



118TH UNITED STATES AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Sectional Qualifying

#1: Monday, July 9, 2018 – Dacotah Ridge Golf Club, Morton, MN
#2: Monday, July 23, 2018 – Olympic Hills Golf Club, Eden Prairie, MN

QUALIFYING MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS

HOST CLUB INFORMATION

Dacotah Ridge Golf Club

31042 County Road 2
Morton, MN 56270
Golf Shop: 507/697-8050
Website: www.dacotahridge.com

Olympic Hills Golf Club

10625 Mt. Curve Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55347
Golf Shop: 952/941-6265
Website: www.olympichills.com

FORMAT/QUALIFYING PLACES: Format is **36-holes, stroke play**. Each field of contestants will compete for qualifying places and two alternate positions in the 118th United States Amateur Golf Championship to be played August 13-19 at Pebble Beach Golf Links, Pebble Beach, CA. The number of qualifying spots are as follows:

Dacotah Ridge Golf Club: 3

Olympic Hills Golf Club: 3

STARTING TIMES: The Official Starting Times will be posted on the Qualifying webpage once complete.

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 (see Decision 4-1/1). Please refer to the Qualifying webpage for more detailed information.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES: Distance Measuring Devices **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.

PRACTICE ROUND AVAILABILITY: Practice rounds are available. To schedule a practice round, please contact the Golf Shop and identify yourself as a U.S. Amateur Qualifying contestant. Practice rounds will be on a space-available basis. The fee for a practice round at Dacotah Ridge is **\$47**. The fee for a practice round at Olympic Hills is **TBD**. The use of a golf cart during the practice round is optional and may be extra.

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

CADDIES: Neither course *will* 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 is as follows:

Dacotah Ridge GC – **TOURNAMENT TEES** (7,109 yards, Par 72, Course/Slope Ratings: 74.8/145)

Olympic Hills GC – **OLYMPIC (BLACK) TEES** (7,103 yards, Par 72, Course/Slope Ratings: 74.8/141)

GOLF SHOP/LOCKER ROOM/PRACTICE AREAS: These areas will be open for player's use during the qualifying. Practice areas will open at least 60 minutes prior to the first starting time.

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.

FOOD & BEVERAGE SERVICE / DRINKING WATER: There will be limited food and beverage service available from the Clubhouse during the qualifying. All food and beverage will be at the player's expense. Bottled water will be available at six different locations on the course.

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