

U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Qualifying  
Houston Country Club | Houston, TX  
August 18, 2022



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## QUALIFYING INFORMATION FOR PLAYERS

### **HOST CLUB**

Houston Country Club  
#1 Potomac Dr  
Houston, Texas 77057  
(713) 465-8381  
[www.houstoncc.com](http://www.houstoncc.com)

**FORMAT/QUALIFYING PLACES:** 18 Holes of Stroke Play. The field will compete for five (5) qualifying places and two (2) alternate positions in the 2022 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship to be played at Fiddlesticks Country Club (Long Mean Course), Fort Myers, Fla. September 17-22, 2022.

**TOURNAMENT YARDAGE BOOK:** The Texas Golf Association has partnered with Strackaline for its players to purchase Strackaline Tournament Yardage Books for USGA Qualifying. Use the code "TXGA" to receive the discount or [click here](#) to order. **Note: Orders should be given a full week for order processing and delivery.**

**CHECK-IN:** Upon arrival, please proceed to Check-in area located on the driving range.

**STARTING TIMES:** Pairings and starting times will be released no later than Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Starting times, pairings and complete results can be found by visiting the Texas Golf Association website at [www.txga.org](http://www.txga.org).

**PRACTICE RANGE:** Opens at 7:00 am.

**CADDIES:** Caddies are permitted but must be provided by the player.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Players **MUST WALK** at all times during the stipulated round but are permitted to use transportation when furnished by the Committee (Officials and Shuttles). Push/Pull Carts are allowed.

**SPECTATOR CARTS:** Spectator carts are not permitted.

**PRACTICE ROUND AVAILABILITY:** Please contact Pro Shop to schedule tee times. Houston Country Club, 713-465-8381.

**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 upon completion of the qualifying round.

**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 their 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 Condition" is in effect for Qualifying, see Model Local Rule G4.

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**EVACUATION PLAN:** In the event of a discontinuance of play during the qualifier, players must adhere to the evacuation plan distributed by the Committee at Check-in Tent.

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

**GOLF SHOP/LOCKER ROOM/PRACTICE AREAS:** Players will have access to the Clubhouse and Practice Areas.

**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 Qualifier.

**FOOD SERVICE:** Available for purchase at the Halfway House payable by cash only.

**LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS:** There are several hotels available nearby in the Houston area.

**OFFICIAL IN CHARGE:**

Sis Singletary  
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# Field List

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<u>Name</u>	<u>City, State, Or Country</u>
Alexander, Shawna	The Woodlands, Texas
Charlet, Kathleen	St. Francisville, Louisiana
Cook, Lindsey	Conroe, Texas
Crumley, Kathy	San Antonio, Texas
Dougherty, Camm	Corpus Christi, Texas
Freeman, Ashley	Houston, Texas
Hardman, Mary Langdon	Galveston, Texas
Hollier, Xuesong	Tomball, Texas
Isaac, Riley	Magnolia, Texas
Keeswood, Brittany	League City, Texas
Moake, Meghan	Houston, Texas
Morales, Anna	Peru
Nittoli, Kelley	San Antonio, Texas
Pantoja, Rhonda	Chicago, Illinois
Robichaux, Julie	Kingwood, Texas
Schwartz, Hayley	San Antonio, Texas
Stanley, Caitlyn	Katy, Texas
Summers, Marlene	Montgomery, Texas
Trevino, Allison	San Antonio, Texas
Van Gerven, Lauren	Belgium

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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. Note that this yardage will fluctuate based on the proximity of hole locations for the qualifying round.

Houston Country Club (76/132)											
Front 9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	
Par	4	5	5	3	4	4	4	4	3	36	
Tee	378	480	504	143	385	326	317	367	150	3050	
Back 9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOTAL
Par	4	4	5	4	3	4	3	5	4	36	72
Tee	344	357	459	373	163	357	139	520	361	3073	6123

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## **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:

Check-points will be on completion (flagstick in the hole) of the 9<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> holes.

1<sup>st</sup> missed check-point – subject to one (1) penalty stroke

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 10 minutes to complete holes 1 through 9 and 2 hours and 10 minutes to complete holes 10 through 18, plus turn time (5 minutes for 9 to 10 ) 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 between holes is included in the allotted time.

### **Definition of “Out of Position” – Stroke Play**

First Group: The first group (off the 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 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 a 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 <sup>st</sup> / 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Hole 1 Start	2:10 / 4:25 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 of 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

Hole 1: Clubhouse	Hole 10: Clubhouse
Hole 2: Clubhouse	Hole 11: Clubhouse
Hole 3: Clubhouse or Restroom at #4 Green	Hole 12: Clubhouse or Restroom at #12 Green
Hole 4: Restroom at #4 Green	Hole 13: Restroom at #4 Green or Shelter at #14 Green
Hole 5: Restroom at #4 Green or Shelter at #6 Te3	Hole 14: Shelter at #14 Green
Hole 6: Restroom at #4 Green or Shelter at #6 Tee	Hole 15: Shelter at #14 Green or Restroom at #12 Green
Hole 7: Clubhouse	Hole 16: Restroom at #12 Green
Hole 8: Clubhouse	Hole 17: Clubhouse
Hole 9: Clubhouse	Hole 18: Clubhouse

- **Clubhouse Evacuation Rooms:** Pro shop or Halfway House

## **SUGGESTIONS TO STAY HYDRATED DURING PLAY**

**If there is a medical emergency, please find someone with a radio or call 911.**

### **GENERAL PRECAUTIONS**

- Players and Spectators should be prepared to protect themselves from the heat. Players and spectators should bring umbrellas, nutritional snacks, sunscreen, light colored clothing, hats, etc.
- If you experience weakness, headache, trouble concentrating, nausea, muscle cramping or other symptoms in the heat, seek medical attention immediately.

### **BEFORE THE START OF ACTIVITY**

- It's important to make sure you're well hydrated during the few days leading up to your long activity day.
- An hour before you start your activity, try to drink about 16 ounces of water or other non-caffeinated fluid.
- Staying hydrated is critical to your performance and, more importantly, for preventing heat-related illnesses. Dehydration in athletes may lead to fatigue, headaches, decreased coordination, and muscle cramping. Other heat-related illnesses, such as heat exhaustion and heatstroke, have even more serious consequences. Athletes need to pay attention to what and how much you are drinking before, during and after activity.
- Make sure you're hydrated before you start your golf game, you should drink another 4 to 8 ounces' right before you start.

### **DURING THE ACTIVITY**

- A general rule of thumb for fluid consumption during your golf game: You should take in 4 to 6 ounces of fluid every 20 minutes during your physical activity.
- Some of your fluid intake should include a sports drink to replace lost sodium and other minerals (electrolytes). The carbohydrates and electrolytes in the sports drink also can help you absorb the fluids faster.

**Pre-hydrate yourself before, hydrate during, and after your golf game!**

### **WHAT TO EAT BEFORE A ROUND OF GOLF**

- Eat lightly in the two hours leading up to tee time. Food in your digestive system diverts blood away from your brain and muscles, affecting concentration and physical performance. A meal approximately 1 ½ to 2 hours prior to play is ideal.
- Eat high quality complex carbohydrates, keep protein and fat intakes moderate since these slow down digestion. Eat slow and chew well.
- Drink pure water to adequately hydrate. Also, fresh fruits are great source of nutrition as well hydration source. However, never drastically alter your normal eating patterns prior to competition.

### **WHAT TO EAT DURING A ROUND OF GOLF**

- Take a mix of dried fruit and nuts. Eat just small amounts throughout the round to keep energy and concentration levels regulated. Organic nutrition bars are a convenient snack that can help keep blood sugar levels steady. Avoid the high glycemic varieties.
- Sip water regularly, especially on hot days where you sweat more.

### **WHAT TO EAT AFTER A ROUND OF GOLF**

- Consume a combination of protein and carbohydrate-rich foods and drinks as soon as possible after your round to replenish glycogen stores and replace fluids that have been lost.
- Replace potassium or sodium that has been lost during competition by using foods. Fruits and vegetables are excellent sources of potassium.



# Local Rules and Terms of the Competition

## FOR 2022 TGA CHAMPIONSHIPS

*The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and R&A Rules Limited govern play. The following Local Rules and Terms of the Competition are in effect at all TGA Championships and qualifying rounds. See applicable "Notice to Players" and Tournament Information for modifications or additions to these Local Rules and Terms of Competition. Complete text of the Rules and Local Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 1, 2019.*

**Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the General Penalty: Match Play – Loss of Hole; Stroke Play – Two Strokes**

**Out of Bounds** – Defined by the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts. A ball that crosses any road defined as out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that road is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course.

**Penalty Areas** – When a penalty area is defined only on 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.

**Back-On-the-Line-Relief** – Model Local Rule E-12 as prescribed in the Clarifications to the 2019 Rules of Golf is in effect. This applies in the application of Rules 16.1c(2), 17.1d(2), 19.2b, and 19.3b.

**Abnormal Course Conditions (Including Immovable Obstructions)** – See Rule 16.1.

- a. Ground Under Repair:
  - i. Areas completely encircled with white lines.
  - ii. French drains.
  - iii. Bunker liners. Interference does not exist if the liner interferes with only the player's stance.
  - iv. Seams of cut turf – Model Local Rule F-7 is in effect.
  - v. Damage made by animals (hog, skunk, and the like) – Model Local Rule F-10 is in effect.
- b. Immovable obstructions
  - i. White-lined areas tying into an obstruction are treated as part of the obstruction.
  - ii. When landscaped or garden areas (flower beds, shrubbery or the like) are completely encircled by an obstruction, the obstruction and the landscaped area are treated as one abnormal course condition.
  - iii. Stakes, ropes, wires, or other objects supporting trees or tree limbs, provided they are not closely attached. The tree or tree limb is not part of the obstruction.
  - iv. Where the outside edge (non-golf course side) of a road or path defines out of bounds, the road or path is an obstruction.

**Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Greens** – Model Local Rule F-5 is in effect and is modified as follows: For a ball in the general area, relief is allowed only when both the ball and the immovable obstruction lie in an area cut to fairway height or less, the immovable obstruction may be on the putting green.

**Wood Chips and Mulch** – Are loose impediments.

### Integral Objects –

- a. Cables, rods, wires, and wrappings that are closely attached to trees.
- b. Artificial walls and/or pilings when located within penalty areas.
- c. Where artificial retaining walls and/or pilings define the edge of bunkers, the artificial retaining walls or pilings are integral objects and are in the general area.

**Permanent Elevated Power Lines** – If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a permanent elevated power line or cable during the play of a hole, the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made in accordance with Rule 14.6.

**Pace of Play** – Rule 5.6b (3). The Texas Golf Association Pace of Play Policy is in effect.

**Temporary Immovable Obstructions (TIOs)** – Tents, signage, electronic scoreboards, circulation fans and any other temporary structures installed specifically for this championship are deemed to be Temporary Immovable Obstructions. Model Local Rule F-23.

### Specifications of Clubs and the Ball.

- a. List of Conforming Driver Heads – Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect.
- b. List of Conforming Golf Balls – Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect.
- c. Replacing Club that is Broken or Significantly Damaged – Model Local Rule G-9 as prescribed in the Clarifications to the 2019 Rules of Golf is in effect.

**Limiting When Stroke Made from Putting Green Must Be Replayed Under Exception 2 to Rule 11.1b** – Model Local Rule D-7 as prescribed in the Clarifications to the 2019 Rules of Golf is in effect.

**Methods for Stopping & Resuming Play** – Model Local Rule J-1 is in effect.

- a. An immediate suspension of play will be signaled by one prolonged airhorn note.
  - b. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive airhorn notes.
  - c. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short airhorn notes.
- 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.

**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.

**Scorecard Returned** – Scorecards must be attested and returned immediately after the completion of a round to the designated TGA scoring area. The player's score is considered final when the player has left the designated scoring area.

**When Competition is Final** – The competition is final when the trophy has been presented to the winner or, in absence of a prize ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the Committee. The result of a match is final when the Committee has approved the result as posted on the public scoreboard or website.

### TGA Code of Conduct:

Players (and their caddies) are to observe proper golf etiquette at all times. Any abuse or disrespect of fellow competitors, officials, spectators, employees of the host facility, or other persons conducting or attending a TGA sponsored event can be grounds for disqualification from the event, and possible rejection of entry for future TGA events. Such abuse may be verbal or physical or threat thereof and includes but is not limited to: use of obscene language, physical damage to property or equipment including that of the TGA or the host facility, and being under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances during a round.