## U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Qualifying (Houston)

Pine Forest Country Club (Green – Gold) September 28, 2020





## **NOTICE TO PLAYERS**

Play is governed by the 2019 Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and R&A, its Interpretations, 2019 United States Golf Association Local Rules and Terms of the Competition ('Hard Card') and where applicable, the following Local Rules. All Local Rules listed on Pine Forest scorecards, notice boards or posted on the course are <u>NOT</u> in effect for this qualifying. Unless otherwise noted, penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty.

- 1. <u>Format:</u> 18 holes of Four-Ball stroke play qualifying. Players are competing for three (3) qualifying spots and two (2) alternate positions.
- 2. <u>Tees:</u> All play will be contested from the white rectangular USGA tee markers.
- 3. <u>Automotive Transportation:</u> Players <u>MUST</u> walk at all times during the qualifying round. However, a cart may be rented from the club for the caddie to transport clubs. One (1) cart per team (side) maximum. Spectator carts are <u>NOT</u> permitted for USGA qualifying. Spectators <u>MUST</u> walk at all times.
- **4.** <u>Procedures for Ties:</u> Should there be a tie for the last qualifying spot and/or alternate position, the tie will be broken by a sudden death playoff after all scores have been officially approved and posted. The playoff will begin immediately after all scores have been approved and posted. There will be no playoff for qualifying medalist.
- **5.** Scoring: The score to count on each hole MUST be individually identifiable. Scorecards must verbally be attested and returned immediately after completing your round to the designated USGA scoring area, which is located behind hole #18 green. The scoring area is defined as within the roped area surrounding the tent. The scorecard is considered returned when the side has left the designated scoring area.

## SUPPLEMENTAL RULES OF PLAY

- **6.** <u>Out of Bounds:</u> In addition to the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts, Out of Bounds is NOT defined by: large brick posts on some holes. They are immoveable obstructions
  - Course-side edge of the cart path behind **hole 18** is out of bounds When white stakes are in front of fence posts, the white stakes define Out of Bounds.
- 7. Immovable Obstructions: Include, but are not limited to:
  - All artificially surfaced paths, including any adjacent curbing or rocks; and
  - All restrooms and shelters;
- **8.** <u>Temporary Immovable Obstructions:</u> Tents, signage and other temporary structures installed specifically for this qualifying are considered Temporary Immovable Obstructions from which relief is available. See Model Local Rule F-23 and F-23 E(2).
- **9.** <u>Doubts as to Procedure:</u> A player who is uncertain about the right procedure while playing a hole may complete the hole with two balls under Rule 20.1c(3).
- **10.** Pace of Play: Play should be played at a prompt pace under Rule 5.6b. The established Pace of Play for Pine Forest is <u>4:53</u> for 18 holes. The time to complete each hole is printed on the Pace of Play Raguzzi Sheet. See separate memorandum for the USGA Pace of Play Policy.

Qualifying Spots: 3 | Alternate Positions: 2