

U.S. Amateur Qualifying

Riverbend Country Club | Sugar Land, TX

July 19, 2021



Notice to Players

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 Riverbend Country Club 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 Spots 3; Alternate Positions 2.*
2. **Tees:** Qualifying play will be contested from the **White Rectangular** USGA tee markers.
3. **Transportation:** Players **must walk at all times** during the qualifying round, unless authorized by a Rules Committee member.
4. **Extreme Heat Policy:** During the qualifying round a player's caddy may use a golf cart to transport the player's clubs. Only a caddy may use the golf cart. During the round, a player **must not use the golf cart for any reason**. This includes sitting in the golf cart between strokes or the play of holes.
5. **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.
6. **Procedure for Ties:** 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. Announcements will take place at the scoring area.
7. **Scoring:** Players must verify and confirm 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 near the scoreboard outside the men's locker room.
8. **Out of Bounds:** In addition to the items listed on the USGA Hard Card, out of bounds is defined by the inside edge, golf course side, at ground level: white lines and stakes, property fences, public roadways, parking lots, the curbing of the maintenance road to the left of hole 1, and the chain linked fence behind hole 9 green.
9. **Drop Zones:** On holes 4 and 17 there are drop zones to use as an additional relief option under Rule 17.
 - Hole 4 – approximately 60 yards (immediately in front of water)
 - Hole 17 – approximately 60 yards (immediately in front of water)
10. **Ground Under Repair (GUR):** All planted flower beds are considered GUR. Relief under Rule 16 is mandatory.
11. **Obstructions:** Decorative stones adjacent to cart paths are part of the cart path. Free relief is available under Rule 16.1.
12. **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**.
13. **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.