



6TH UNITED STATES AMATEUR FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP & WOMEN'S FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Sectional Qualifying

Tuesday, October 6, 2020 – Victory Links Golf Course, Blaine, MN

QUALIFYING MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS

HOST CLUB INFORMATION

Victory Links Golf Club

2010 – 105th Avenue N

Blaine, MN 55449

Golf Shop: 763/717-4653x4

Website: <http://www.victorylinks.org/>

FORMAT/QUALIFYING PLACES: Format is **18-holes, stroke play.**

MEN: Teams will compete for **TWO (2)** qualifying places and two alternate positions in the 6th United States Amateur Four-Ball Championship to be played May 22-26, 2021, at the Chambers Bay, University Place, WA.

WOMEN: Teams will compete for **ONE (1)** qualifying place and two alternate positions in the 6th United States Women's Amateur Four-Ball Championship to be played April 24-28, 2021, at Maridoe Golf Club, Carrollton, TX.

USGA COVID-19 NOTICE: Each individual player is responsible for understanding and complying with any travel restrictions and quarantine requirements and recommendations prior to registering for a specific qualifier and at the time of the competition. Please familiarize yourself with the requirements and guidelines for any state you may be traveling to or from before registering. Players will generally NOT be allowed to transfer sites after the close of entries (see Transfer Policy in Informational PDF for more information).

Playing and Qualifying Site Protocol Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Allied Golf Association may implement one or more of the following protocols at a USGA qualifier in order to conduct the qualifier in a safe manner for all players and staff.

- Limited or no practice rounds due to local/state regulations or host facility regulations. **Practice rounds are available; see below.**
- Temperature check and/or screening questions upon arrival at the host facility. **There will be a Registration Table for check-in. Please DO NOT attend or play if you have any of the symptoms or have been exposed to another person who has tested positive within the past fourteen (14) days.**
- A specified arrival time and/or limited use of the practice facility prior to the start of your round. **Space on the practice facilities may be limited due to social distancing requirements. Teams should take one (1) space and share between the team players.**
- Caddies may be prohibited during the competition. **Caddies WILL BE ALLOWED; see below.**
- Bottled water and Food & Beverage may not be available. **Bottled water will be available every three holes.**
- Limited or no access to clubhouse or locker room. **There is no clubhouse or locker room available. Food & beverages will be available at the food shack outside the golf shop.**
- Electronic distribution of paperwork e.g. local rules, hole location sheet, etc... **These will be posted on the Qualifying webpage.**
- Electronic scoring using a mobile device and verbal confirmation of scores. **This will be in effect; see below.**
- A local rule for disturbed areas in bunkers where use of bunker rakes may be prohibited. **To be determined.**
- Code of Conduct requiring the flagstick to remain in the hole where touching of the flagstick may be prohibited. **To be determined.**
- Modifications to the hole i.e. PVC or pool noodle. **To be determined.**

Players, caddies and spectators attending may be required to wear a mask in public areas, at registration, at the starting tee, in the scoring area, and any other areas as dictated by the Allied Golf Association. Players, caddies and

spectators may also be required to sign a waiver as dictated by the Allied Golf Association.

Failure to adhere to guidelines published by the Allied Golf Association conducting the qualifier may result in the withdrawal of the players' entry and removal from the course.

All players who successfully qualify for a USGA championship will be required to follow all mitigation measures implemented by USGA with respect to COVID-19. These requirements are a condition of competition for all players. In particular, players, caddies and others attending a USGA championship may be required to submit to COVID19 testing prior to arrival and on-site upon arrival at the championship, follow on-site protocols established by the USGA and comply with limitations set by the USGA on allowing guests at the championship.

STARTING TIMES: The Official Starting Times will be posted on the Qualifying webpage and there will be no changes to the starting times unless dictated by weather or other administrative circumstances.

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, including the holes to be used, 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. Please refer to the Qualifying webpage for more detailed information.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES: Distance Measuring Devices that measure from point to point only ***are permitted in any USGA Amateur-only qualifying or championship event.***

EVACUATION PLAN: In the event of a discontinuance of play during the qualifier, players must return to the Clubhouse for further instructions and updates.

PACE OF PLAY: The Pace of Play policy will be posted on the Qualifying webpage.

ELECTRONIC/DIGITAL SCORING: Electronic (Digital) scoring using the "USGA Tournament Management"® will be used as the official scoring method. One person will be responsible for entering scores, while a member of the other side should keep a paper scorecard for cross-checking purposes.

PRACTICE ROUND AVAILABILITY: Practice rounds are available. To schedule a practice round, please contact the Golf Shop and identify yourself as a U.S. Four-Ball Qualifying contestant. Practice rounds will be on a space-available basis. Rate is \$41.25 and includes cart and small range basket of balls.

QUALIFYING ROUND FEES: There is no additional fee associated with the qualifying.

CADDIES: Caddies **WILL BE PERMITTED;** however, Victory Links *will not* have caddies available. You must bring your own caddie if you wish to use one, or you may carry your own bag or use a walking cart.

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

SPECTATOR CARTS: Spectator carts will be permitted during the Qualifying in very limited cases.

COURSE SETUP: The expected course setup at Victory Links Golf Club is as follows:

MEN – BLUE TEES (7,048 yards, Par 72, Course/Slope Ratings: 75.0/134)

WOMEN – WHITE TEES (6,284 yards, Par 72, Course/Slope Ratings: 76.1/139).

GOLF SHOP/PRACTICE AREAS: These areas will open 60 minutes prior to the first starting time. Please practice social distancing.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE: Contestants and caddies must be neat in appearance. Bermuda length shorts may be worn. Denim and blue jeans, short shorts, tee shirts, and tank tops are prohibited. Shirts must have collars. The

Committee will decide whether this requirement has been met. The dress code applies to the caddies as well as the players. A player will be held responsible for the appearance of his caddie.

CELL PHONE POLICY: The use of telecommunications devices is not permitted on the course during the qualifying.

DRINKING WATER: Drinking water will be available every two or three holes.

FOOD & BEVERAGE SERVICE: There will be food and beverage service available from the Food Shack outside the Golf Shop during the qualifying. All food and beverage will be at the player's expense.

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