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TO: 2016 U.S. Amateur Championship Sectional Qualifying Contestants at Sanford, NC
FROM: Rusty Harder, Carolinas Golf Association
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TOPIC: Carolina Trace Country Club, Sanford, NC Qualifying Contestant Information

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The Carolinas Golf Association looks forward to seeing you on Friday-Saturday, July 8-9, 2016 for the U.S. Amateur Championship Sectional Qualifier at Carolina Trace Country Club, Sanford, NC. 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 mail to rusty.harder@carolinangolf.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. To see a video and learn more about conformance issues related to the Local Rule, visit www.usga.org/dmd.

Transportation

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/carolinangolf/TPPOnlineGolfer/EventLanding.aspx?ID=1769>

Format, Qualifying Spots, 18-Hole Cut and Playoffs-TBD

U.S. Amateur Championship sectional qualifying is 36 holes of stroke play, 18 each day. You are required to walk in all phases of the championship including qualifying rounds. Due to this qualifier taking place over 2 days, there will be an 18-hole cut. After 18 holes, the field will be cut to the low 30% of the field plus ties and anyone within 8 strokes of the last qualifying spot for the final round on July 9. Final round is an 8:00am start paired by score.

3 qualifying spots and 2 alternate positions. There are 100 competitors in the field.

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.

Carolina Trace Country Club Information

PGA Golf Professional: Dean Allgeyer

Superintendent: Tim Hart

Club Physical Address: 2100 Country Club Drive, Sanford, NC 27332

Club Website: [Carolina Trace](http://CarolinaTrace.com)

Golf Shop Phone: 919-499-5611

Golf Shop Hours: 7:00am-until

Practice Facility Hours: 7:00am-5:00pm

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.

Map and Driving Directions to Carolina Trace: [Directions](#)

Accepted Forms of Payment: Cash, Check, MasterCard, American Express, Discover and Visa for cart & range fees, food & beverage and golf shop 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 8-9 for all contestants.

Practice Round

You are entitled to one practice round on June 13-July 7 when tee times are available. There is a mandatory \$35.00 cart/range fee for the practice round. You may call the golf shop five days in advance 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: 74.2/139) *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
Yardage	401 364	404	547	399	429	192 157	547 522	195 173	416	3530	419 380	421 412	422 409	222 195	576 551	209 190	392	394	553	3608	7138 6881
Par	4	4	5	4	4	3	5	3	4	36	4	4	4	3	5	3	4	4	5	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: www.carolinagolf.org/images/carolinagolf/site/rules/rulesheetsusgaqualifier2010grooves.pdf

Withdrawals

Contact the USGA Championship Administration Department at 908-234-2300 to officially withdraw and receive a refund.

Lodging

There are several hotels in the Sanford area. Check online for the best rates.

Qualifying Schedule

June 13-July 7 Course available for practice rounds when tee times are available. Call golf shop in advance for starting time.
 Friday, July 8 Round 1: 18 holes of stroke play. Cut to low 30% and anyone within 8 strokes of last position.
 Saturday, July 9 Round 2: 18 holes of stroke play. Playoffs for qualifying spots and alternates immediately following play.

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

Carolina Trace Country Club 919-499-5611
 United States Golf Association 908-234-2300
 Carolinas Golf Association 910-673-1000