

QUALIFYING INFORMATION FOR PLAYERS

HOST CLUB

Riverbend Country Club
1214 Dulles Ave
Sugar Land, TX 77478
Golf Pro Shop: (281) 269-2527
<https://www.riverbendcountryclub.org/>

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: 36 Holes of individual stroke play qualifying. Players will be competing for three (3) qualifying spots and two (2) alternate positions. Successful qualifiers will be advancing to the U.S. Amateur Championship. 121st U.S. Amateur Championship to be played August 9-15, 2021, at Oakmont Country Club in Oakmont, Pa.

CHECK-IN: Upon arrival, please check-in at registration. Registration will be located outside the golf shop.

STARTING TIMES: Starting times and pairings will be released on Wednesday, July 14th. Starting times, pairings and complete results can be found by visiting the Texas Golf Association website at www.txga.org.

PRACTICE RANGE: Opens at 6:30 am.

TRANSPORTATION: Players & Caddies **MUST WALK** at all times during the stipulated round but are permitted to use transportation when authorized by the Committee. **Spectator carts are NOT allowed.**

PRACTICE ROUND AVAILABILITY: Players may contact the golf shop directly after the close of entries (June 23, 2021 – 5:00 pm CT) at (281) 269-2527 to schedule a practice round. Practice rounds may be scheduled two days in advance. Based on club availability, practice rounds may be scheduled: The week of July 13-18 only. Tuesday, July 13th through Thursday, July 15th after 12pm. Friday, July 16th through Sunday, July 18th after 2pm. **Practice round green fee is \$20.00+tax. Additional \$22.00+tax cart fee for players wishing to ride.**

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.

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)

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES: A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If during the **stipulated round** a player uses the device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his 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.**

ONE BALL CONDITION: As a reminder to all players the “One Ball Rule” is in effect for Qualifying, see Model Local Rule G4.

EVACUATION PLAN: In the event of a discontinuance of play during the qualifier, players must adhere to the evacuation plan distributed by the Committee in the Player Packet.

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

GOLF SHOP/LOCKER ROOM/PRACTICE AREAS: Players will have access to the golf shop and practice areas. Main clubhouse and locker room will be closed.

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. The wearing of short pants is permitted in this Local Qualifier.

FOOD SERVICE: Food and Beverage will be available for purchase at Riverbend CC. Purchases can be made with cash or credit card at the halfway house.

LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS: There are several hotels located in the nearby Sugar Land area.

TGA STAFF IN CHARGE:

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<u>Name</u>	<u>City, State or Country</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>City, State or Country</u>
Adams, Joseph	<i>Houston, Texas</i>	Mulligan, Colin	<i>Houston, Texas</i>
Anderson, Scott	<i>Houston, Texas</i>	Murff, Jackson	<i>Missouri City, Texas</i>
Arozena, Juan Tomas	<i>Argentina</i>	Nebout, Niko	<i>Houston, Texas</i>
Bailey, Ryan	<i>Humble, Texas</i>	Neergaard-Petersen, Rasmus	<i>Denmark</i>
Becker, Elias	<i>Mexico</i>	Nelson, Padden	<i>Houston, Texas</i>
Borrero, Lucas	<i>Cypress, Texas</i>	New, Cooper	<i>Comfort, Texas</i>
Bosco, David	<i>Austin, Texas</i>	Noonan, Brian	<i>Austin, Texas</i>
Bounds, Corey	<i>Dallas, Texas</i>	Oruganti, Prayaag	<i>Austin, Texas</i>
Brown, Alec	<i>Pearland, Texas</i>	Paylor, Ben	<i>The Woodlands, Texas</i>
Burke, Brandon	<i>Houston, Texas</i>	Phavorachit, Henry	<i>Houston, Texas</i>
Burke, Patrick	<i>Houston, Texas</i>	Pimentel, Michael	<i>Houston, Texas</i>
Burkholder, Finn	<i>The Woodlands, Texas</i>	Polychronis, Joe	<i>Austin, Texas</i>
Campbell Jr., Stephen	<i>Richmond, Texas</i>	Riedel, Matthew	<i>Houston, Texas</i>
Carter, Cameron	<i>Rock Springs, Wyoming</i>	Rodriguez, Christian	<i>Houston, Texas</i>
Carter, Trip	<i>Dallas, Texas</i>	Sadagopan, Vishnu	<i>Pearland, Texas</i>
Chairuangdej, Mathew	<i>Farmers Branch, Texas</i>	Sanchez, Wilfredo	<i>Venezuela</i>
Chang, Hanseung	<i>Republic of Korea</i>	Sancholuz, Miguel	<i>Argentina</i>
Chappelear, Stephen	<i>Houston, Texas</i>	Schuchard, Erik	<i>Houston, Texas</i>
Cooley, Joel	<i>Houston, Texas</i>	Sebastian, Grayson	<i>Richmond, Texas</i>
Copeland, Steve	<i>Canada</i>	Sewell, Chad	<i>Conroe, Texas</i>
Devore, James	<i>Houston, Texas</i>	Smith, Sterling	<i>Houston, Texas</i>
Diamond, Jack	<i>Houston, Texas</i>	Spaulding, Andrew	<i>Spring, Texas</i>
Doyle, Connor	<i>La Grange, Texas</i>	Swaffield, Ben	<i>Australia</i>
Exposito, Alirio	<i>The Woodlands, Texas</i>	Thompson, Jay	<i>Houston, Texas</i>
Ezell, Carson	<i>The Woodlands, Texas</i>	Turner, Brandon	<i>Montgomery, Texas</i>
Fultz, Jr., Jeffrey	<i>Houston, Texas</i>	Vick, Travis	<i>Hunters Creek Village, Texas</i>
Gardner, Tyler	<i>Houston, Texas</i>	Watson, Jack	<i>Dallas, Texas</i>
Gibbs, Richard	<i>Tomball, Texas</i>	White, Asanka	<i>Scotland</i>
Gonzalez, Paul	<i>Waxahachie, Texas</i>	White, Charles	<i>Houston, Texas</i>
Haselden, Ryan	<i>Houston, Texas</i>	Williams, Marcus	<i>Crockett, Texas</i>
Hicks, Caleb	<i>Arlington, Texas</i>	Williams, Matt	<i>Canada</i>
Holekamp, Parker	<i>Kingwood, Texas</i>	Winter, Ben	<i>Austin, Texas</i>
Huang, Treed	<i>Katy, Texas</i>	Wright, Lucas	<i>The Woodlands, Texas</i>
Huddy, Walker	<i>Dallas, Texas</i>		
Jacobson, Ransom	<i>Humble, Texas</i>		
Jahn, Charles	<i>Sperry, Iowa</i>		
Jones, Zakary	<i>Spring, Texas</i>		
Kaplan, Justin	<i>Houston, Texas</i>		
Kropp, Ryan	<i>Kingwood, Texas</i>		
Latto, Cam	<i>Scotland</i>		
Littrell, William	<i>Houston, Texas</i>		
Lundgren, Tanner	<i>San Antonio, Texas</i>		
Luo, Xing	<i>Peoples Republic of China</i>		
Madireddi, Rohit	<i>Flower Mound, Texas</i>		
Martinez, Nicko	<i>Cypress, Texas</i>		
Martino, Vincent	<i>Houston, Texas</i>		
Miller, Jordan	<i>Katy, Texas</i>		
Miller, Patrick	<i>Beaumont, Texas</i>		
Milstead, Michael	<i>Houston, Texas</i>		
Mitas, Parker	<i>The Woodlands, Texas</i>		
Moll, William	<i>Houston, Texas</i>		

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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.

Riverbend CC (74.3/139)											
Front 9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	
Par	5	4	4	3	4	4	3	5	4	36	
Tee	559	386	371	191	387	420	203	483	398	3398	
Back 9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOTAL
Par	4	4	5	4	3	4	4	3	5	36	72
Tee	415	407	502	403	187	484	387	158	567	3510	6908

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:

Official Check-points will be on completion holes 9 and 18.

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 14 minutes to complete holes 1 through 9 and 2 hours and 19 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 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 an official 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:	1 st / 2 nd
Hole 1 Start	2:14 / 4:36 total
Hole 10 Start	2:19 / 4:36 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.

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: Clubhouse	Hole 10: Clubhouse
Hole 2: Clubhouse	Hole 11: Carts staged by 4 tee
Hole 3: Carts staged by 4 tee	Hole 12: Carts staged by 4 tee
Hole 4: Carts staged by 4 tee	Hole 13: Carts staged by 4 tee
Hole 5: Carts staged by 4 tee	Hole 14: Carts staged by 15 tee
Hole 6: Carts staged by 8 tee	Hole 15: Carts staged by 15 tee
Hole 7: Carts staged by 8 tee	Hole 16: Carts staged by 15 tee
Hole 8: Carts staged by 8 tee	Hole 17: Carts staged by 15 tee
Hole 9: Clubhouse	Hole 18: Clubhouse

Clubhouse Evacuation Rooms: Main dining room, pro shop, locker room or other areas designated by the Committee



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.

All practice areas 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 might result in disqualification.

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.