

U.S. Senior Open Local Qualifying
The Omni Homestead Resort (Cascades Course)
April 28, 2026



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QUALIFYING MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS

HOST CLUB INFORMATION

The Omni Homestead Resort (Cascades Course)
3789 Sam Snead Highway
Hot Springs, VA 24445
(540) 839-7994
www.thehomestead.com

Director of Golf: Mark Fry, PGA
Head Golf Professional: Barry Ryder, PGA

ACCOMMODATIONS AT THE HOMESTEAD

The Omni Homestead Resort
1766 Homestead Drive
Hot Springs, VA 24445
(800) 838-1766
Rate: \$309 plus taxes and resort charges (does not include any meals)
Cutoff Date: March 27th
Please [click here](#) to make reservations.

QUALIFYING INFORMATION

FORMAT/QUALIFYING PLACES: Stroke play competition conducted over 18 holes. The number of players advancing to final qualifying will be sent to players once that information is released by the USGA. The 46th U.S. Senior Open Championship will be played on July 2-5, 2026 at Scioto Country Club in Columbus, Ohio.

STARTING TIMES: Starting times will begin at 8:00 a.m. off of hole #1. Starting times will be released on Friday, April 24th. **Requests for a certain grouping and/or starting time will not be accepted.** An email will be sent once starting times are available and can also be found at the [qualifier website](#). Players are to report to their assigned starting time, ready to play, at least 10 minutes before their starting time.

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 scoring area upon completion of the qualifying round.

PRACTICE ROUND AVAILABILITY: Practice rounds are available by calling (540) 839-7994. Each contestant is entitled to one practice round at a fee of \$39 plus tax. Practice rounds at this rate may only be played on Monday, April 27th.

CADDIES: Please contact the Homestead to inquire about the availability of local caddies (limited number). Contact Lee Peery at (540) 679-9476 or the Golf Shop to reserve. There are no restrictions on who may serve as a caddie. Note: hiring a local caddie is at your own discretion and you are liable for any Rules of Golf violations.

PAYMENT METHODS: Credit cards and room charges will be accepted for all payments at the Cascades course. This includes practice rounds, food and beverage and caddie cart fees. If you are using a local caddie please bring cash with you for payment (no ATM on-site).

PRACTICE FACILITIES/RANGE BALLS: Practice facilities will open at 7:00 a.m. on the day of the qualifier and will also be open after the round for those participating in a play-off. This includes the range at the Old Course and near the Cascades Course. Range balls are compliments of The Homestead.



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GOLF SHOP/LOCKER ROOM/PRACTICE AREAS: All Golf Shop and locker room facilities will be available at 7:00 a.m. on the morning of the qualifier. The men's locker room has a shower available and lockers are available for use by players/caddies.

FOOD SERVICE: The halfway house (behind #1 green/#10 tee) will open at 9:00 a.m. and Rubino's restaurant will open at 11:30 a.m. In addition, bottled water will be available on several holes on the course.

CARTS: Players must not ride on any form of transportation during a round unless authorized by the Committee. Caddies may rent motorized carts to transport clubs during the qualifying round for a fee of \$39 plus tax. Push carts are permitted.

DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICES: The use of distance-measuring devices (DMDs) to measure distance only (Rule 4.3) is permitted in all USGA qualifying rounds.

USGA LOCAL RULES AND CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION: Players are asked to make themselves familiar with the USGA Local Rules and Terms of the Competition (Hard Card) prior to the qualifier. The document can be found by [clicking here](#).

PACE OF PLAY: It is a condition that players must play without undue delay and in accordance with guidelines established by the committee. See included Pace of Play Guidelines.

EVACUATION PLAN: In the event of a discontinuance of play during the qualifier, players must adhere to the evacuation plan posted on the qualifier 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. **The "One Ball Rule" is NOT in effect.**

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. The exception for Ping Eye2 Irons manufactured before 31 March 1990 is not in effect.

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

CELL PHONE POLICY: Please keep your cell phone on silent while on the practice facilities or golf course. If you must take a phone call, please do so in a private manner.

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



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AWARD CEREMONY: The awards ceremony will take place at the scoring area once the qualifiers and alternates are determined.

OFFICIAL IN CHARGE:

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If it becomes necessary to withdraw prior to the date of the competition, please contact Amanda Braun at (804) 378-2300 or abraun@vsga.org and the USGA at (908) 326-1950 or champs@usga.org.



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**U.S. SENIOR OPEN LOCAL QUALIFYING
THE HOMESTEAD
CASCADES COURSE**

TENTATIVE YARDAGES

| HOLE | PAR | YARDAGE |
|--------------|------------|----------------|
| 1 | 4 | 398 |
| 2 | 4 | 432 |
| 3 | 4 | 289 |
| 4 | 3 | 192 |
| 5 | 5 | 575 |
| 6 | 4 | 367 |
| 7 | 4 | 417 |
| 8 | 3 | 153 |
| 9 | 4 | 448 |
| OUT | 35 | 3,271 |
| 10 | 4 | 377 |
| 11 | 3 | 192 |
| 12 | 5 | 508 |
| 13 | 4 | 440 |
| 14 | 4 | 429 |
| 15 | 3 | 214 |
| 16 | 5 | 522 |
| 17 | 5 | 510 |
| 18 | 3 | 184 |
| OUT | 36 | 3,376 |
| TOTAL | 71 | 6,647 |



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 red flag will be placed on the teeing ground, between the tee markers.

A Rules Official will not initiate any verbal contact with any player until a player in a group on a red flag has received a bad time, but any player is free to ask a Rules Official about his/her group's pace.

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.