U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Qualifying

Pine Forest Country Club | Houston, TX September 28, 2020



QUALIFYING INFORMATION FOR PLAYERS

HOST CLUB

Pine Forest Country Club (Green-Gold) 18003 Clay Rd. Houston, TX 77084 www.pfcc.com

FACE MASKS/COVERINGS: Under the current COVID-19 guidelines for the State of Texas, a face mask/covering is required when entering all clubhouse facilities and outside when individuals cannot socially distance. For complete details see <u>TGA COVID-19 Guidelines</u>.

COVID-19 SELF SCREENING: All players and caddies will be required to complete a self-screening questionnaire prior to the qualifying. This is required and will be completed at registration before their round. Players/caddies will be asked to digitally sign a form with their phone at the registration tent.

SCORING/SCORECARDS: The TGA will not be physically passing out scorecards for the qualifying. A digital scorecard will be emailed out ahead of the qualifying for players to print and bring. Players/caddies are asked to arrive to their respective starting tee 10-12 minutes prior to their starting time. Further instructions will be provided at the players starting tee.

PAPERWORK: Per the TGA COVID-19 Guidelines, all paperwork will be distributed electronically ahead of the qualifying. It is the players responsibility to print paperwork ahead of time. Paperwork will be distributed the night before the qualifying round via email and it will also be posted online at txga.org and can be found by clicking here.

FORMAT/QUALIFYING PLACES: 18 Holes of Four-Ball Stroke Play. The field will compete for three (3) qualifying places and two (2) alternate positions. 2021 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship to be played May 22-26, 2021 at Chambers Bay in University Place, WA.

STARTING TIMES: Starting times and pairings will be released on Thursday, September 24th by 5:00 pm CST. Starting times, pairings and complete results can be found by visiting the Texas Golf Association website at <u>www.txga.org</u>.

PRACTICE FACILITIES: All practice facilities will open at 7:00 AM. Players will not be allowed to arrive to the golf course any earlier than one (1) hour prior to their tee time.

CADDIES: Caddies are permitted, but must be provided by the player. A team may share a caddie. **Caddies may use a golf cart to transport clubs**, see transportation details below.

TRANSPORTATION: Players **MUST WALK** at all times during the round, but are permitted to use transportation when approved by the Committee (Officials). A cart may be rented for your caddie to transport your clubs. See golf shop for details prior to qualifying round. Push/Pull Carts are permitted. If a side brings two caddies and rents a cart, each time there is more than one rider in the cart, all riders must wear a mask in the cart.

SPECTATOR CARTS: Spectators MUST WALK at all times. Spectator carts are not permitted.

PRACTICE ROUND AVAILABILITY: Players may contact golf shop directly at (281) 463-1234 to schedule a practice round. **Practice rounds may ONLY be scheduled 24 hours in advance.** Based on club availability, practice rounds may be scheduled: Tuesday, September 22nd between 1:00 to 3:30 pm, Wednesday, September 23rd after 1:00 pm, Thursday, September 24th between 1:00 to 3:30 pm, Saturday, September 27th after 3:00 pm. **Practice round fee is \$40.00 including cart.**

PLAYOFF: In the event of a tie for the last qualifying places, there will be a hole-by-hole playoff to determine the final qualifiers and the 1st and 2nd alternate if necessary. All announcements regarding the play-off will be made at the scoring area upon completion of the qualifying round.



FOOTWEAR: Shoes with traditionally-designed spikes (regardless of composition, i.e., ceramic, plastic, etc.) or spikes, regardless of design, comprised either entirely or partially of metal (if such metal may come in contact with the course) are prohibited during the stipulated round. Penalty for breach of this condition: *See Model Local Rule G-7.*

GROOVES: The players clubs <u>must conform</u> to the grooves and punch mark specifications in The Rules of Golf that are effective from January 1, 2010 (see Model Local Rule G2)

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES: A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If during the round a player or caddie uses the device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect their play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc.) the player is in breach of **Rule 4.3**, for which the penalty is Two Strokes and for any subsequent offense of **Rule 4.3** – **Disqualification.**

ONE BALL CONDITION: As a reminder to all players the "One Ball Condition" is in effect for Qualifying. See Model Local Rule G4.

EVACUATION PLAN: In the event of a discontinuance of play during the qualifier, players must adhere to the evacuation plan provided in the 'Player Information Packet'.

QUALIFYING ROUND FEES: Fees are included in the USGA championship entry fee.

GOLF SHOP/LOCKER ROOM/PRACTICE AREAS: Players will not have access to locker room or clubhouse facilities. The golf shop and snack shop will be the only areas open to players and caddies.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE: In Local and Sectional Qualifying stages and the Championships proper, players must be neat in appearance with respect to clothing and personal grooming. The Committee in charge decides whether this requirement has been met, and has the authority to withdraw the entry of a player who does not comply. The wearing of short pants is permitted in this Local Qualifier.

FOOD SERVICE: Limited food and beverage services will be available for purchase at the snack shop.

OFFICIAL IN CHARGE: Bobby Grabstald bgabber2000@yahoo.com (281) 413-2371



Approxiate Yardages

The hole numbers and yardages depicted below, as well as those on the Official USGA Scorecard, are indicative of the approximate maximum/minimum yardages for the qualifying. The qualifying round will be contested from these distances, or a location forward of the listed yardage. Note that this yardage will fluctuate based on the proximity and only provides a general estimate.

Front 9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	
Par	5	4	4	5	3	4	3	4	4	36	
Тее	509	393	452	571	205	435	168	380	385	3498	
Back 9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOTAL
Par	5	3	4	4	5	4	3	4	4	36	72
Тее	556	193	408	390	505	367	210	402	400	3431	6929

Course Rating/Slope: 73.8/138