

U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Qualifying (Hill Country)

Spanish Oaks Golf Club

November 8, 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 Spanish Oaks 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 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. Push carts are **NOT** allowed.
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 under the covered area adjacent to the clubhouse. The scoring area is defined as within the area surrounding the scoring table identified by electrical tape on the ground. 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 line between the course-side points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts, Out of Bounds is defined by:
 - The stone wall behind the putting green on Hole #18
 - The stone wall to the right of the putting green on Hole #18 (Out of Bounds connects to stone wall behind this putting green by white stakes)When white stakes are in front of fence posts, the white stakes define Out of Bounds.
7. **Obstructions:** The following are deemed to be obstructions:
 - Decorative stones located adjacent to cart paths are deemed to be part of the same obstruction
 - Paths artificially surfaced with stones and gravel
 - Barbed wire fence on the right side of Hole #13
 - Wood railings bordering cart paths.
8. **Animal Hoof Damage:** Damage that is clearly identifiable as having been caused by animal hoofs is ground under repair from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1. [But on the putting green, Rule 16.1 does not apply as such damage may be repaired under Rule 13.1.]
9. **Seams of Cut Turf (Sod Seams):** In the General Area, seams of cut turf (not the turf itself) are treated as Ground Under Repair. Under Rule 16, relief is **NOT** granted for interference by a player's stance. If the ball lies in or touches the seam or the seam interferes with the area of intended swing, relief is available under Rule 16.
10. **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).
11. **Pace of Play:** Play should be played at a prompt pace under Rule 5.6b. The established Pace of Play for Spanish Oaks 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