

QUALIFYING INFORMATION FOR PLAYERS

HOST CLUB

The Woodlands Country Club (Player Course)
8900 Sterling Ridge Drive
Spring, TX 77382
Golf Shop: (281) 863-1490
<https://www.clubcorp.com/Clubs/The-Woodlands-Country-Club>

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. Allocation of places will be established after the close of entries. Successful qualifiers will be advancing to the U.S. Senior Open Championship. 41st U.S. Senior Open Championship to be played July 8-11, 2021 at Omaha Country Club in Omaha, Neb.

CHECK-IN: Upon arrival, please proceed to the registration table to complete COVID Assessment and receive qualifying information. Registration will be located near the pro shop.

STARTING TIMES: Starting times and pairings will be released on Thursday, May 27th. 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 (May 12, 2021 – 5:00 pm EDT) at (281) 863-1490 to schedule a practice round.

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 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.

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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: The main clubhouse will be open for competitors. 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: Available for purchase. The Woodlands Country Club (Player Course) accepts both cash and credit.

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

USGA Official-in-Charge: Rick Turner, USGA Committee Member

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Alexa, Kurt (a)	Houston, Texas	Hunter, Jeffrey	San Antonio, Texas	Shreve, Jed (a)	The Woodlands, Tex
Allen, Burt (a)	Shreveport, Louisian	Hurlbert, Craig (a)	Magnolia, Texas	Simpkin, Stephen (a)	Austin, Texas
Anderson, Stevie	Fort Lauderdale, Flo	Hyde, Trevor (a)	Kerrville, Texas	Sitton, Billy	Houston, Texas
Andrews, Erik (a)	Houston, Texas	Hydorn, Andy (a)	Houston, Texas	Smith, Jeffrey	Spring Branch, Texa
Arnett, James Ricky	Austin, Texas	Jackson, Jim Bob	Magnolia, Texas	Smith, MJ	Spring, Texas
Ashy, Michael (a)	Dallas, Texas	Jeon, Anki (a)	Republic of Korea	Stalder, Jim	Anna, Texas
Bailey, Cliff	Shreveport, Louisian	Jerome, Kyle	Cedar Park, Texas	Standly, Mike	League City, Texas
Bailey, Todd	Spanish Fort, Alabar	Johnson, Derrick	Allen, Texas	Stein, Bruce (a)	Memphis, Tennessee
Barranger, Todd	Las Cruces, New Me	Jones, David (a)	Silsbee, Texas	Stiegman, Travis (a)	Spring, Texas
Bell, James (a)	The Woodlands, Tex	Kelbrick, Steven (a)	United Arab Emirate:	Strong, Jeff	Kingwood, Texas
Bertram, Jeffery	Austin, Texas	Krause, Aaron	Seguin, Texas	Talamantes, Arturo	Spring, Texas
Bogar, Eric	Houston, Texas	Lance, Randy (a)	The Woodlands, Tex	Thornton, Randy	Chita, Texas, Texas
Bonneau, Jess (a)	Houston, Texas	Lanzillo, Chris	Dallas, Texas	Tucker, Jeff	Oklahoma city, Okla
Burns, Ben	Lufkin, Texas	Leal, Victor	Tomball, Texas	Tucker, Mack	Wheatland, Californi
Calloway, Jeff (a)	Baton Rouge, Louisi	Lee, Jack (a)	Flint, Texas	Upham, Robert	Houston, Texas
Cernosek, Michael	Lakeway, Texas	Lenton, David	San Antonio, Texas	Uresti, Omar	Austin, Texas
Clark II, Michael	Fulshear, Texas	Lundquist, Keith (a)	Austin, Texas	Venzor, Lee	San Antonio, Texas
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Cook, Robbie	Mesquite, Texas	Martin, Kurt (a)	Houston, Texas	Watkins, Kip (a)	Sugar Land, Texas
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Cooper, Michael (a)	Austin, Texas	Mcdonald, Ken	Friendswood, Texas	Whitacre, Andrew (a)	The Woodlands, Tex
Crawford, Mark (a)	Newark, Ohio	Mcguire, Brad (a)	Houston, Texas	White, David	Frisco, Texas
Crews, Albert	Homer, Louisiana	Mckinzie, David (a)	Austin, Texas	Windsor, Charles (a)	The Woodlands, Tex
D'Arcy, Pete (a)	Shreveport, Louisian	Mcvey, Glenn (a)	Spring, Texas	Zamora, Joey	Edinburg, Texas
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Degrade, Dante	Houston, Texas	Micheel, Shaun	Collierville, Tennesse		
del Olmo, Pablo	The woodlands, Tex	Miller, Mark	Lakeway, Texas		
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Diamond, John (a)	Houston, Texas	Narveson, Dave	Simonton, Texas		
Dillen, Kevin	Paris, Texas	New, Jeff (a)	Scottsdale, Arizona		
Dowdall, John (a)	Fulshear, Texas	Norris, Paul	Fort Worth, Texas		
Downey, Grant	Sand Springs, Oklah	Olivares, Antonio	Venezuela		
Edwards, Joel	Irving, Texas	Ortego, David (a)	Spring, Texas		
Findley, Brett (a)	Austin, Texas	Parker, Scott (a)	Mckinney, Texas		
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Gamez, Jose	EL Cenizo, Texas	Pierce, John (a)	San Antonio, Texas		
Germann, Chris (a)	Austin, Texas	Popp, Christopher	Lafayette, Louisiana		
Gibson, John	Cypress, Texas	Pugmire, Paul (a)	South Jordan, Utah		
Gonzalez, Joey	San Antonio, Texas	Rabe, Haja	Houston, Texas		
Goodspeed, Chris (a)	Farmers Branch, Te	Raiford, Daniel	Carrollton, Texas		
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Harms, Dan	League City, Texas	Reyes, Andrew	Spring, Texas		
Hart, Richard (a)	Covington, Louisian	Risinger, Jimmy	San Antonio, Texas		
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Hightower, Clay (a)	Houston, Texas	Schleicher, Troy	Montgomery, 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.

The Woodlands Country Club (Player Course) - 74.7/148											
Front 9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	
Par	4	5	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	36	
Tee	417	541	419	340	190	456	512	202	451	3528	
Back 9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOTAL
Par	4	3	5	4	3	4	5	4	4	36	72
Tee	446	153	583	375	171	421	533	325	438	3445	6973

USGA PACE OF PLAY POLICY

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:

Courtesy check-points will be stationed at the 7th and 16th greens. Players will be notified of their time at that point and expected to make up any needed time before the official check-points at the 9th and 18th holes.

Check-points will be on completion (flagstick in the hole) of the 9th and 18th 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 22 minutes to complete holes 1 through 9 and 2 hours and 22 minutes to complete holes 10 through 18, plus turn time (2 minutes for 9 to 10 and 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:

- a) take more than the allotted time to finish a check-point hole; and
- b) 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):

Courtesy Check-Point:	7th / 16th hole	Official Check-Point:	9th / 18th hole
Hole 1 Start	1:52/4:15	Hole 1 Start	2:22/4:46 total
Hole 10 Start	1:51/4:16	Hole 10 Start	2:22/4:46 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:

- a) the player was delayed by the Rules Committee; or
- b) the player was delayed by a circumstance beyond the control of the player or their group; or
- c) 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.

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 2: CH

Hole 3: Tee – CH; Green – #4 Green Restroom (RR) until pick up

Hole 4: #4 Green RR until pick up

Hole 5: #4 Green RR until pick up

Hole 6: Carts by #6 Green, drive to CH

Hole 7: Carts by #6 Green, drive to CH

Hole 8: CH

Hole 9: CH

Hole 10: CH

Hole 11: CH

Hole 12: Tee – CH; Green – Carts by #13 Green, drive to CH

Hole 13: Carts by #13 Green, drive to CH

Hole 14: Carts by #13 Green, drive to CH

Hole 15: #15 Green RR until pick up

Hole 16: #15 Green RR until pick up

Hole 17: CH

Hole 18: CH

- **Other on Course Shelters and Restrooms:** Hole #4 & #15 greens (Restrooms).
- **Clubhouse Evacuation Rooms:** Dining Room, Pro Shop, Men's 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.