QUALIFYING MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS

HOST CLUB
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FORMAT/QUALIFYING PLACES:  Four-Ball Stroke Play competition conducted over 18 holes. The field of 64 teams will compete for 2 qualifying places and two alternate positions in the 9th U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship to be played May 25-29, 2024 at the Philadelphia Cricket Club in Philadelphia, PA. In the event of severe weather, call the Pro Shop (732) 842-2885 or consult www.njsga.org. The official rain date is Wednesday, September 6.

REGISTRATION:  Players are requested to check in upon arrival at the course.  Players are to report to their assigned starting tees, ready to play, 10 minutes before their starting times.

STARTING TIMES:  Starting times will be posted at www.njsga.org and forwarded via email to players.

PLAYOFF:  In the event of a tie for the last qualifying places or alternates, 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 registration 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, 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 March, 31 1990 is not in effect.

DMDS:  The use of distance-measuring devices (DMD) will be permitted in this qualifier.

PACE OF PLAY:  It is a condition that player must play without undue delay and in accordance with guidelines established by committee.  Guidelines will be distributed upon arrival at the course. Pace of Play will be monitored and enforced via the “Checkpoint System” (refer to attachment).

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.

PRACTICE ROUND AVAILABILITY:  The club has graciously agreed to allow players the ability to play one (1) practice. Practice round dates/fees are as follows:  Wednesday, August 23rd after 1pm, Tuesday, August 29th after 1pm, or Wednesday, August 30th after 2pm. The fee for practice rounds is $35 (cash or check) payable in the golf shop and includes a golf cart. Players should contact Assistant Golf Professional, Gordon Gerstner ggerstner@rumsoncc.org to schedule a practice round time.
The approximate yardages from which the qualifier will be conducted are listed below. Please note that these yardages are subject to change.

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**PRACTICE FACILITIES/RANGE BALLS:** Practice facilities during practice rounds are only available for a brief (30min) warm-up. On the day of the qualifier, the facilities will be available for the duration of the day.

**CADDIES:** A player/team is not required to employ a caddie, but may bring their own caddie, carry their own bag, or reserve a local caddie. Caddies must be reserved in advance by contacting the Director of Outside Operations, Bill Hurley at bhurley@rumsoncc.org. The caddie rate is $100 (including tip) per bag. Pull / push carts are PERMITTED in this competition and the club has a limited supply to rent for $15 fee.

**CARTS:** Motorized transportation is prohibited in this competition. Players must not ride on any form of transportation during a round unless authorized by the Committee.

**GOLF SHOP/LOCKER ROOM/PRACTICE AREAS:** The Locker rooms, Practice Range, and Pro Shop will open at 6:30 AM.

**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. The following applies to players, caddies, and spectators:

- **Clubhouse and Golf Attire**
  Golf shirts with sleeves and collars, pants or bermuda length shorts are required. Collarless shirts, cargo pants, jeans, and hooded sweatshirts are not appropriate golf attire.

**CELL PHONE POLICY:** Cell phone use is only permitted in the locker rooms, inside your vehicle or within one of two phone rooms located within the club’s lobby. Cellular phone use is not permitted anywhere else on the club’s property. Smart phones may be used discreetly for purposes of brief SMS and email communication or as a range-finder on the golf course, however at all times the phone should be set to silent or vibrate mode. Please use common courtesy.

**FOOD SERVICE:** A light breakfast for players only will be available at 6:30 a.m. Snacks, lunch, and beverages will also be available throughout the day in the clubhouse grillroom on a cash only basis. Drinking water will be available on the golf course.

**SPECTATORS:** Spectators are permitted during the qualifier. Spectators will not be permitted to use motorized carts.

**OFFICIAL IN CHARGE:**
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If it becomes necessary to withdraw prior to the date of the competition, please contact the Brad Bardon at (908) 241-4653 or bradb@njsga.org and the USGA at 908-326-1950 or champs@usga.org.