



Competitors Memorandum

U.S. Open Qualifying • May 4, 2021

To: U.S. Open Qualifying Competitors
From: Michael N. Cumberpatch, Official in Charge
Date: April 22, 2021
RE: U.S. Open Local Qualifying Information

Course Information

Northwest Golf Club
 15711 Layhill Road
 Silver Spring, MD 20906

Pro Shop Phone (301) 598-6100 WWW.MCGGOLF.COM/COURSE/NORTHWEST

Please read all the information here and available via the links. Players are responsible for being aware of and knowing all Local Rules and Terms of the Competition and other information provided, including Covid-19 Policies and Protocols – see the outline [HERE](#).

Qualifying Spots

For U. S. Open Local Qualifying at the Northwest Golf Club on Monday, May 4, there are **XXX** competitors for **xxx** (X) qualifying spots & two (2) alternate spots.

Schedule of Events

Monday, May 4 - 18 Hole qualifier

Groupings & Starting Times

Starting times begin at 7:30 a.m. from Hole #1. Click [HERE](#) for the Groupings & Starting Times on the event portal.

Morning traffic in and around the Washington, D. C. area is severe. Please allow plenty of time to travel to Northwest GC. It is recommended that you use MD Rte. 200 - the Inter County Connector (ICC), which requires Easy Pass.

Practice Round

Practice round reservations may be made by calling the golf shop at (301) 598-6100. Practice rounds are available Monday through Thursday at any time and Friday through Sunday and Holidays after 2:00 PM. The practice fee is \$35.00, which includes greens fee, range balls, and golf cart (whether you use the cart or not). A non-competitor playing along in practice will be charged the fee in effect at the time of play.

Course Setup: Black Tees Par: 72 Yardage: 7,310 - Yardage is subject to change -

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	
Yards	476	414	197	447	524	186	457	583	348	3632	
Par	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	5	4	36	
Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	409	468	425	180	459	556	234	538	409	3678	7310
Par	4	4	4	3	4	5	3	5	4	36	72

Steel spikes are not permitted for the qualifying rounds or for practice rounds. Penalty for breach is **DQ. See Dress Code Info below.**

Food & Beverage

The club's grill will be open and has a variety of menu items and beverages - **Credit Card Payments Only**.

Registration

There is no formal registration. Players are expected to report to their starting tee on time. To maintain Covid-19 you should report to the first tee when the group ahead of you had teed off is leaving the tee.

General Information

The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and the R & A 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 will settle all questions. Reference to the Rules and Local 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, including Covid-19 policies and protocols may be found [HERE - on the WMGA Website](#)

Distance-Measuring Devices are now permitted in both phases of U. S. Open Qualifying - please review the guidelines for their use and for restrictions on their capabilities [HERE](#)

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.

Groove and Punch Mark Specifications

The player's clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf that are effective from January 1, 2010. You may access additional information here: [Groove Condition](#) and [Groove Condition - Graphic](#). The committee in charge of the competition is under no obligation to confirm conformance of any club for any reason. Model Local Rule G-2

Infographic on Anchoring is [HERE](#)

Caddies

Caddies are permitted. You may bring your own caddie. You may carry your own bag. However, you are responsible for making your own caddie arrangements. arrange a caddie for you. Pull/push carts are allowed for practice and the competition. You may bring your own pushcart.

Caddie Liability Release

All caddies must execute and return the 'Caddie Liability Release', available [HERE](#) to participate. Caddies are required to complete, sign, and return the liability release before the start of their first round. A caddie who is a minor **must** have the waiver executed by a parent or adult legal guardian. If a minor caddie shows up to caddie without the signed waiver in hand, they may not caddie.

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. A player must either carry his own clubs or bring his own caddie. Pull/push carts are allowed for practice and the competition. NOTE: A player's clubs MAY NOT be transported by a caddie on a motorized golf cart.

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](#). Pace of Play Time-Chart is [HERE](#). USGA Local Rules and Terms of Competition for 2021 USGA Championships (Hard Card) is [HERE](#). Pace of play is a critical element in our being able to finish within a reasonable time.

Live Scoring & Score Sheets

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and related restrictions required by Montgomery County, Maryland, there will be no live scoring and no score sheets will be posted during the qualifier. Scores, as they are returned, will be entered in our Golf Genius platform and will be available [HERE](#). You may download the Golf Genius app to your phone and then log-in with the password **DUMFNA**.

Spectator Carts

USGA policy does not permit spectator carts. There are no exceptions to this policy.

Spectators

Due to Covid-19 restrictions in Montgomery County, **spectators are not permitted**. This is a county stipulation.

Covid-19 Guidelines

Our Covid-19 Guidelines can be found [HERE](#). **Basic guidelines to remember:** Follow social distancing guidelines. A mask must always be worn except when on the practice facilities and on the golf course. Put it on as soon as you get out of your car. Hand sanitizer is located throughout the property. We will have personal size dispensers on the first tee for each player and caddie. You **MUST** wear your mask in the clubhouse (except when eating) and when returning your score. Avoid congregating in groups. Use common sense and help us stay compliant.

Practice Range

The practice range opens one hour before the first starting time. Range balls are provided for competitors **courtesy of the Northwest GC**. You must report to the pro shop where you will receive a paper chit which will have a code that you will enter into the golf ball dispensing machine to acquire the practice balls. Please allow time to get from the range to your starting tee.

Play-off

In the event of a tie for qualifying or alternate positions, the players concerned shall compete in a hole-by-hole play-off. The starting hole and time shall be announced at the scoreboard immediately after the Committee has verified the results of the qualifier.

Withdrawals

Please contact the USGA at (908) 326-1950 if you need to withdraw. If you need to withdraw any time after 5:00PM on May 3, first call the USGA then call Michael Cumberpatch at (410) 991-7843.

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. **Steel spikes are not permitted for the qualifying rounds or for practice rounds**. It is a condition at all qualifying sites, unless otherwise indicated by an asterisk on the entry application, 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*

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

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.

Information pertaining to the qualifier, including this document, will be available at <http://www.wmgagolf.org>.

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

The pro shop number is (301) 598-6100. The General Manager - Head Golf Professional is Billy Cullum, PGA and the Golf Course Superintendent is Matt Hopper, GCSAA. Good luck.

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Official in Charge

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