

## U.S. Women's Open Qualifying

Golf Club of Houston (Member Course) | Humble, TX

May 3, 2021



### Notice to Players

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Play is governed by the 2019 Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and R&A, its Clarifications, 2021 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 Golf Club of Houston scorecards, notice boards, or posted on the course are **not** in effect for this qualifying. Unless otherwise noted, penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty.

1. **Format:** 36 holes of individual stroke play qualifying. *Qualifying Spot 3; Alternate Positions 2*
2. **Tees:** Qualifying play will be contested from the **White Rectangular** USGA tee markers.
3. **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.
4. **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. *See page 7 of Player Packet for details.*
5. **Procedure for Ties:** Ties for the last qualifying spot and/or alternate positions will be decided by a sudden death, hole-by-hole, playoff immediately after all scores have been verified.
6. **Scoring:** Players must attest scores in the USGA scoring area immediately following their round. All scores are final once the player leaves the scoring area. The scoring area is located on the back patio of the clubhouse.
7. **Out of Bounds:** Per the USGA Hard Card, the nearest inside point at ground level of white stakes and property fence posts. Out of bounds is also defined by the inside edge/curbing (golf course side) of paved roadways and parking lots. *Note: If a ball crossed a road defined as out of bounds and comes to rest on another part of the course, that ball is deemed to be out of bounds.*
8. **Designated Practice Areas:** The practice areas (including practice holes and driving range) are considered to be designated practice areas on the golf course.
  - Practice putting greens in these areas are deemed to be wrong putting greens. Relief is **MANDATORY** under Rule 13.1f.
  - Practice bunkers in these areas are deemed to be ground under repair in the general area. Relief is available under Rule 16.1b.
9. **Doubt as to Procedure:** If you are uncertain about the right procedure while playing a hole, and a referee is not immediately available, you may complete the hole with two balls under Rule 20.1c(3). The player must report the facts to a Rules Committee member before returning their scorecard or player is subject to **disqualification**.
10. **Pace of Play:** Play should be played at a prompt pace under Rule 5.6b. The USGA check-point pace of play policy will be used for this qualifying. If a group takes more than the allotted time to complete 9 or 18 holes, the group will be subject to penalty. *See page 6 of Player Packet for details.*