

## QUALIFYING INFORMATION FOR PLAYERS

### **HOST CLUB**

Lakeside Country Club  
100 Wilcrest Drive  
Houston, TX 77042  
Golf Pro Shop: (281) 497-2228  
<https://www.lakesidecc.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 8 qualifying spots and 2 alternate positions. Successful qualifiers will be advancing to Sectional qualifying for the 121<sup>st</sup> U.S. Open Championship to be played June 17-20, 2021 at Torrey Pines GC in San Diego, Calif.

**CHECK-IN:** Upon arrival, please proceed to the registration desk to complete COVID Assessment and receive qualifying information. Registration will be located on the porch of the golf shop.

**STARTING TIMES:** Starting times and pairings will be released on Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Starting times, pairings and complete results can be found by visiting the Texas Golf Association website at [www.txga.org](http://www.txga.org).

**PRACTICE FACILITIES:** Practice facilities will open at 6:30 am. A shuttle car will be available to take players to the South Range.

**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 (281) 497-2228 to schedule a practice round. Based on club availability, practice rounds may be scheduled one week prior to qualifying (Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>). Practice rounds are not available Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. **Practice round green fee is \$20.00+tax. Additional \$20.00+tax cart fee for players wishing to ride.**

**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. Penalty for breach of this condition: **DISQUALIFICATION**.

**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 access to the locker room and men’s lounge. Players are required to fully comply with all club policies.

**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 shorts or long pants at qualifying.

**FOOD SERVICE:** Limited food and beverage services will be available for purchase at the halfway house. The halfway house accepts cash only.

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

**USGA Official-in-Charge:** Jeff Kuhn, USGA Committee Member

**TGA Point-of-Contact:**

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Adams, Joseph (a)	Houston, Texas	Kelley, Kyle (a)	Houston, Texas	Sebastian, Grayson (a)	Richmond, Texas
Albert, Todd (a)	Katy, Texas	Kelley, Ryan	The Woodlands, Tex	Slater, Colin (a)	Austin, Texas
Allen, Gevin	Austin, Texas	Kelsey, Wilson (a)	Houston, Texas	Slayton, Zachary (a)	Austin, Texas
Allen, Tucker (a)	Houston, Texas	Kendall, Cheyne	Deer Park, Texas	Smith, Connor	Houston, Texas
Alonso, Alejandro (a)	Mexico	Kneisley, Robert (a)	Conroe, Texas	Smith, Kyle	Houston, Texas
Anderson, Will (a)	Houston, Texas	Kolkhorst, Chris (a)	Houston, Texas	Sonnier, Greg	Lake Charles, Louisi
Arend, Will	The Woodlands, Tex	Krueger, Matthew (a)	Tomball, Texas	Spencer, Chad (a)	Houston, Texas
Barnes, Jonathan	Cypress, Texas	Kuvaas, Kristoffer (a)	Norway	Springer, Hayden	Trophy Club, Texas
Biersner, Ben	Spring, Texas	Ladeveze, Gregory (a)	Humble, Texas	Stiegman, Travis (a)	Spring, Texas
Biondi, Francis	Austin, Texas	Langston, Joshua	College Station, Tex.	Strydom, Damin (a)	Kingwood, Texas
Bockholt, Thomas (a)	Austin, Texas	Le, Richard	Houston, Texas	Swanson, Jason (a)	Spring, Texas
Borow, Jacob (a)	Lake Jackson, Texas	Lee, David	Houston, Texas	Thatcher, Boyd	Houston, Texas
Brown, Jared (a)	Santa Fe, Texas	Loar, Edward	Rockwall, Texas	Theegala, Sahith	Chino Hills, Californi
Brucker, Sammy (a)	Spring, Texas	Lodge, Eric (a)	Houston, Texas	Thornton, J.P.	Houston, Texas
Carmona, Mario	Mexico	Lopez, Luis (a)	Kingwood, Texas	Trice, John	Anahuac, Texas
Cassity, Trey	Katy, Texas	Luo, Xing (a)	Peoples Republic of	Trivanovich, Alex (a)	League City, Texas
Chambers, Gerrit (a)	Houston, Texas	Mackay, Ross (a)	Scotland	Uhlig, Tyler	Magnolia, Texas
Cholewa, Michael (a)	Tomball, Texas	Maier, Mitchell (a)	Richmond, Texas	Usner, Jack (a)	The Woodlands, Tex
Chung, Austin (a)	Austin, Texas	Martin, Chad (a)	Austin, Texas	Van Zandt, Matthew (a)	Houston, Texas
Coghlan, Eamonn	Houston, Texas	Martinez, Juan (a)	Mexico	Vela, Jared	Pasadena, Texas
Cooley, Joel (a)	Houston, Texas	Martinez, Nicko (a)	Cypress, Texas	Wainwright, Dawson	Woodville, Texas
Cooley, Johnny (a)	Houston, Texas	Massey, Owen (a)	Houston, Texas	Walters, Rondarius (a)	Grand Prairie, Texas
Cowart, Jordan	Austin, Texas	McAlpine, Scott (a)	Houston, Texas	Ward, Christopher (a)	Houston, Texas
Daffue, Matthys	South Africa	McLaughlin, Thomas	England	Welch, Jonathon (a)	League City, Texas
Darowwala, Zachary	Cypress, TX, Texas	McNeill, Callum	Scotland	White, Charles (a)	Houston, Texas
Dastmalchian, Donovan (a)	Houston, Texas	Messer, Kevin	Missouri City, Texas	Wisener, Holden (a)	Dallas, Texas
Day, Herbert	El Salvador	Miller, Jonathan (a)	Beaumont, Texas	Wood, JJ	Yuma, Arizona
Dillingham, Todd (a)	Houston, Texas	Minton, Chris	Houston, Texas	Yu, Sumin	Republic of Korea
Diouf, Babacar	Senegal	Momin, Shaheen (a)	Sugarland, Texas	Zatorski, Jeffrey (a)	Houston, Texas
Farrell, Andrew	Yorktown Heights, N	Mulligan, Colin (a)	Houston, Texas		
Faterkowski, Michael	Bellville, Texas	Murdock, Drew (a)	Houston, Texas		
Fertitta, Jason (a)	Houston, Texas	Murphy, Connor	Searcy, Arkansas		
Flores, Tino (a)	El Salvador	Nebout, Niko (a)	Houston, Texas		
Fuh, Edwin	Pearland, Texas	Neitzey, Kyle (a)	College Station, Tex.		
Gilley, Steve	Montgomery, Texas	Nijoka, Philip	Houston, Texas		
Gwin, Robert (a)	Montgomery, Texas	Novoa, Bryan	Edinburg, Texas		
Hans, Andrew (a)	Dallas, Texas	Phillips, Chandler	Huntsville, Texas		
Hightower, Clay (a)	Houston, Texas	Picon, Carlo	Mexico		
Hogan, Bryan	Richmond, Texas	Pounds, Aaron (a)	The Woodlands, Tex		
Hong, Peter	Cincinnati, Ohio	Reed, Stephen (a)	Houston, Texas		
Huang, Treed (a)	Katy, Texas	Reeve, Sean	McAllen, Texas		
Jalomo, Christian	Richmond, Texas	Robinson, Devaughn	Bahamas		
James, Garrett (a)	Lumberton, Texas	Rocha, Salvador	Mexico		
Jones, Jared	Houston, Texas	Rodriguez, Christian (a)	Houston, Texas		
Jones, John	Corpus Christi, Texa	Rodriguez Cacho, Robert	Mexico		
Jones, Zakary (a)	Spring, Texas	Romero, Sean	Texarkana, Arkansa:		
Kanada, Craig	The Woodlands, Tex	Ross, James	Scotland		
Kanada, Oscar (a)	The Woodlands, Tex	Sadagopan, Vishnu (a)	Pearland, Texas		
Kaplan, Justin (a)	Houston, Texas	Sanchez, Wilfredo (a)	Venezuela		
Keane, Jonathan (a)	Austin, Texas	Schroeder, Grant	Montgomery, Texas		
Keener, Jimmy	San Antonio, Texas	Scott, Robert	Richmond, 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.

Lakeside Country Club (76/142)											
Front 9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	
Par	4	4	5	3	4	5	4	3	4	36	
Tee	380	470	590	200	425	565	470	195	440	3735	
Back 9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOTAL
Par	3	4	4	5	3	4	4	4	5	36	72
Tee	155	405	430	610	200	380	390	390	530	3490	7225

## **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 9<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> holes.

1<sup>st</sup> missed check-point – subject to one (1) penalty stroke.

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 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):

<b>Check-points:</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup></b>
Hole 1 Start	2:20/4:36 total
Hole 10 Start	2:15/4:39 total

### **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: STOPPING AND RESUMING PLAY

### Stopping and Resuming Play

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.

- **Immediate Suspension (Imminent Danger):** One prolonged airhorn note. All players must stop play at once and must not make another stroke until the Committee Resumes Play. See Rule 5.7b(1).
- **Normal Suspension (Darkness or Unplayable Course Conditions):** Three consecutive airhorn notes. If all players in the group are between two holes, they must stop play and must not make a stroke to begin another hole until the Committee resumes play. If any player in the group has started a hole, the players may choose either stop play or to play out the hole. See Rule 5.7b(2).
- **Resuming Play:** Two short airhorn notes. See Rule 5.7c. Players must continue play with the same clubs selected for the qualifying round. Place a ball on the spot from which it was lifted.

Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule J-1.

*Penalty for Breach of Rule 5.7b and Rule 5.7c – Disqualification*

### Practice Areas

- **Immediate Suspension (Dangerous Situation):** All practice facilities 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 may result in disqualification.
- **Normal Suspension:** Players may practice as the Committee provides.

### Evacuation Procedure

- **Immediate Suspension (Dangerous Situation):** Players must immediately evacuate to the listed locations.
- **Normal Suspensions:** Unless otherwise instructed by the Committee, players are to proceed to the listed locations.

### Where to Evacuate and Pick-Up Areas

Hole 1: clubhouse (CH)	Hole 10: CH
Hole 2: tee – CH; green – maintenance barn (MB)	Hole 11: CH
Hole 3: MB	Hole 12: tee – CH; green – MB
Hole 4: shelter at 6 tee	Hole 13: tee – MB; green – 15 tee shelter
Hole 5: shelter at 6 tee	Hole 14: 15 tee shelter
Hole 6: tee – shelter; green – MB	Hole 15: shelter
Hole 7: tee – MB; green – CH	Hole 16: tee – 15 tee shelter; green – CH
Hole 8: CH	Hole 17: tee – CH; green – 15 tee shelter
Hole 9: CH	Hole 18: CH

- **Other on Course Shelters and Restrooms:** 6 tee; halfway house; 15 tee
- **Clubhouse Evacuation Rooms:** locker room or other areas designated by the Committee.



# 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.

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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.