

QUALIFYING INFORMATION FOR PLAYERS

HOST CLUB

Comanche Trace (Hills – Creeks)
2801 Comanche Trace Drive
Kerrville, TX 78028
Golf Pro Shop: (830) 895-8500
<http://comanchetrace.com/>

FACE MASKS/COVERINGS: All players, caddies and spectators are required to provide their own mask and have them available when needed. All players, caddies and spectators are required to fully comply with all club policies at all times. Masks are strongly encouraged any time safe distancing cannot be practiced. See [TGA Championship COVID-19 Guidelines](#) for complete details.

FORMAT/QUALIFYING PLACES: 18 Holes of individual stroke play qualifying. Players will be competing for 5 qualifying spots and 2 alternate positions. Successful qualifiers will be advancing to Sectional qualifying for the U.S. Open Championship. 121st U.S. Open Championship to be played June 17-20, 2021 at Torrey Pines GC in San Diego, Calif.

PARKING: Players & caddies are asked to utilize the Honor House parking lot. Please follow club directional signage to Honor House.

CHECK-IN: Upon arrival, please proceed to the registration tent to complete COVID Assessment and receive qualifying information. Registration will be located at the driving range.

STARTING TIMES: Starting times and pairings will be released on Wednesday, May 5th. Starting times, pairings and complete results can be found by visiting the Texas Golf Association website at www.txga.org.

PRACTICE FACILITIES: Practice facilities will open at 6:30 am.

CADDIES: Caddies are permitted and must be provided by the player.

TRANSPORTATION: Players and their caddies must walk at all times during the qualifying round, unless authorized by a Rules Committee member. A push/pull cart may be used to transport clubs.

SPECTATOR CARTS: Spectator carts are not permitted. Spectators must walk at all times.

PRACTICE ROUND AVAILABILITY: Players may contact the golf shop directly after the close of entries (April 21, 2021 – 5:00 pm EDT) at (830) 895-8500 to schedule a practice round. Practice rounds are available Tuesday, May 4th – Sunday, May 9th after 12:00 pm. Practice round fee is 65.00 (+tax) including cart and range usage. **PRACTICE ROUNDS ARE AVAILABLE TO PLAYERS ONLY.**

PLAYOFF: In the event of a tie for the last qualifying places, ties for qualifying spots and alternate positions will be decided by a sudden death, hole-by-hole, playoff immediately after all scores have been verified. It is the players responsibility to be present if a playoff is needed.

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.

GROOVES: The players clubs **must conform** to the grooves and punch mark specifications in The Rules of Golf that are effective from January 1, 2010. See *Model Local Rule G2* for details.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES: Under Rule 4.3a, Distance Measuring Devices (DMD) are permitted at all USGA qualifying events, including Opens. DMDs may be used to measure distance only, all other functions must be turned off. If during the round a player or their caddie uses the device to gauge or measure other conditions that might effect their play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc.) the

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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**. See page 7 of *Player Packet* for details.

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

EVACUATION PLAN: In the event of a discontinuance of play during the qualifier, players must adhere to the evacuation plan distributed in the Player Packet. See page 6 of *Player Packet* for details.

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

GOLF SHOP/LOCKER ROOM/PRACTICE AREAS: Players will have limited access to locker room and clubhouse facilities.

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. Players may wear short or pants at qualifying.

FOOD SERVICE: Food and beverage services will not be available for purchase. Bottle water will be available on no. 1 & 10 tees.

LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS: There are a number of hotels available nearby in the Kerrville area.

USGA Official-in-Charge: Marty Javors, USGA Committee Member

TGA Point-of-Contact:

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<u>Name</u>	<u>City, State</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>City, State</u>
Aden, Jake	Austin, Texas	Loebbecke, Derek (a)	Cuero, Texas
Audrain, Sion (a)	Garden City, Kansas	Lopez, Lance	Richmond, Texas
Barnes, Joe (a)	Andrews, Texas	Lopez, Marcus	Houston, Texas
Benson, Blake (a)	Austin, Texas	Lozano, Zander	Fair Oaks Ranch, Te
Bigelow, Hunter (a)	Houston, Texas	Macias, Nicolas (a)	Austin, Texas
Bott, Hunter (a)	Montgomery, Texas	Martin, Garrett (a)	San Antonio, Texas
Branum, Lane (a)	Midland, Texas	Martin, Michael	Fort Worth, Texas
Bring, Christoffer (a)	Austin, Texas	Martinez, Ben	San Antonio, Texas
Broussard, Anthony	Dallas, Texas	McAustin, Matt (a)	Arroyo Grande, Calif
Brown, Josh	Tucson, Arizona	McMillon, Chris	Temple, Texas
Brown, Kelby	San Antonio, Texas	McWilliams, Kyle (a)	Dallas, Texas
Bryant, Jason	Mont Belvieu, Texas	Meissner, Jonathan	Canada
Button, Cameron	Deer Park, Texas	Miller, Mark	Lakeway, Texas
Cairns, Hunt (a)	Austin, Texas	Moore, Landon (a)	Fort Worth, Texas
Carnes, Casey (a)	San Antonio, Texas	Moore, Tom	San Antonio, Texas
Chang, Hanseung (a)	Republic of Korea	Moreno, Blake (a)	Austin, Texas
Clayman, Payden (a)	Georgetown, Texas	Noonan, Brian (a)	Austin, Texas
Corpening, Franklin	Fort Worth, Texas	Ogawa, Tennoshin (a)	Edinburg, Texas
Cortez, Andres (a)	Edinburg, Texas	Papayoanou, Alex (a)	The Woodlands, Tex
Cruz, Zachary	Asherton, Texas	Paysse, William (a)	Temple, Texas
Dally, Dawson (a)	San Antonio, Texas	Portelli, Luca (a)	Italy
Dean, Donald (a)	Austin, Texas	Pourasef, Kevin	San Antonio, Texas
Denton, Matthew (a)	Austin, Texas	Rangnow, Dillon	Austin, Texas
DiCosimo, Patrick (a)	San Antonio, Texas	Rein, Jeffrey	Cibolo, Texas
Dobson, Coy	Austin, Texas	Ripley, Mark	Pasadena, Texas
Doyle, Connor (a)	Austin, Texas	Robinson, Zach (a)	Odessa, Texas
Duggan, Nick	La Grange, Texas	Rocha, Jeremy	Harlingen, Texas
Elliott, Blake	San Antonio, Texas	Rodriguez, Anthony	San Antonio, Texas
Ellis, Brandon	Bullard, Texas	Rodriguez, Nicholas	Shrewsbury, Massac
Fanfelle, Christian (a)	San Antonio, Texas	Schultz, T.K. (a)	Bulverde, Texas
Fischer, Zack	San Antonio, Texas	Sitterle, Jake (a)	Dripping Springs, Te
Fitzgerald, Aidan (a)	Benton, Arkansas	Sosa, Jacob (a)	Austin, Texas
Flanagan, Nicholas	Albany, New York	Soule, Ted	Austin, Texas
Florence, Tristan (a)	Australia	Tillman, Neil	Arvada, Colorado
Garza Jr., Ray	Norman, Oklahoma	Towne, Patrick (a)	Lakeway, Texas
Harwell, Colby (a)	San Antonio, Texas	Ulmo, George (a)	Midland, Texas
Hering, Tyler	San Antonio, Texas	Vegas, Julio	Venezuela
Hernandez, Holden	Muskegon, Michigan	Vickers, Carson (a)	Austin, Texas
Hiller, Greg	San Marcos, Texas	Villarreal, Ryan (a)	San Antonio, Texas
Hineline, Harrison (a)	Glen Ullin, North Dal	Vondrak, Greg (a)	San Antonio, Texas
Hodges, Scott (a) Hoff,	Boerne, Texas	Wilbanks, Mason	Austin, Texas
Brandon (a) Hogan,	Midland, Texas	Williams, Gene (a)	San Antonio, Texas
Kyle (a) Hutton, Hayes	Austin, Texas	Williams, Matthew (a)	Fair Oaks Ranch, Te
(a) Johansen, Torbjorn	Lubbock, Texas	Winter, Ben (a)	Austin, Texas
Kendrick, Lee	Boerne, Texas		
King, Jacob (a)	Norway		
Leatherwood, Jake (a)	Humble, Texas		
Lim, Joshua (a)	Boerne, Texas		
Lim, KC	Snyder, Texas		
	San Antonio, Texas		
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APPROXIMATE YARDAGES

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

Comanche Trace (76/142)											
Front 9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	
Par	4	4	3	5	4	4	4	3	5	36	
Tee	433	437	167	533	461	362	460	184	525	3562	
Back 9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOTAL
Par	4	4	3	5	3	4	4	5	4	36	72
Tee	417	438	201	636	192	466	460	561	447	3818	7380

The Hills (Front Nine)/The Creeks (Back Nine)

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USGA PACE OF PLAY POLICY

Summary

When a group is out of position at any check-point the players in the group are subject to penalty under the USGA Pace of Play Policy. Players in a group that has missed one or more check-points will be subject to penalty according to the following schedule of penalties pending final determination of whether a breach or breaches of this policy have occurred:

Check-points will be on completion (flagstick in the hole) of the 4th, 8th, 13th and 17th holes.

1st missed check-point – subject to one (1) penalty stroke.

2nd missed check-point – subject to additional two (2) penalty strokes; total of three (3) penalty strokes for the round.

Maximum Allowable Time

Play is in groups of three (3). Each group is allotted 2 hours and 20 minutes to complete holes 1 through 9 and 2 hours and 15 minutes to complete holes 10 through 18, plus turn time (4 minutes for 18 to 1) at a pace in accordance with the time chart below. When a group falls behind – regardless of reason – it must regain its position. Time for ball searches, rulings and walking or shuttle time between holes is included in the allotted time.

Definition of “Out of Position” – Stroke Play

First Group: The first group (off the 1st and 10th holes) is out of position if they take more than the allotted time to finish a check-point hole; see below check-point time table.

Following Groups: A following group is out of position if they:

- take more than the allotted time to finish a check-point hole; and
- complete play of a check-point hole more than 14 minutes after the preceding group completed play of that hole.

Time charts outlining the time per hole, including the finish times for the check-point holes are below.

Check-points: Play of the hole must be completed in the following amount of time, groups of three (3):

Check-points:	1st / 2nd / 3rd / 4th
Hole 1 Start	1:00/2:00/3:02/4:23

Group Out of Position

When a group is out of position at a check-point, they will be notified by a member of the Rules Committee. When a group has been notified of a missed check-point, that group is expected to regain its position before reaching the next check-point. If that group reaches the next check-point out of position, each player in the group may incur the applicable penalty for a breach of this policy. Any group that is out of position may be monitored by a member of the Rules Committee.

A player concerned about a non-responsive (slow) player in their group, who is delaying play, may request a Rules Committee member to monitor the group in case the group is or becomes liable to penalty under these guidelines.

Final Determination Regarding Break and Review Process

Before returning their scorecard, a player who is subject to penalty during their round may consult with the Rules Committee to determine if they have incurred a penalty under this policy. The Rules Committee will determine that a player who has been found to be out of position is not in breach of this policy only if:

- the player was delayed by the Rules Committee; or
- the player was delayed by a circumstance beyond the control of the player or their group; or
- the player was delayed by another player in the group.

A player who was out of position during their round and who elects not to consult with the Rules Committee to determine whether they were in breach of this policy is deemed to be in breach of this policy and incurs a penalty or penalties according to the above schedule of penalties. If a player or group incurs a penalty or penalties, they are applied to the check-point hole(s) where the breach occurred.



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EVACUATION PLAN (Hills/Creeks)

Comanche Trace **Clubhouse** (Main Shelter Point)

Honor House (Secondary Shelter Point)

1. Officials will be alerted prior to any suspension and will make every effort to warn players before an official suspension of play
2. If suspension is for an Immediate Suspension (dangerous situation), **do not make a stroke of any kind**, and proceed to the clubhouse area immediately.
3. If suspension is for a Normal Suspension (non-dangerous situation), players may elect to stop play or finish the hole they are on. See Rule 5.7b(2).
4. Protect yourself from harm.

Warning Signals

Immediate Suspension (Dangerous Situation): One Prolonged Note of the Air Horn

Normal Suspension (Non-Dangerous Situation): Three Short Notes of the Air Horn

Resume Play: Two Short Notes of the Air Horn

Note: During an immediate suspension (dangerous situation),
all practice areas are closed until the Committee has declared them open.

UNDERSTANDING THE RULES OF DMDs

Beginning on January 1, 2019, distance-measuring devices (DMDs) are allowed under the Rules of Golf. Take a look below to see what types of functions on your DMD are allowed under the Rules.

WHAT'S THE RULE?

Rule 4.3a allows the use of distance-measuring devices so long as the player does not access any information that is prohibited under this Rule (details below). The first breach of this Rule means the player gets a loss of hole penalty in match play or a two-stroke penalty in stroke play. A second breach of Rule 4.3 during the same round results in disqualification. NOTE: A golf course or the Committee in charge of a competition does have the option to prohibit the use of distance-measuring devices by Local Rule.

TYPES OF DEVICES

STAND-ALONE DEVICES

Common stand-alone devices include laser rangefinders, handhelds and watch-style GPS units.



Laser rangefinder



GPS watch



Handheld GPS unit

MULTI-FUNCTIONAL DEVICES

Common multi-functional devices include mobile phones and tablets.



Mobile phone



Tablet



PLAYER ACTIONS

A player may use a device that is capable of operating a prohibited function, provided these specific functions are not accessed by the player during the round. "Access" is interpreted to mean that the player has viewed or otherwise used the information generated by a prohibited function, or the player uses a device where such output is displayed.

WHAT CAN I ACCESS?



Distance between two points (actual)



Pre-published information (e.g., swing tips or advice on playing the hole)



Scorecard



Local weather information or alert for nearby lightning



Chart showing average club distances, obtained from prior rounds, for a wide range of clubs

WHAT CAN'T I ACCESS?



Displays of effective playing distances (e.g., slope-based and other plays-like distance information)



Club recommendation



Processed or analyzed club distances from current round



Gauged or measured variable environmental conditions, such as wind speed or altitude



Analysis or display of swing, set-up or other swing mechanics



USE ADDITIONAL CARE

If a device is readily viewable by the player (e.g., the player is wearing a multi-functional watch) and information is being displayed that, if accessed, would result in a breach of the Rules, the player is considered to have "used" the information generated by a prohibited function, even if the player has not actually viewed it.





Local Rules and Terms of the Competition

FOR 2021 USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and R&A Rules Limited govern play. These Local Rules and Terms of the Competition are in effect at all USGA championships and qualifying rounds. See applicable championship or qualifying round Notice to Players and Entry Application for modifications or additions to these Local Rules and Terms of the Competition. Complete text of the Rules and Local Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 2019.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty.

Out of Bounds — Defined by the line between the course-side points of white stakes and fence posts at ground level.

Penalty Areas — When a penalty area is defined on only one side, it extends to infinity. When a penalty area is connected to the out-of-bounds edge, the penalty area extends to and coincides with out of bounds.

Ground Under Repair — Defined by white lines. French drains are ground under repair. For grass-covered trenching, see Temporary Power Lines and Cables.

Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage, including areas where spectators or other traffic has combined with wet conditions to affect materially the ground surface, but only when so declared by an authorized member of the Committee. When immediately adjacent to an immovable obstruction, such an area is part of that obstruction.

Relief from Seams of Cut Turf — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-7.

Immovable Obstructions — Include plastic bumpers on roads and paths, and mats secured to the ground with spikes when the bumpers or mats cover cables.

White-Lined Areas Tying Into Artificially Surfaced Roads and Paths — White-lined areas of ground under repair and the artificially surfaced roads, paths or other identified obstructions that they are connected to are a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.

Wood Chips and Mulch — Are loose impediments.

Integral Objects — Include cables, rods, wires and wrappings when closely attached to trees, and artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas or in or adjacent to bunkers, and bunker liners.

An exposed bunker liner may be treated as ground under repair, but interference does not exist if the liner interferes only with the player's stance.

Temporary Power Lines and Cables — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-22.

Temporary Immovable Obstructions — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-23.

List of Conforming Driver Heads — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-1.

Groove and Punch Mark Specifications — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect, except as modified by the applicable championship Entry Application. Model Local Rule G-2.

List of Conforming Golf Balls — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-3.

One Ball Rule — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-4.

Broken or Significantly Damaged Club — Local Rule as prescribed in the Clarifications to the 2019 Rules of Golf is in effect. Model Local Rule G-9.

Back-On-the-Line Relief — Local Rule as prescribed in the Clarifications to the 2019 Rules of Golf is in effect. Model Local Rule E-12.

Limiting When Stroke Made From Putting Green Must Be Replayed Under Exception 2 to Rule 11.1b — Local Rule as prescribed in the Clarifications to the 2019 Rules of Golf is in effect. Model Local Rule D-7.

Pace of Play — See separate memorandum to players for pace of play policy, when applicable.

Stopping and Resuming Play — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule J-1.

All practice areas are closed during an immediate suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to stop practicing; failure to stop practicing might result in disqualification.

An immediate suspension will be signaled by one prolonged airhorn note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive airhorn notes. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short airhorn notes.

Practice — Prior to and after a round in stroke play, a player may practice on the designated practice areas. Rule 5.2b covering practice in stroke play is modified in this way: A player may not practice on the competition course before or between rounds. Penalty for breach of Local Rule, see Rule 5.2.

Prohibiting Use of Motorized Transportation — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-6.

When Competition Is Final — The competition is final when the trophy has been presented to the winner or, in the absence of a prize ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the Committee.