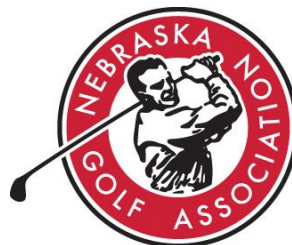


# 2021 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship Sectional Qualifying

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## Firethorn Golf Club



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**INFORMATION SHEET**  
**2021 U.S. AMATEUR FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**SECTIONAL QUALIFYING**  
**18-HOLES**

- HOST FACILITY:** **FIRETHORN GOLF CLUB**  
9301 Firethorn Lane  
Lincoln, NE 68520  
Golf Shop (402) 488-6467  
Web Site: firethorngolfclub.com  
Director of Golf - Mike Coatman  
Head Golf Professional - Troy Harder  
Superintendent - Scott Wilke
- CHAMPIONSHIP SITE:** Chambers Bay  
University Place, WA  
May 22-26, 2021
- QUALIFYING DATE:** Monday, October 5, 2020
- QUALIFIER PLACES:** The field of **49 sides** will compete for **2** sectional qualifying places and **2** alternate positions.
- STARTING TIMES:** See attached report for groups and start times.
- OFFICIAL IN CHARGE:** Justin Ahrens, NGA Assistant Executive Director  
Office (402) 505-4653, ext. 104 or Cell (402) 380-1916
- COVID-19** Please review the NGA COVID-19 Guidelines for full information on our guidelines in addition to this information sheet. These guidelines can be found on the NGA website here:  
<https://www.nebgolf.org/nga-covid-19-championship-guidelines/>
- PRACTICE ROUNDS:** Can be arranged by contacting the golf shop at Firethorn GC (402) 488-6467. The fee is \$60 (includes cart and use of the practice range). Practice rounds prohibited on Fridays. Saturdays and Sundays times are only available after 2:00 p.m.
- REGISTRATION:** Registration will be located just outside the clubhouse beginning at 9:00 a.m. Players **ARE REQUIRED** to check in prior to starting play each day for COVID-19 screening assessment before they will be allowed access to the facility.
- PRACTICE FACILITIES:** Practice areas will open at 9:00 a.m. **Players and Caddies ONLY** allowed in all practice areas. No spectators allowed.
- Practice balls are complimentary and will be available on the practice range.
- Players **will be limited** to one bag (approximately 50 balls) for warm-up.
- Use of the practice range after a player's round is **prohibited**.

<b>CADDIES:</b>	A player may provide his own caddie. Pull/push carts are permitted.
<b>TRANSPORTATION:</b>	Transportation is prohibited. Players and caddies shall walk at all times during the stipulated round unless otherwise specified by the Committee. Per USGA guidelines, spectator carts are prohibited regardless of reason.
<b>SCORING</b>	<p>Scorecards will be distributed on the starting tee to each side for recording scores.</p> <p>Digital (online) scoring will be used in place of physically signing and returning scorecards through the USGA Tournament Management (USGA TM) app. Players are asked to download the USGA TM app prior to the start of their first round. Complete instructions on how to download the USGA TM app, login, and keep score will be sent to players prior to the start of the championship.</p> <p>Upon completion of the round players will enter the designated scoring area to review and verify their scores verbally with the marker and scoring official.</p>
<b>ON-COURSE AMENITIES</b>	Bottled water will be available for players and caddies on holes #1 and #10.
<b>SPECTATORS:</b>	Spectators are allowed and encouraged to maintain proper social distancing. At this time, masks are required when in the clubhouse. Per USGA guidelines, the use of golf carts for spectators is <u>prohibited</u> .
<b>FOOD &amp; BEVERAGE:</b>	The clubhouse will be open for any food and beverage purchases. At this time, masks are required when in the clubhouse.
<b>RANGEFINDERS:</b>	The use of Distance Measuring Devices is <u>permitted</u> .
<b>GOLF BALLS:</b>	Only brands of golf balls on the most current USGA List of Conforming Golf Balls may be used. The "One-Ball Rule" is in effect.
<b>GROOVE STANDARDS:</b>	It is a <u>requirement</u> that a player's clubs conform to the groove specifications provided in the Rules of Golf. See attached rules packet for details.
<b>FOOTWEAR:</b>	Firethorn Golf Club prohibits traditional metal spikes, therefore, these type of shoes are not permitted. Penalty for breach of this rule is disqualification.
<b>DRESS CODE:</b>	Players and caddies must be neat in appearance with respect to clothing and personal grooming. The Committee in charge will decide whether this requirement has been met, and has authority to withdraw the entry of a player who does not comply.
<b>PACE OF PLAY:</b>	Qualifying participants must play without undue delay and in accordance with guidelines included in the accompanying rules packet.
<b>PLAY-OFF:</b>	In the event of a tie for the last qualifying place, there will be a hole-by-hole play-off to determine place winners and alternates. Any announcements regarding the play-off will be made in scoring upon completion of your qualifying round.
<b>LOWEST SCORE:</b>	Silver medals, if a tie, duplicate medals will be awarded.



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**2021 U.S. AMATEUR FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP – SECTIONAL QUALIFYING**

Firethorn Golf Club

Monday, October 5, 2020

**COURSE SET-UP:**

Hole	Par	Yardage
1	4	425
2	4	327
3	5	546
4	3	165
5	4	455
6	3	202
7	4	455
8	5	604
9	4	438
<b>Front</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>3,617</b>
10	4	375
11	5	590
12	4	413
13	3	194
14	4	474
15	4	390
16	4	346
17	3	196
18	4	430
<b>Back</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>3,408</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>7,025</b>

(September 23, 2020)



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## Grooves Condition of Competition

In Sectional Qualifying as well as in the Championship proper, the player's clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf effective from January 1, 2010. The Condition of Competition is available for review on the entry application and applies to all fairway woods, hybrids, irons and wedges.

The USGA and The R&A have created a reference resource called the Informational Club Database to assist golfers in determining whether their irons, wedges, hybrids and fairway woods comply with the Rules of Golf effective from January 1, 2010 and are permissible for play under the groove condition of competition, which is in effect for all USGA Amateur Championships.

For information about and to access the database, please use the following link:  
<http://www.usga.org/InfoClubsDB/intro.html>

Additionally, for other information regarding the groove condition, please use the following link: <http://www.usga.org/grooves/>

Finally, for information regarding the conformance status of clubs not listed or for any other questions regarding the condition, please contact the USGA Research and Test Center at (908) 234-2300.

Player Club Testing is available for all USGA Amateur Championships. Please use the following link for more information: <http://www.usga.org/grooves/>

The USGA strongly suggests that all players verify the conformance of their clubs well in advance of their scheduled qualifying competition. It is the player's responsibility, not the USGA's responsibility to ensure that his clubs conform.

Waiting until the day of the competition is the fault of the player. The Committee is under no obligation to test the club the competitor may play. However, if it is later determined that the club is non-conforming, including after the competition has closed, the player will be disqualified.



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**COURSE EVACUATION PLAN**  
**U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship - Sectional Qualifying**  
**Firethorn Golf Club**  
**October 5, 2020**

<b><u>Location</u></b>		<b><u>Action</u></b>
Practice Areas		Go to clubhouse
Hole #1	Tee, Fairway & Green	Go to clubhouse
Hole #2	Tee, Fairway & Green	Go to clubhouse
Hole #3	Tee, Fairway & Green	Go to clubhouse
Hole #4	Tee & Green	Go to clubhouse
Hole #5	Tee, Fairway & Green	Go to clubhouse
Hole #6	Tee & Green	Go to clubhouse
Hole #7	Tee, Fairway & Green	Go to clubhouse
Hole #8	Tee, Fairway & Green	Go to clubhouse
Hole #9	Tee, Fairway & Green	Go to clubhouse
Hole #10	Tee, Fairway & Green	Go to clubhouse
Hole #11	Tee, Fairway & Green	Go to clubhouse
Hole #12	Tee, Fairway & Green	Go to clubhouse
Hole #13	Tee & Green	Go to clubhouse
Hole #14	Tee, Fairway & Green	Go to clubhouse
Hole #15	Tee, Fairway & Green	Go to clubhouse
Hole #16	Tee, Fairway & Green	Go to clubhouse
Hole #17	Tee & Green	Go to clubhouse
Hole #18	Tee, Fairway & Green	Go to clubhouse



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Qualifying Round



Player	Start Time	Hole	Player	Start Time	Hole
Amundsen, Bill	10:10 AM	10	Heimes, Ty	10:40 AM	10
Amundson, Danny	10:50 AM	10	Henry, Dave	12:00 PM	1
Andersen, Will	10:20 AM	10	Hesse, Heath	11:20 AM	1
Anderson, Bo	10:00 AM	10	Hoffman, Zach	11:00 AM	1
Anderson, David	11:40 AM	10	Hoyle, Charlie	10:00 AM	1
Anderson, Eric	10:50 AM	1	Huston, Dan	11:10 AM	10
Arends, Tate	11:20 AM	10	Huyck, Bradley	11:50 AM	10
Badura, Caleb	11:30 AM	1	Kitchin, Craig	10:20 AM	1
Bernt, Wesley	11:00 AM	1	Kluver, Luke	10:40 AM	1
Blankenship, Michael	10:10 AM	10	Krsnich, Pete	10:30 AM	1
Boor, Brian	12:00 PM	1	Kuszak, Cody	10:20 AM	1
Boor, Jake	12:00 PM	1	Lapour, John	10:40 AM	10
Buroker, Steve	11:10 AM	1	Lee, Nathan	11:50 AM	1
Cadwell, Justin	11:10 AM	10	Leising, Mike	11:30 AM	10
Carlson, Tom	10:50 AM	10	Lierz, Hank	10:40 AM	1
Carney, Alex	11:20 AM	1	Lucchino, Michael	10:40 AM	10
Chapman, Tyler	10:30 AM	1	Lundin, Jack	10:50 AM	1
Csipkes, Brian	10:50 AM	10	Malleck, Reed	11:00 AM	10
Csipkes, Jay	10:50 AM	10	Marshall, William	10:30 AM	1
Dubisar, Brad	10:00 AM	10	Meyer, Branden	11:30 AM	1
Dubois, Ben	11:40 AM	1	Minnick, Jack	11:40 AM	10
Easley, David	11:30 AM	10	Minzel, Travis	11:20 AM	10
Eilertson, Nick	11:20 AM	1	Moore, Jay	11:30 AM	10
Ellis, Gary	10:10 AM	1	Moore, Jeremiah	10:50 AM	1
Farrell, Alex	11:10 AM	10	Moore, Kyle	10:10 AM	1
Gallinger, Brett	10:10 AM	10	Morrison, Trent	10:00 AM	10
Giroux, Blake	11:00 AM	10	Morrow, Lance	11:40 AM	1
Goeser, Jay	10:10 AM	1	Mullin, Rob	11:40 AM	1
Grandfield, Cole	11:10 AM	1	Nelko, Tristan	10:40 AM	1
Haas, Chris	11:50 AM	10	Nietfeldt, Ryan	11:20 AM	10
Hagel, Will	11:50 AM	10	Noble, Pete	11:50 AM	1
Hall, Patrick	10:00 AM	10	Nohr, Alexander	10:30 AM	10
Harding, Will	11:00 AM	10	Nohr, Christian	10:30 AM	10



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Player	Start Time	Hole	Player	Start Time	Hole
Oddo, Andrew	11:10 AM	10			
Olson, David	10:40 AM	10			
Owen, Tanner	10:30 AM	1			
Pearson, Daniel	10:40 AM	1			
Peel, Eric	10:20 AM	10			
Peterson, Clayton	11:40 AM	10			
Pieper, Kyle	12:00 PM	1			
Price, Trent	11:50 AM	1			
Rager, Christopher	10:20 AM	10			
Rowe, Brad	10:10 AM	1			
Ryan, Matt	11:40 AM	10			
Sajevic, Andrew	11:30 AM	1			
Sajevic, John	11:30 AM	1			
Scheve, Gentry	10:50 AM	1			
Sigler, Jason	10:20 AM	1			
Smith, Kirby	11:40 AM	1			
Stith, Tyler	10:00 AM	1			
Svoboda, Garrett	10:20 AM	10			
Swaroff, John	11:30 AM	10			
Talcott, Jesse	11:10 AM	1			
Taylor, Curtis	10:10 AM	10			
Tolan, Matt	11:20 AM	10			
Tom, Aaron	11:10 AM	1			
Travis, Brent	10:20 AM	1			
Tridle, Scott	11:50 AM	1			
Turek, Ryan	11:00 AM	10			
Vance, Kellen	11:50 AM	10			
Vautravers, Randall	11:20 AM	1			
Wilhelm, Michael	11:00 AM	1			
Woodhead, Danny	11:00 AM	1			
Zimmerman, Matt	10:30 AM	10			
Zoz, Kevin	10:30 AM	10			



# 2021 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship - Sectional Qualifying I Groupings & Starting Times

## Firethorn Golf Club | Qualifying Round

<b>10:00 AM Hole 1</b>	Charlie Hoyle <i>England</i>	Tyler Stith <i>Iowa City, IA</i>		
<b>10:10 AM Hole 1</b>	Gary Ellis <i>Norwalk, IA</i>	Jay Goeser <i>Norwalk, IA</i>	Kyle Moore <i>Omaha, NE</i>	Brad Rowe <i>Omaha, NE</i>
<b>10:20 AM Hole 1</b>	Cody Kuszak <i>Nebraska City, NE</i>	Brent Travis <i>Nebraska City, NE</i>	Craig Kitchin <i>Lincoln, NE</i>	Jason Sigler <i>Atlanta, GA</i>
<b>10:30 AM Hole 1</b>	Tyler Chapman <i>Wichita, KS</i>	Pete Krsnich <i>Wichita, KS</i>	William Marshall <i>Elburn, IL</i>	Tanner Owen <i>Kansas City, MO</i>
<b>10:40 AM Hole 1</b>	Luke Kluver <i>Norfolk, NE</i>	Hank Lierz <i>Saint Joseph, MO</i>	Tristan Nelko <i>Lincoln, NE</i>	Daniel Pearson <i>Lincoln, CO</i>
<b>10:50 AM Hole 1</b>	Jack Lundin <i>Sioux Falls, SD</i>	Gentry Scheve <i>Emporia, KS</i>	Eric Anderson <i>Ogallala, NE</i>	Jeremiah Moore <i>Hickman, NE</i>
<b>11:00 AM Hole 1</b>	Wesley Bernt <i>Kearney, NE</i>	Zach Hoffman <i>Omaha, NE</i>	Michael Wilhelm <i>Omaha, NE</i>	Danny Woodhead <i>Elkhorn, NE</i>
<b>11:10 AM Hole 1</b>	Steve Buroker <i>Bennington, NE</i>	Cole Grandfield <i>Omaha, NE</i>	Jesse Talcott <i>Ashland, NE</i>	Aaron Tom <i>Sioux Falls, SD</i>
<b>11:20 AM Hole 1</b>	Alex Carney <i>Lincoln, NE</i>	Randall Vautravers <i>Wichita, KS</i>	Nick Eilertson <i>Cedar Falls, IA</i>	Heath Hesse <i>Tipton, IA</i>
<b>11:30 AM Hole 1</b>	Andrew Sajevic <i>Omaha, NE</i>	John Sajevic <i>Fremont, NE</i>	Caleb Badura <i>Aurora, NE</i>	Branden Meyer <i>Gilbert, AZ</i>
<b>11:40 AM Hole 1</b>	Rob Mullin <i>Omaha, NE</i>	Kirby Smith <i>Omaha, NE</i>	Ben Dubois <i>Norfolk, NE</i>	Lance Morrow <i>Norfolk, NE</i>
<b>11:50 AM Hole 1</b>	Trent Price <i>Lincoln, NE</i>	Scott Tridle <i>Lincoln, NE</i>	Nathan Lee <i>Omaha, NE</i>	Pete Noble <i>Jerseyville, IL</i>
<b>12:00 PM Hole 1</b>	Brian Boor <i>Omaha, NE</i>	Jake Boor <i>Omaha, NE</i>	Dave Henry <i>West Des Moines, IA</i>	Kyle Pieper <i>Urbandale, IA</i>
<b>10:00 AM Hole 10</b>	Brad Dubisar <i>Omaha, NE</i>	Trent Morrison <i>Omaha, NE</i>	Bo Anderson <i>Urbandale, IA</i>	Patrick Hall <i>West Des Moines, IA</i>
<b>10:10 AM Hole 10</b>	Bill Amundsen <i>Bennington, NE</i>	Curtis Taylor <i>Bennington, NE</i>	Michael Blankenship <i>Bellevue, NE</i>	Brett Gallinger <i>Omaha, NE</i>
<b>10:20 AM Hole 10</b>	Will Andersen <i>Dakota City, NE</i>	Christopher Rager <i>South Sioux City, NE</i>	Eric Peel <i>Omaha, NE</i>	Garrett Svoboda <i>Lincoln, NE</i>
<b>10:30 AM Hole 10</b>	Alexander Nohr <i>Overland Park, KS</i>	Christian Nohr <i>Lincoln, NE</i>	Matt Zimmerman <i>Las Vegas, NV</i>	Kevin Zoz <i>Gretna, NE</i>
<b>10:40 AM Hole 10</b>	Ty Heimes <i>Battle Creek, NE</i>	John Lapour <i>Omaha, NE</i>	Michael Lucchino <i>Lincoln, NE</i>	David Olson <i>Omaha, NE</i>
<b>10:50 AM Hole 10</b>	Danny Amundson <i>Sioux Falls, SD</i>	Tom Carlson <i>Sioux Falls, SD</i>	Brian Csipkes <i>Omaha, NE</i>	Jay Csipkes <i>McKinney, TX</i>

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### Firethorn Golf Club I Qualifying Round

<b>11:00 AM</b>	Blake Giroux	Ryan Turek	Will Harding	Reed Malleck
<b>Hole 10</b>	<i>Omaha, NE</i>	<i>Bennington, NE</i>	<i>Prairie Village, KS</i>	<i>York, NE</i>
<b>11:10 AM</b>	Alex Farrell	Dan Huston	Justin Cadwell	Andrew Oddo
<b>Hole 10</b>	<i>Elkhorn, NE</i>	<i>Omaha, NE</i>	<i>Omaha, NE</i>	<i>Elkhorn, NE</i>
<b>11:20 AM</b>	Travis Minzel	Ryan Nietfeldt	Tate Arends	Matt Tolan
<b>Hole 10</b>	<i>Lincoln, NE</i>	<i>Elkhorn, NE</i>	<i>Orange City, IA</i>	<i>Eau Claire, WI</i>
<b>11:30 AM</b>	David Easley	Jay Moore	Mike Leising	John Swaroff
<b>Hole 10</b>	<i>Lincoln, NE</i>	<i>Lincoln, NE</i>	<i>Lincoln, NE</i>	<i>Lincoln, NE</i>
<b>11:40 AM</b>	Jack Minnick	Clayton Peterson	David Anderson	Matt Ryan
<b>Hole 10</b>	<i>Lincoln, NE</i>	<i>Lincoln, NE</i>	<i>Wellesley, MA</i>	<i>Somerville, MA</i>
<b>11:50 AM</b>	Will Hagel	Bradley Huyck	Chris Haas	Kellen Vance
<b>Hole 10</b>	<i>Omaha, NE</i>	<i>Omaha, NE</i>	<i>Omaha, NE</i>	<i>Omaha, NE</i>



# Local Rules and Terms of the Competition

## FOR 2020 USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS

*The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and R&A Rules Limited govern play. These Local Rules and Terms of the Competition are in effect at all USGA championships and qualifying rounds. See applicable championship or qualifying round Notice to Players and Entry Application for modifications or additions to these Local Rules and Terms of the Competition. Complete text of the Rules and Local Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 2019.*

**Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty.**

**Out of Bounds** — Defined by the line between the course-side points of white stakes and fence posts at ground level.

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

**Ground Under Repair** — Defined by white lines. French drains are ground under repair. For grass-covered trenching, see Temporary Power Lines and Cables.

Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage, including areas where spectators or other traffic has combined with wet conditions to affect materially the ground surface, but only when so declared by an authorized member of the Committee. When immediately adjacent to an immovable obstruction, such an area is part of that obstruction.

**Relief from Seams of Cut Turf** — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-7.

**Immovable Obstructions** — Include plastic bumpers on roads and paths, and mats secured to the ground with spikes when the bumpers or mats cover cables.

**White-Lined Areas Tying Into Artificially Surfaced Roads and Paths** — White-lined areas of ground under repair and the artificially surfaced roads, paths or other identified obstructions that they are connected to are a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.

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

**Integral Objects** — Include cables, rods, wires and wrappings when closely attached to trees, and artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas and bunkers, and bunker liners.

An exposed bunker liner may be treated as ground under repair, but interference does not exist if the liner interferes with only the player's stance.

**Temporary Power Lines and Cables** — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-22.

**Temporary Immovable Obstructions** — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-23.

**List of Conforming Driver Heads** — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-1.

**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.

**List of Conforming Golf Balls** — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-3.

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

**Broken or Significantly Damaged Club** — Local Rule as prescribed in the Clarifications to the 2019 Rules of Golf is in effect. Model Local Rule G-9.

**Back-On-the-Line Relief** — Local Rule as prescribed in the Clarifications to the 2019 Rules of Golf is in effect. Model Local Rule E-12.

**Pace of Play** — See separate memorandum to players for pace of play policy, when applicable.

**Stopping and Resuming Play** — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule J-1.

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.

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.

**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.

**Prohibiting Use of Motorized Transportation** — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-6.

**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.

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**Firethorn Golf Club • October 5, 2020**

**NOTICE TO PLAYERS**

*(This information supplements the Local Rules and Terms of Competition for USGA Championships)*

**1. Abnormal Course Conditions including Ground Under Repair:**

- a. Include but are not limited to:
  - i) Decorative flower beds.

**2. Clubs:**

- a. Groove and Punch Mark Specifications - In making a stroke, the player's clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Equipment Rules that took effect on January 1, 2010. Model Local Rule G-2 is in effect.

**3. Immovable Obstructions:**

- a. Include but are not limited to:
  - i) All artificially surfaced roads and paths, including any adjacent curbing.
- b. Immovable obstructions adjacent to, within or abutting each other, such as artificially surfaced paths (including decorative areas enclosed by these paths), curbing, walls, steps and drains, are considered a single obstruction.
- c. Permanent restrooms and structures, including adjacent and surrounding artificially surfaced paths, patios, fences and decorative plantings, are considered a single obstruction.

**4. Integral Objects:**

- a. Railroad Ties within the margins of Penalty Areas are Integral Objects.

**5. Movable Obstructions:** Include but are not limited to:

- i) Staking and roping; trash cans; benches; and beverage coolers.

**6. Out of Bounds:**

- a. Defined by the perimeter fence, white stakes and white lines.
- b. Hole #3 - Out of bounds is defined by the concrete edge of the road on the right side of the hole.

**7. Penalty Areas:**

- a. **Dropping Zones** - If a ball is in the following penalty areas, including when it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found came to rest in the penalty area, the player has these relief options, each for one penalty stroke:
  - i) proceed under Rule 17.1; or
  - ii) as an additional option, drop the original ball or another ball in the dropping zone (marked "DZ") in the location below. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3
    - Hole #4 Yellow Penalty Area - DZ located on the forward tee.
    - Hole #9 Yellow Penalty Area - DZ located on the forward tee.
    - Hole #12 Red Penalty Area - DZ located in the fairway.
    - Hole #16 Yellow Penalty Area - DZ located in the fairway.
    - Hole #17 Yellow Penalty Area - DZ located on the forward tee.
- 8. Play-Off:** In the event of a play-off to determine qualifying or alternate spot(s), play will commence from the 16th hole immediately following the conclusion of the qualifying round. The play-off routing will be holes 16, 17 & 18 repeated until all places are determined.
- 9. Scoring Area:** A side's scorecard is returned when hole-by-hole scores have been verbally verified with their marker and the scoring official and left the scoring area defined by lines.
- 10. Teeing Area:** The USGA tee markers define the teeing area for the competition.
- 11. Temporary Immovable Obstructions (TIOs):** Model Local Rule F-23 is in effect. TIOs include: scoring tents.
  - a. Special Relief Procedure - **Either Side Relief:**
    - i) If a player is allowed relief under the TIO Local Rule, the player may take relief without penalty on either side of the TIO.
- 12. White Lines Not Used for Course Marking:** White lines are used to direct cart traffic and blue lines are used to define the scoring area. Free relief is NOT available.
- 13. Pace of Play Review Committee:** Justin Ahrens, Craig Ames and Ben Vigil.
- 14. Final Decisions on Disputed Points** will be made by Justin Ahrens, Craig Ames and Ben Vigil.

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**USGA Championship Qualifying  
Pace of Play Policy**



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**STROKE PLAY**

*Players should play at a prompt pace throughout the round. Players are both allowed and encouraged to play “ready golf” in a safe and responsible way (Rule 6.4b) and should make a stroke in no more than 40 seconds (Rule 5.6b).*

**GENERAL**

The Pace of Play Committee will designate four (4) holes on the course as Pace of Play checkpoint holes. When a group has been notified by a checkpoint official of a missed checkpoint, the group is expected to regain its position.

**MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE TIME**

**Maximum allowable time** is the **MAXIMUM** time considered necessary by the Committee for a group to complete its round. This is expressed in a per-hole and aggregate time format on the chart attached to this document and on the player scorecard.

- A group's **maximum allowable time** begins at its assigned starting time, or if the starting time is delayed, at the adjusted starting time.
- Time associated with playing the game, e.g., course difficulty and walking times between holes, is included in all **maximum allowable times**.

**OUT OF POSITION**

A group is **out of position** when it:

- Takes more than the **maximum allowable time** to finish a checkpoint hole **and**
- completes play of a checkpoint hole more than 14 minutes after the group ahead of them.

A checkpoint hole is complete when the ball of the last player in the group to hole out has been removed from the hole.

The first group(s) of each wave is measured only against maximum allowable time until they are within 14 minutes of the group in front of them.

**GROUP OUT OF POSITION – MONITORED BY A RULES ROVER**

- Any group that is **out of position** may be monitored by a Rules Rover who will individually time strokes made by a player(s).
- Each player is permitted a maximum of **40 seconds** to make a stroke. A player who exceeds 40 seconds is considered to have made a bad time.
- Any player(s) concerned about another player(s) in the group should request a Rules Rover to monitor the group.
- Bad times and other information gathered at any time by a Rules Committee may be used during the review process. If the group becomes liable to penalty, bad times will be considered when determining penalties.

**MISSED CHECKPOINTS (PENALTIES)**

Players in a group that have missed one or more checkpoints are liable to penalty according to the following schedule of penalties:

- 1<sup>st</sup> missed checkpoint – **warning\***
- 2<sup>nd</sup> missed checkpoint – **liable to a penalty of one stroke**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> missed checkpoint – **liable to an additional penalty of two strokes**
- 4<sup>th</sup> missed checkpoint – **liable to disqualification**

**\* If a group successfully clears each of their first 3 checkpoints, but is out of position (misses) at the 4<sup>th</sup> checkpoint, each player in the group is liable to a penalty of one stroke.**

**REVIEW PROCESS**

Before returning scorecards, any group that is liable to penalty should consult with the Pace of Play Committee to have a final determination made regarding their breach (i.e. lodge an appeal).

A player(s) who was **out of position** during the round that elects not to consult with the Pace of Play Committee to determine whether they were in breach of these guidelines prior to returning their score card is deemed to be in breach of these guidelines and incurs the penalty or penalties according to the above schedule of penalties.

The Pace of Play Committee will determine that a group who has been found to be **out of position** is not in breach of these guidelines only if:

- The group was delayed by the Committee.
- The group was delayed by a circumstance beyond control of the player or the group.
- The group was delayed by another player(s) in the group.

Any incurred penalties are to be applied to the player's score on the checkpoint hole where the breach(es) occurred.

**PACE OF PLAY CHART**  
2021 U.S. AMATEUR FOUR-BAL CHAMPIONSHIP  
SECTIONAL QUALIFYING  
FIRETHORN GOLF CLUB  
FOUR (4) PLAYERS

TIME SCHEDULE IN HOURS AND MINUTES

Hole #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Par	4	4	5	3	4	3	4	5	4
Time Allotted	0:19	0:16	0:21	0:13	0:18	0:13	0:18	0:22	0:18
Total Time (1)	0:19	0:35	0:56	1:09	1:27	1:40	1:58	2:20	2:38
Total Time (10)	2:50	3:06	3:27	3:40	3:58	4:11	4:29	4:51	5:09

TIME SCHEDULE IN HOURS AND MINUTES

Hole #	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Par	4	5	4	3	4	4	4	3	4
Time Allotted	0:19	0:21	0:16	0:13	0:18	0:17	0:17	0:13	0:17
Total Time (1)	2:57	3:18	3:34	3:47	4:05	4:22	4:39	4:52	5:09
Total Time (10)	0:19	0:40	0:56	1:09	1:27	1:44	2:01	2:14	2:31