

U.S. WOMEN'S MID-AMATEUR QUALIFYING

Houston Country Club | Houston, TX

August 12, 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 Interpretations, 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 Houston CC 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:** 18 holes of individual stroke play qualifying. Players are competing for **four (4) qualifying spots and two (2) alternate spots**.
2. **Tees:** Play will be contested from the rectangular USGA tee markers.
3. **Automotive Transportation:** Players and caddies must walk at all times.
4. **Procedures for Ties:** Ties for the last qualifying spot and alternates shall be broken by a sudden death hole-by-hole playoff. There will be no playoff for medalist. The playoff will begin immediately after all scores have been approved and posted by the Official in Charge.
5. **Scoring:** The scoring area is defined as within the roped area surrounding the scoring tent. The scorecard is considered returned when the player has left the designated scoring area.

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:
 - The inside edge at ground level of white stakes (even when located near perimeter fencing)
 - The inside edge/curbing of adjacent parking lots and driveways (stakes identify only).
 - The cart barn on holes #1 and #8 and the maintenance barn on holes #11, #12 and #17 are **Interior Out of Bounds**.
2. **Designated Practice Area:** The practice areas (including practice holes and driving range) are considered designated practice areas on the golf course. Practice putting greens are deemed to be Wrong Greens from which relief is **mandatory** under Rule 13.1f. Bunkers in these areas are deemed to be ground under repair from which relief is available under Rule 16.1a.
3. **Immovable Obstructions:** Relief is available under Rule 16.1(2).
 - Large rocks surrounding drainage areas are played as Immovable Obstructions.
 - Areas encircled by cart paths including restrooms and ornamental beds are played as Immovable Obstructions.
 - Gravel paths from the concrete cart path to the fairway on Hole #12 are played as Immovable Obstructions.
4. **Dropping Zone – Hole #9:** If during play of **hole #9**, a ball is in or it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found lies in the Yellow Penalty Area on **hole #9**, the player may:
 - Proceed under Rule 17.1d; or
 - As an additional option, drop the original ball or another ball, under penalty of one stroke, in the designated Dropping Zone (marked "DZ")
5. **Model Local Rules:** Model Local Rules, E-12 (Back-on-Line Relief) and G-9 (Replacement of Damaged Clubs) are in effect for the qualifying round. See player information for full details.
6. **Doubt as to Procedure:** If a competitor is in doubt as to a procedure under the rules and a referee is not proximately available, to avoid delay, a player may complete the hole with two balls under Rule 20.1c(3).
7. **Pace of Play:** Play should be played at a prompt pace under Rule 5.6b. The established Pace of Play for Houston CC is **4:25** for 18 holes. The time to complete each hole is printed on the scorecard. See separate memorandum for the USGA Pace of Play Policy.

Qualifying Spots: 4 | Alternate Positions: 2

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