



Competitors Memorandum

U.S. Amateur Sectional Qualifying • July 8-9, 2019

To: U.S. Amateur Sectional Qualifying Competitors
From: Michael N. Cumberpatch, USGA Regional Affairs Committee
Date: June 28, 2019
RE: Qualifying Information

Course Information

Hobbit's Glen Golf Club
 11130 Willow Bottom Road
 Columbia, MD 21044
 Pro Shop Phone (410)730-5980 <https://www.columbiaassociation.org/facilities/golf/hobbits-glen/>

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Qualifying Spots

For the U. S. Amateur Sectional Qualifying at the Hobbit's Glen Golf Club on Monday-Tuesday, July 8-9, there are **113** competitors for **four (4)** qualifying spots & two (2) alternate spots.

Schedule of Events

Monday, July 8 - Round 1 of 2 - 18 Holes - there is a cut after round 1
 Tuesday, July 9 - Round 2 of 2 - 18 holes

The Cut

The field will be cut after the first round: Forty percent (40%) of the total number of players that teed off plus ties following completion of the first 18-holes of qualifying.

Groupings & Starting Times and Qualifier Results

Starting times begin at 7:30 a.m. from Holes #1 and #10. The afternoon wave starts at 12:20 PM
 Click [HERE](#) for the Groupings & Starting Times and for results.

Practice Round

Please call the pro shop at (410)730-5980 for practice round information and fees and to schedule your time.
 There is a \$35.00 charge for the practice round which includes range balls and golf cart (whether you use the cart or not).

Course Setup

Here are the [approximate yardages](#) that you will play from during the competition. This yardage is from the black tees (except nos. 5 and 15) Note: these yardages are subject to modifications.

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	out	
Yards	421	521	395	407	155	383	575	200	449	3506	
Par	4	5	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	36	
Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	in	Total
Yards	398	157	330	453	453	515	188	379	536	3409	6915
			362							3441	6947
Par	4	3	4	4	4	5	3	4	5	36	72

Registration

There is no formal registration. Please should report to the starting tee no less than 10 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

The club's grill will be open and has a variety of menu items and beverages. Players can use cash or credit card.

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 Terms of the 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 (shuttles from 18 green to 1 tee).

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 and Punch Mark Info-Graphic](#). 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](#).

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. The cost for range balls is \$8.00 for a large and \$4.00 for a small, payable in the pro shop. Please allow time to get from the range to your starting tee.

Qualifying Positions

The number of qualifying position will be posted onsite.

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 she 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.

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

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

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 Sunday, July 8, please call/text 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. 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*

Misc Info

Morning traffic in and around the Baltimore/Washington, D. C. region is severe. Please allow plenty of time to travel to Hobbit's Glen GC.

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

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

Good luck.

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