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U.S. Senior Amateur Championship Qualifying
Mount Vernon Country Club
July 16, 2026

QUALIFYING MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS

HOST CLUB

Mount Vernon Country Club
5111 Old Mill Road
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[Mount Vernon Country Club](#)

Head Golf Professional: Taylor Babcock, PGA
Course Superintendent: Chris Sandels, GCSAA

FORMAT/QUALIFYING PLACES: Stroke play competition conducted over 18 holes. The field of 71 contestants will compete for three (3) qualifying place and two (2) alternate positions in the U.S. Senior Amateur Championship to be played August 29 – September 3, 2026, at Baltimore Country Club (East Course) in Lutherville, Maryland.

PRACTICE ROUND AVAILABILITY: Players must call for a practice round starting time (703-780-3565). Each contestant is entitled to one practice round at the rate of \$40. Practice rounds may be played Wednesday, July 15th with additional dates/times potentially available based on availability. Please call the pro shop for availability.

STARTING TIMES: Starting times will begin at 9:30 a.m. off of hole #1. Starting times will be released on Monday, July 13th. An email will be sent once starting times are available and can also be found at the [event website](#). Players are to report to their assigned starting tees, ready to play, 10 minutes before their starting time. If your plans have changed and you no longer plan to compete in this qualifier, please let us know as soon as possible. **Requests for a certain grouping and/or starting time will not be accepted.**

CLUBHOUSE AND PRACTICE FACILITIES: Practice facilities will open at 6:30 a.m. on the day of the qualifier and will also be open following the round for those participating in a playoff.

FOOD SERVICE: Bottled water and fruit will be provided on the first tee. Lunch will be available for purchase on Thursday, July 16th. No personal coolers are allowed.

PAYMENT METHODS: Credit cards (Visa, MC, Amex, Discover) will be accepted for food and pro shop purchases.

CADDIES: Players may have a caddie and there are no restrictions on who may serve as a caddie. There are no restrictions on who may serve as a caddie. Pull carts are permitted.



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TRANSPORTATION: The player or the player's caddie may ride in a golf cart during a round, but both may not ride at the same time. Additionally, the USGA reserves the right to limit or suspend the use of golf carts due to inclement weather, unsafe use of the golf cart or circumstances where use of the golf cart would present a hazard to others, the course officials, the golf course or for other unforeseen circumstances. The cost to rent a cart is \$35.

PLAYOFF: In the event of a tie for the last qualifying place(s), 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 will be made at the public scoreboard upon completion of the qualifying round.

DMDS: In qualifying and in the Championship proper, a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a 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. For more information, visit www.usga.org/dmd.

PACE OF PLAY: It is a condition that players must play without undue delay and in accordance with guidelines established by committee. See below for details on the pace of play policy that will be used for this qualifier.

EVACUATION PLAN: In the event of a discontinuance of play during the qualifier, players must adhere to the evacuation plan provided on the event website.

FOOTWEAR: Rule 4.3 is modified in this way: During a round, a player must not wear shoes with traditionally-designed spikes (regardless of composition, i.e., ceramic, plastic, etc.) or spikes of any design, comprised either entirely or partially of metal (if such metal may come in contact with the course). Penalty for breach of this Local Rule: See Rule 4.3.

GOLF BALLS/DRIVERS: The Local Rule for Conforming Driver Heads is in effect, See Model Local Rule G-1. The Local Rule requiring that all golf balls used be on the List of Conforming Golf Balls is in effect. See Model Local Rule G-3. Please check the USGA website, www.usga.org, for a list of approved golf balls and drivers.

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 Model Local Rule G-2.

CODE OF CONDUCT: As set forth in the USGA application, the code of conduct applies to all USGA Qualifying and Championships.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE: Contestants and caddies must be neat in appearance. Short shorts, tee shirts, tank tops and blue jeans are prohibited.

AWARD CEREMONY: The awards ceremony will take place at the scoreboard once the qualifiers and alternates are determined. A silver medal will be awarded to the lowest scorer.



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If it becomes necessary to withdraw prior to the date of the competition, please contact the VSGA and the USGA at 908-326-1950 or champs@usga.org.

		TENTATIVE
HOLE	PAR	YARDAGE
1	5	505
2	3	195
3	4	434
4	4	388
5	4	423
6	3	170
7	4	400
8	4	370
9	4	373
OUT	35	3258
10	4	270
11	3	206
12	4	434
13	4	380
14	4	329
15	5	549
16	3	164
17	4	412
18	4	372
IN	35	3116
TOTAL	70	6374

Course Rating / Slope: 71.4 / 132



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Pace of Play Guidelines

Allotted Time

The allotted time established by the Committee is the maximum amount of time a group should take to complete the play of each hole. This time is adjusted based on the difficulty of the course, travel time between holes, group size and ability of the field. A normal speed of play should result in completing play under the allotted time.

Definition of “Out of Position”

The first group will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, the group takes more than the allotted time as detailed above.

Any following group will be considered out of position if it is taking more than the allotted time and:

- i. reaches a par 3 hole that is clear of all play and all players in the preceding group have played their strokes on the teeing ground of the next hole; or
- ii. reaches a par 4 or 5 hole which is clear of all play.

Note: A group or player that is clearly playing at a pace that is slower than others in the field may be deemed by the Committee to be “Out of Position” even if the group is within the allotted time.

Communication with a Group that is Out of Position

Groups will be monitored throughout the round. If a group is out of position, the players in that group may be monitored more closely and timed. Prior to a group being timed, a referee will issue a verbal warning to the group between the play of two holes.

Timing

When a group is being timed, each player in the group is expected to play all strokes within 40 seconds. Timing begins when it is the player’s turn to play and nothing is obstructing his/her play. An extra 20 seconds will be given to:

- i. the first player to play a stroke on a hole;
- ii. the first to play a second shot on a par 4 or par 5;
- iii. the first player to play a third stroke on a par 5 (provided it is not played from on or within 10 yards of the putting green); or
- iv. the first player to play a stroke from within 10 yards of or on the putting green.

Pace of Play Penalties

One bad time – *Warning*

A second bad time – *One stroke penalty*

A third bad time – *Additional two stroke penalty (three total)*

A fourth bad time – *Disqualification*

Note 1: Bad time(s) will remain with the player for the remainder of the stipulated round.

Note 2: A player is not exempt from penalty under Rule 5.6b simply because he/she takes less than the allotted time to complete a stroke, hole or round.

Rules or Other Incidents

If a ruling or some other legitimate delay occurs which causes the group in question to lose its position, that group is expected to regain its position within a reasonable time.