

U.S. Women's Amateur Qualifying

Northgate Country Club | Houston, TX

July 1, 2021



NOTICE TO PLAYERS

Play is governed by the United States Golf Association ("USGA") Rules of Golf with Interpretations, effective January 1, 2019, and Clarifications thereto (latest dated April 7, 2021), the USGA's 2021 Local Rules and Terms of Condition ("Hard Card") and where applicable, the following Local Rules. All Local Rules described on the Northgate scorecard, notice boards or posted on the course are **NOT** in effect for this qualifier. Unless otherwise noted, penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty.

1. **Format/Qualifying Places:** 18 holes of stroke play. Players are competing for six (6) qualifying spots and two (2) alternate spots.
2. **Tees:** Qualifying play will be contested from the white rectangular USGA tee markers.
3. **One Ball Condition:** The "One Ball" Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 (G-4) of the Committee Procedures is in effect.
4. **Distance Measuring Devices:** Under Rule 4.3a, Distance Measuring Devices ("DMD") are permitted during play of the qualifying round. If the DMD is capable of measuring anything other than distance that function **must not** be used.
5. **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 a player's bag and clubs.
6. **Scoring:** Upon completion of a player's round, the player must go directly to the designated Scoring Area in order to attest, certify and return the applicable scorecard.
7. **Ties:** In the case of a tie or ties a playoff will be held immediately after all scorecards have been verified and posted by the Committee. A playoff will be held to determine the last qualifying spot(s) and/or the order of the alternate spots. The Committee shall announce the playoff, if necessary, and the associated information as soon as possible after all scores have been posted. This announcement shall be made at or near the Scoring Area or main Scoreboard.

SUPPLEMENTAL RULES OF PLAY

1. **Out of Bounds:** In addition to the items listed on the USGA Hard Card, Out of Bounds is defined by:
 - Inside edge/curbing of paved roads and parking lots; and
 - White stakes and/or white line defining out of bounds; and
 - The inside edge at ground level of all perimeter fence posts; and
 - The course side edge of the concrete Harris Co. Flood Control District canal or the inside edge, at ground level, of the post holding the cable fence along canal on holes 3,4,5,12,13,14,15 and 16; and
 - The stone/rock columns that are part of a perimeter fence. The boundary edge of the course is defined by a line between the course side edge of the stone/rock columns at ground level that are part of a perimeter/property fence define the out of bounds.

Note: A ball which crosses a public road defined as out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that road is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course is out of bounds.
2. **Abnormal Course Condition (Immovable Obstructions):** Flower beds and landscaped areas completely encircled by an immovable obstruction are considered part of that obstruction. Stones and pavers adjacent to any cart path are considered one immovable obstruction. Note on Hole #7 there are several areas where pavers and crushed granite cart paths provide access from the concrete cart path to the fairway. These areas are considered part of the immovable obstruction. All granite hole markers, water cooler stands and pipeline location poles are immovable obstructions. The restrooms located on Hole #6 and Hole #15 are immovable obstructions. Relief is available under Rule 16.1b.
3. **Abnormal Course Condition (Ground Under Repair):** All areas deemed as ground under repair are marked by a white outline and relief may be taken under Rule 16.1b. A ball that comes to rest in an area of erosion, an area of "hardpan" dirt or the like found in the general area or in a penalty area should be played as the ball lies, except as defined on the USGA Hard Card.
4. **Abnormal Course Conditions (No Play Zone - Mandatory Relief):** The planted flower beds to the right of Hole #18 and adjacent to the Clubhouse are deemed a No Play Zone ("NPZ"). If a ball comes to rest in one of these NPZ's or if a plant located in one of these NPZ's interferes with the area of the player's intended line of swing, the ball must not be played (Rule 16.1f) and the player must take relief under Rule 16.1b.
5. **Doubt as to Procedure:** If a player is in doubt as to a procedure under the rules and a referee is not proximately available, to avoid delay the player may play a second ball under Rule 20.1c(3). At the end of the round and prior to leaving the Scoring Area the player **must** report the facts to the Referee in the Scoring Area. A player is subject to **disqualification** for failure to follow the proper procedures under Rule 20.1c(3).
6. **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 during the qualifier. If a group takes more than the allotted time to complete 9 or 18 holes, the group or an individual player or players may be subject to penalty. *See page 5 of the Player Packet for details.*