



# Competitors Memorandum

U.S. Mid Amateur Sectional Qualifying • August 21, 2019

**To:** U.S. Mid Amateur Championship - Sectional Qualifying Competitors  
**From:** Michael N. Cumberpatch, USGA Regional Affairs Committee  
**Date:** August 3, 2019  
**RE:** Qualifying Information

**Course Information**

Bretton Woods Recreation Center  
 15700 River Road  
 Germantown, Maryland 20874

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 Main Club House: (301)948-3357

[www.bwrc.org](http://www.bwrc.org)

Jim Napier, PGA – Head Golf Professional  
 Joe Villegas, GCSAA - Golf Course Superintendent

**Qualifying Spots**

For the U. S. Mid Amateur Championship Sectional Qualifying at the Bretton Woods Recreation Center golf course on Wednesday, August 21, there are **117** competitors competing for **FIVE** (5) qualifying spots & two (2) alternate spots. The number of qualifying positions will be posted on the scoreboard.

**Schedule of Events**

Wednesday, August 21 - 18 Hole qualifier.

**Groupings & Starting Times**

Starting times begin at 8:00 a.m. from Holes #1 and #10 and again at 12:40 p.m. from Holes #1 and #10. Click **HERE** for the Groupings & Starting Times.

**Practice Round**

Practice rounds: Please call the pro shop at **(240)848-9119** for practice round information and to schedule your time. Each player is entitled to one practice round. The fee for the practice round, which includes cart and range is \$30.00. Your caddie or guest may play along in your practice round – their fee will be the applicable guest fee for that day. Players are encouraged to schedule their practice Tuesday through Friday as there is very limited availability on the weekend.

**Course Setup**

Here are the approximate yardages that you will play from during the competition. These yardages are mostly from the very back teeing ground. Note: these yardages are subject to modifications.

<b>Hole</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>out</b>	
<b>Yards</b>	414	185	586	453	414	177	431	532	203	<b>3395</b>	
<b>Par</b>	4	3	5	4	4	3	4	5	3	<b>35</b>	
<b>Hole</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>in</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Yards</b>	433	408	421	433	164	581	222	350	512	<b>3524</b>	<b>6919</b>
<b>Par</b>	4	4	4	4	3	5	3	4	5	<b>36</b>	<b>71</b>

## **Registration**

There is no formal registration. Please report to the starting tee no less than 5 minutes prior to your assigned starting time. There is no call to the tee; it is the player's responsibility to arrive on time.

## **Food & Beverage**

A limited food and beverage selection will be available. Credit Card only.

## **General Information**

The Rules of the United States Golf Association govern play. This information sheet, the USGA Rules hard card and any site-specific Local Rules and Conditions of Competition sheets are supplements to the Rules of Golf. Local Rules of the host course do not apply. The Committee in Charge shall settle all questions. Reference to the Rules may be found in the 'Official Guide to the Rules of Golf'. Unless otherwise noted the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is: 2 Strokes

All event information may be found [HERE](#) - on our website.

## **Distance-Measuring Devices**

In Sectional qualifying and in the Championship proper, a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during the round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of **Rule 4-3**.

## **One-Ball Rule**

The "One-Ball Rule" is in effect – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-4.

## **Prohibiting Use of Motorized Transportation**

Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-6.

*Players must not ride on any form of transportation* during the stipulated round unless authorized by the Committee.

## **Caddies/Push Carts**

Caddies are permitted, however you are responsible for making your own arrangements for a caddie. A player may carry their bag or use a push/pull cart. NOTE: A player's clubs MAY NOT be transported by a caddie on a standard motorized golf.

## **Groove and Punch Mark Specifications**

Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect, except as modified by the applicable championship Entry Application. Model Local Rule G-2.

You may access additional information here: [Groove Condition](#) and [Groove Condition Infographic](#). The committee in charge of the competition is under no obligation to confirm conformance of any club.

## **Pace of Play Guidelines and Procedures and USGA Hard Card**

This qualifying site uses the USGA Pace of Play Guidelines for Pace of Play. Draft Pace of Play Policy is [HERE](#). USGA Local Rules and Conditions of Competition for 2019 USGA Championships (Hard Card) is [HERE](#). Time Chart and evacuation plan is [HERE](#).

## **Spectator Carts**

USGA policy does not permit spectator carts.

## **Practice Range**

The practice range opens one hour before the first starting time weather permitting. Range balls will be set up at the practice range and are complimentary for competitors only before the stipulated round or a play-off. Please allow time to get from the range to the first tee.

## **Play-off**

In the event of a tie for the final qualifying positions or alternate positions, a playoff will begin immediately upon the completion of all play and final verification of scores. It is the player's responsibility to be aware of where he stands in relation to the leaders and the possibility of being in a playoff. Do not leave unless you are absolutely positive you are out of the 'mix.' Playoff information will be posted on the scoreboard.

**When Competition is Final** – The competition is final when the trophy has been presented to the winner or, in the 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.

### **Withdrawals**

If it becomes necessary to withdraw prior to the date of the competition, please contact Championship Administration at the USGA at (908) 326-1950. If you need to withdraw any time after 5:00PM on Tuesday, August 21, please call/text Michael Cumberpatch at (410)991-7843.

**Hydration Awareness** info is [HERE](#). Be sure to drink plenty of water before and during your round.

**Info-Graphic on Anchoring** is [HERE](#)

**Attire and Footwear:** Short pants **are permitted**. They must be of a traditional style. No 'short shorts', cargo shorts, jeans, cut-offs, or t-shirts. It is a condition at all qualifying sites, that 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 the condition: **Disqualification**

### **Close of Competition**

The qualifying competition shall be deemed to have closed when all scores have been returned and the committee has approved the results.

### **Misc Info**

Morning traffic in and around the Washington, DC area is severe. Please allow plenty of time to travel to the Bretton Woods Recreation Center golf course.

Please advise me as soon as practical if you are aware of a spectator (usually a family member), intending to watch your play during Qualifying, with a mobility impairment. Please encourage that person to contact me no later than five days before the qualifier to discuss available options for viewing play. We will make every effort, within our personnel constraints, to accommodate spectators with disabilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Information pertaining to the qualifier, including this document, will be available at [www.wmgagolf.org](http://www.wmgagolf.org)

If you have any questions, contact Michael Cumberpatch at (410)991-7843 or via e-mail at [mcumberpatch@verizon.net](mailto:mcumberpatch@verizon.net).

Good luck.

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