

U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Qualifying (Houston)

Golfcrest Country Club

October 18, 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 Golfcrest 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 Four-Ball stroke play qualifying. Players are competing for **two (2) qualifying spots** and **two (2) alternate positions**.
2. **Tees:** All play will be contested from the white rectangular USGA tee markers.
3. **Automotive Transportation:** Players **MUST** walk at all times during the qualifying round. However, a cart may be rented from the club for the caddie to transport clubs. One (1) cart per team (side) maximum. Spectator carts are **NOT** permitted for USGA qualifying. Spectators **MUST** walk at all times.
4. **Procedures for Ties:** Should there be a tie for the last qualifying spot and/or alternate position, the tie will be broken by a sudden death playoff after all scores have been officially approved and posted. The playoff will begin immediately after all scores have been approved and posted. There will be no playoff for qualifying medalist.
5. **Scoring:** The score to count on each hole **MUST** be individually identifiable. Scorecards must be attested and returned immediately after completing your round to the designated USGA scoring area, which is located near the practice putting green. The scoring area is defined as within the roped area surrounding the tent. The scorecard is considered returned when the side has left the designated scoring area.

SUPPLEMENTAL RULES OF PLAY

6. **Out of Bounds:** In addition to the items listed on the USGA Hard Card, Out of Bounds is defined by:
 - Driving Range adjacent to hole #1 as defined by white stakes.
7. **Obstructions:** The following are deemed to be obstructions and *relief without penalty is available under Rule 16.1:*
 - Decorative stone adjacent to paths;
 - Restrooms adjacent to paths;
 - Wooden railroad ties adjacent to paths;
 - Pump house adjacent to hole #9 fairway.
8. **Integral Objects:** Artificial walls and pilings (bulkheads) located within penalty areas are integral objects. *Relief without penalty is not available.*
9. **Practice Putting Green – Hole #9:** The practice putting green located adjacent to hole #9 fairway is a designated practice green on the course. The practice green is deemed a wrong green with **mandatory relief under Rule 16.1b**. Penalty for breach of Local Rule is two strokes.
10. **Flower Beds and Ornamental Plantings:** All flower beds and ornamental plantings completely encircled by decorative stones (obstructions) located in the general area are deemed ground under repair. **Relief under Rule 16.1 is mandatory.** Pine straw and mulch surrounding shrubs and trees is not ground under repair.
11. **Doubts as to Procedure:** A player who is uncertain about the right procedure while playing a hole may complete the hole with two balls under **Rule 20.1c(3)**. The player must report the facts to the Committee before returning the scorecard, otherwise the player is subject to disqualification.
12. **Pace of Play:** Play should be played at a prompt pace under **Rule 5.6b**. The established Pace of Play for Golfcrest CC is **4:37** 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: 2 | Alternate Positions: 2