You are entitled to one practice round from July 24 when tee times are available. There is a **mandatory** \$35.00 cart/range fee for the practice round. You may call the golf shop beginning July 11 to schedule a practice round tee time. Make sure to identify yourself as a U.S. Amateur Championship qualifying participant. It would be helpful if you make your own game before calling. See "Course Yardage" section for course set-up and tee locations.

**Course Yardage (Rating: 71.8/137) \*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	372	166	510	547	400	364	421	315	178	3273	466	372	345	160	464	546	346	198	388	3285	6558
Par	4	3	5	5	4	4	4	4	3	36	5	4	4	3	4	5	4	3	4	36	72

**USGA Policies (Spectator Carts, One-Ball Rule, Spike Policy)**

The USGA does not allow spectator carts or spectators to ride in a caddie cart during qualifying rounds or the championship proper for any reason. 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.carolinasgolf.org/images/carolinasgolf/site/rules/rulesheetsusgaqualifier.pdf>

**Lodging**

There are several hotels in the Rocky Mount Area. The Hampton Inn Rocky Mount (252) 937-6333 is located approximately 6 minutes from the course. Check online for the best rates.

**Qualifying Schedule**

Sunday, July 24 Course available for practice rounds when tee times are available. Call golf shop in advance for starting time.  
Monday, July 25 Rounds 1 & 2: 36 holes of stroke play. Playoffs for qualifying spots and alternates immediately following play.  
Tuesday, July 26 Rain Date (if necessary)

**Pace of Play Policy**

A player who is discovered taking more than 40 seconds is subject to a warning and will be so advised. The player will be notified that exceeding 40 seconds on one more occasion will result in a penalty of one stroke. A third violation will result in a two stroke penalty, followed by disqualification. A player's time to play begins when he has had a reasonable opportunity to reach his 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.

**Important Phone Numbers**

Benvenue Country Club	252-443-3926
United States Golf Association	908-234-2300
Carolinas Golf Association	910-673-1000