

QUALIFYING INFORMATION FOR PLAYERS

HOST CLUB

Blackhorse Golf Club – South Course
12205 Fry Rd.
Cypress, Texas 77433
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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 stroke play qualifying. Players are competing for four (4) qualifying spots and two (2) alternate positions. Successful qualifiers will advance to the 2021 U.S. Junior Amateur Championship to be played July 19-24, 2021 at The Country Club of North Carolina in Village of Pinehurst, N.C.

STARTING TIMES: Starting times and pairings will be released on Wednesday, June 23. Starting times, pairings and complete results can be found by visiting the Texas Golf Association website at www.txga.org.

PRACTICE RANGE: Practice facilities will open at 6:30 AM.

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 public scoreboard 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. Model Local Rule G-7. Penalty for breach of this condition: See Rule 4.3

GROOVE & PUNCH MARK SPECIFICATIONS: The 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.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES: Distance measuring devices that measure distance only are permitted at USGA amateur qualifying events. Rule 4.3a(1).

ONE BALL RULE: As a reminder to all players the “One Ball Rule” is in effect for Qualifying. The Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-4.

EVACUATION PLAN: In the event of a discontinuance of play during the qualifier, players must adhere to the evacuation plan distributed by the Committee at their appropriate starting tee and/or player check-in.

PRACTICE ROUND AVAILABILITY: Players are to contact the host club directly to schedule a practice round. Practice rounds availability are June 22-24 after 11 AM, June 25-27 after 2:30 PM. Practice round fee is \$40 (including cart). Players are limited to one (1) practice round at the discounted rate.

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

CADDIES: Caddies are permitted during qualifying. Players are responsible for supplying their own caddies. Caddies must follow the same policies (including dress code) as the players. Exception: Per the USGA Guidelines, a player may not use a parent, step-parent or guardian as a caddie. Model Local Rule H-1.2.

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PULL CARTS: To accommodate its walking policy, the USGA requests that pull carts be allowed at any USGA qualifying event.

TRANSPORTATION: Players **MUST WALK** at all times during the stipulated round. Model Local Rule G-6. Spectator carts are **not** permitted for USGA qualifying.

GOLF SHOP/LOCKER ROOM/PRACTICE AREAS: The main clubhouse will be open for competitors.

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.

FOOD SERVICE: Available for purchase. Blackhorse accepts both cash and credit.

LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS: There are several hotels in the Cypress area.

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<u>Name</u>	<u>City, State</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>City, State</u>
Alonso, Alejandro	Mexico	Stribling, Samuel	Georgetown, Texas
Anderson, Will	Houston, Texas	Tenpenny, Colt	Fulshear, Texas
Ballis, Bowen	Shenandoah, Texas	Wu, Jui Tung	Chinese Taipei
Blaum, Patrick	Covington, Louisiana	Wu, Yi-Hsuan	Houston, Texas
Burkholder, Finn	The Woodlands, Texas	Wylie, Charlie	Houston, Texas
Chen, Hsuan-Yi	Chinese Taipei	Zatorski, Jeffrey	Houston, Texas
Clapper, Gunner	Georgetown, Texas	Zhang, Mike	Mckinney, Texas
Clark, Christian	Dallas, Texas	Zou, Daniel	The Woodlands, Texas
Cox, Brannan	Austin, Texas		
Devore, James	Houston, Texas		
Erana, Ander	Mcallen, Texas		
Fleming, Marek	Tomball, Texas		
Frazer, Zachary	Coppell, Texas		
Gardner, Tyler	Houston, Texas		
Grindle, Davis	Round Rock, Texas		
Herrero, Santiago	Mexico		
Huang, Treed	Katy, Texas		
Jones, Will	Houston, Texas		
Jordan, Will	The Woodlands, Texas		
Kingsland, Zach	Austin, Texas		
Kuo, Chieh Lun	Chinese Taipei		
Kuvaas, Kristoffer L.	Houston, Texas		
Lai, Yuyang	Chinese Taipei		
Le, Tram	League City, Texas		
Lee, Byungho	Republic of Korea		
Lehne, Kash	Houston, Texas		
Luo, Xing	Peoples Republic of China		
Maier, Mitchell	Richmond, Texas		
Martinez, Juan	Mexico		
Martinez, Maximiliano	Mexico		
Mcclure, Sam	The Woodlands, Texas		
Melhado, Franco	Austin, Texas		
Mitas, Parker	The Woodlands, Texas		
Mitchell, William	Houston, Texas		
Momin, Shaheen	Sugarland, Texas		
Morgan, Grant	Georgetown, Texas		
Morrell, Brooks	Houston, Texas		
Morvant, Zachary	The Woodlands, Texas		
Oruganti, Prayaag	Austin, Texas		
Paciotti, Karsten	Houston, Texas		
Papayouan, Alex	The Woodlands, Texas		
Pawlak, Brooks	Kingwood, Texas		
Pickrell, Tomek	Cypress, Texas		
Pounds, Aaron	The Woodlands, Texas		
Robshaw, Christopher	Houston, Texas		
Rouse, Preston	Houston, Texas		
Sebastian, Grayson	Richmond, Texas		
Shastri, Rohan	Dallas, Texas		
Shwartz, Jason	Bellaire, Texas		
Spaulding, Andrew	Spring, Texas		
Spaulding, Matthew	Spring, 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.

Blackhorse GC - South Course (75.7/138)											
Front 9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	
Par	4	4	4	3	5	3	4	4	5	36	
Tee	411	444	459	213	514	176	398	449	500	3564	
Back 9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOTAL
Par	4	4	4	3	4	5	4	3	5	36	72
Tee	392	419	476	190	426	552	348	206	515	3524	7088

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 have 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 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 24 minutes to complete holes 1 through 9 and 2 hours and 24 minutes to complete holes 10 through 18, plus turn time (3 minutes for 9 to 10 and 3 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
Hole 1 Start	2:24 / 4:51 total
Hole 10 Start	2:24 / 4:51 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 of 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.

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 All players will return from pickup to the clubhouse

Hole 1: Halfway House	Hole 10: Halfway House
Hole 2: #3 tee pick up area	Hole 11: Halfway House
Hole 3: #3 tee pick up area	Hole 12: Halfway House
Hole 4: Halfway House	Hole 13: 14 Tee
Hole 5: Halfway House	Hole 14: #14 Tee
Hole 6: Halfway House	Hole 15: 15 Green
Hole 7: Halfway House	Hole 16: 16 Green
Hole 8: Halfway House	Hole 17: 16 Green or 18 Tee
Hole 9: Halfway House	Hole 18: Halfway House

Clubhouse Evacuation Rooms: Main dining room, pro shop

Local Rules and Terms of the Competition

FOR 2021 TGA CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and R&A Rules Limited govern play. The following Local Rules and Terms of the Competition are in effect at all TGA Championships and qualifying rounds. See applicable "Notice to Players" and Tournament Information for modifications or additions to these Local Rules and Terms of Competition. Complete text of the Rules and Local Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 1, 2019.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the General Penalty: Match Play – Loss of Hole; Stroke Play – Two Strokes

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

Penalty Areas – When a penalty area is defined only on 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.

Back-On-the-Line-Relief – Model Local Rule E-12 as prescribed in the Clarifications to the 2019 Rules of Golf is in effect. This applies in the application of Rules 16.1c(2), 17.1d(2), 19.2b, and 19.3b.

Abnormal Course Conditions (Including Immovable Obstructions) – See Rule 16.1.

- a. Ground Under Repair:
 - i. Areas completely encircled with white lines.
 - ii. French drains.
 - iii. Bunker liners. Interference does not exist if the liner interferes with only the player's stance.
 - iv. Seams of cut turf – Model Local Rule F-7 is in effect.
 - v. Damage made by non-burrowing animals (hog, skunk, and the like) – Model Local Rule F-10 is in effect.
- b. Immovable obstructions
 - i. White-lined areas tying into an obstruction are treated as part of the obstruction.
 - ii. When landscaped or garden areas (flower beds, shrubbery or the like) are completely encircled by an obstruction, the obstruction and the landscaped area are treated as one abnormal course condition.
 - iii. Stakes, ropes, wires, or other objects supporting trees or tree limbs, provided they are not closely attached. The tree or tree limb is not part of the obstruction.
 - iv. Where the outside edge (non-golf course side) of a road or path defines out of bounds, the road or path is an obstruction.

Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Greens – Model Local Rule F-5 is in effect and is modified as follows: For a ball in the general area, relief is allowed only when both the ball and the immovable obstruction lie in an area cut to fairway height or less, the immovable obstruction may be on the putting green.

Wood Chips and Mulch – Are loose impediments.

Integral Objects –

- a. Cables, rods, wires and wrappings that are closely attached to trees.
- b. Artificial walls and/or pilings when located within penalty areas.
- c. Where artificial retaining walls and/or pilings define the edge of bunkers, the artificial retaining walls or pilings are integral objects and are in the general area.

Permanent Elevated Power Lines – If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a permanent elevated power line or cable during the play of a hole, the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made in accordance with Rule 14.6.

Pace of Play – Rule 5.6b (3). The Texas Golf Association Pace of Play Policy is in effect.

Temporary Immovable Obstructions (TIOs) – Tents, signage, electronic scoreboards, circulation fans and any other temporary structures installed specifically for this championship are deemed to be Temporary Immovable Obstructions. Model Local Rule F-23.

Specifications of Clubs and the Ball.

- a. List of Conforming Driver Heads – Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect.
- b. List of Conforming Golf Balls – Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect.
- c. Replacing Club that is Broken or Significantly Damaged – Model Local Rule G-9 as prescribed in the Clarifications to the 2019 Rules of Golf is in effect.

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

Stopping & Resuming Play – Model Local Rule J-1 is in effect.

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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.

Scorecard Returned – Scorecards must be verbally attested immediately after the completion of a round to the designated TGA scoring area. The player's score is considered final when the player has left the designated scoring area.

When Competition is Final - The competition is final when the trophy has been presented to the winner or, in absence of a prize ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the Committee. The result of a match is final when the Committee has approved the result as posted on the public scoreboard or website.

TGA Code of Conduct:

Players (and their caddies) are to observe proper golf etiquette at all times. Any abuse or disrespect of fellow competitors, officials, spectators, employees of the host facility, or other persons conducting or attending a TGA sponsored event can be grounds for disqualification from the event, and possible rejection of entry for future TGA events. Such abuse may be verbal or physical or threat thereof and includes, but is not limited to: the use of obscene language, physical damage to property or equipment including that of the TGA or the host facility, and being under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances during a competitive round.