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TO: 2016 U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship Sectional Qualifying Contestants at Kannapolis, NC
FROM: Chris Zeh, Carolinas Golf Association
DATE: August 1, 2016
TOPIC: The Club at Irish Creek, Kannapolis, NC Qualifying Contestant Information

Please review the following information for the U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship Sectional Qualifier on Monday, August 8, 2016 at The Club at Irish Creek in Kannapolis, 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 if you have any questions.

New Grooves Rule Condition of Competition in Effect for U.S. Mid-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.

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=1773>

Starting Time

Please click the below link for your starting time on Monday, August 8, 2016:

<http://www.ghintpp.com/carolinasgolf/TPPOnlineScoring/Pairings.aspx?ID=1773>

Format

U.S. Mid-Amateur sectional qualifying is 18 holes of stroke play.

Qualifying Spots and Playoffs

7 qualifying spots and 2 alternate positions are available at this site. There are 120 players 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.

Push-carts and Caddies

Push-carts are allowed per club policy. Caddies will NOT be available at The Club at Irish Creek. 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. Caddie cart fee is \$25.00 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 \$25 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>

The Club at Irish Creek Information

GPS Address: 1196 Fairway Dr. Kannapolis, NC 28081

PGA Head Golf Professional: Jeremy Hurst; Superintendent: Artie Helton

Golf Shop Phone: 704-932-2525. Golf Shop Hours: 7:00am-6:30pm (day of qualifier)

Practice Facility Hours: 7:00am-6:30pm (day of qualifier); Website: <http://www.liveatirishcreek.com/>

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

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, no cargo pants or cargo shorts. The policy is for both players and caddies. Please change all clothing and shoes in the locker room.

Accepted Forms of Payment: Cash, MasterCard, Visa, and American Express and Discover

Directions to The Club at Irish Creek

[Directions](#)

Practice Round and Qualifying Round Fees

You are entitled to one practice round from August 1-5 when tee times are available. There is a mandatory \$35.00 cart/range fee for the practice round. You may call starting July 25 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. Mid-Amateur 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 building near #1 tee.

Course Yardage (Course Rating: 72.8/134) 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
Yards	406	382	186	383	322	541	417	179	438	3254	414	395	390	531	530	175	440	428	193	3496	6750
Par	4	4	3	4	4	5	4	3	4	35	4	4	4	5	5	3	4	4	3	36	71

Qualifying Schedule

August 1-7

Practice rounds available.

August 8

Qualifying Round: 18 holes of stroke play.

Playoffs for qualifying spots and alternates immediately following play.

August 9

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

The Club at Irish Creek	704-932-2525
United States Golf Association	908-234-2300
Carolinas Golf Association	910-673-1000