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## **2027 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship Qualifying** **October 6, 2026**

### **QUALIFYING MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS**

#### **HOST CLUB:**

Williamsburg Golf Club  
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[Williamsburg Golf Club](#)

**FORMAT/QUALIFYING PLACES:** Stroke play competition conducted over 18 holes. Sides will compete for two (2) spots and two (2) alternate spots. Successful qualifiers will advance to the 12th U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship which will be played May 22-26, 2027, at Erin Hills in Erin, Wisconsin

**STARTING TIMES:** Starting times will begin at 8:30 AM off holes #1 and #10. Starting times will be released on Thursday, October 1. Players are to report to their assigned starting tees, ready to play, 10 minutes before their starting time.

**Requests for a certain grouping and/or starting time will not be accepted.**

**PAYMENT INFORMATION:** Cash and credit cards will be accepted in the golf shop and credit cards for food and beverage purchases.

**PRACTICE ROUNDS:** Practice rounds are available on Monday, October 5. Each contestant is entitled to one practice round at a rate of \$85.00 which includes a cart. Players should call the golf shop at (757) 221-0573 to schedule a practice round.

**PRACTICE FACILITIES/RANGE BALLS:** Practice facilities will open at 7:00 AM on the day of the qualifier and will also be open following the round for those participating in a playoff.

**GOLF SHOP/LOCKER ROOM:** All club facilities will be available at 7:00 AM on the morning of the qualifier.

**CADDIES:** Players may have a caddie and there are no restrictions on who may serve as a caddie. One caddie may serve as the caddie for both members of the side, if desired. No caddies are available at the club.

**CARTS:** Players must walk at all times, with the exception of any Committee-provided shuttles. Caddies may rent motorized carts to transport clubs during the qualifying round for a fee of \$30.00. Due to limited carts at the club, only two caddie carts will be permitted per group. Pull carts are allowed, but the club does not have any available to rent.

**FOOD SERVICE:** The bar will be open for drinks and snacks only. Water will be available on #1 and #10 tees. A beverage cart will be available the day of the qualifier on the course for cash only. Players should come prepared the day of the qualifier.



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**PLAYOFF:** In the event of a tie for the last qualifying place or alternates, there will be a hole-by-hole playoff to determine the final qualifiers and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate if necessary. All announcements regarding the playoff will be made at the scoring area upon completion of the qualifying round.

**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.

**DRIVERS/GOLF BALLS:** 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](http://www.usga.org), for a list of approved golf balls and drivers. The “One Ball Rule” is not in effect.

**MODEL LOCAL RULES G-11 and G-12:** MLR G-11 (Restricting use of Green-Reading Materials) and MLR G-12 (Prohibiting Use of Materials to Help Read the Line of Play for Stroke from Putting Green) are **not** in effect for this qualifier. The interpretation on the limitation of green-reading materials in 4.3a/1, which limits the size and scale of putting green maps, is still in effect as a part of the 2023 Rules of Golf. Additional information can be found at [usga.org/GRM](http://usga.org/GRM).

**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.

**DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICES:** 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 (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc.) the player is in breach of Rule 4.3.

**USGA LOCAL RULES AND TERMS OF THE 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](#) and will also be distributed on the starting tee.

**PACE OF PLAY:** It is a condition that players must play without undue delay and in accordance with guidelines established by committee. See attached Pace of Play Guidelines, which will also be distributed on the starting tee.

**EVACUATION PLAN:** In the event of a discontinuance of play during the qualifier, players must adhere to the evacuation plan distributed by the Committee at their appropriate starting tee.

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

**CELL PHONE POLICY:** If you need to use a cell phone outside, you must 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.

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

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If it becomes necessary to withdraw prior to the date of the competition, please contact Kent Holubar at (804) 378-2300 or [kholubar@vsga.org](mailto:kholubar@vsga.org) and the USGA at 908-326-1950 or [champs@usga.org](mailto:champs@usga.org).

**ADDITIONAL ENCLOSURES:**

- Pace of Play Guidelines
- Tentative Yardages



## **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.



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**U.S. AMATEUR FOUR-BALL QUALIFYING**  
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**TENTATIVE YARDAGES**

| Hole  | Par | Yardage |
|-------|-----|---------|
| 1     | 4   | 450     |
| 2     | 3   | 184     |
| 3     | 4   | 350     |
| 4     | 5   | 471     |
| 5     | 3   | 170     |
| 6     | 4   | 422     |
| 7     | 5   | 520     |
| 8     | 4   | 422     |
| 9     | 4   | 412     |
| Out   | 36  | 3,401   |
| 10    | 5   | 558     |
| 11    | 4   | 324     |
| 12    | 3   | 155     |
| 13    | 4   | 392     |
| 14    | 4   | 385     |
| 15    | 4   | 415     |
| 16    | 5   | 571     |
| 17    | 3   | 170     |
| 18    | 4   | 425     |
| Out   | 36  | 3,395   |
| Total | 72  | 6,796   |