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78th U.S. Junior Amateur Championship
USGA Qualifying
Monday, June 29, 2026

QUALIFYING MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS

HOST CLUB

New Jersey National Golf Club

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FORMAT/QUALIFYING PLACES: Stroke play competition conducted over 18 holes. The field of contestants will compete for 5 qualifying places and two alternate positions in the 78th U.S. Junior Amateur Championship to be played July 20-25 at the Saucon Valley Country Club in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. In the event of severe weather, call the Pro Shop (908) 781-9400 or consult www.njgolf.org. **The official rain date is Tuesday, June 30.**

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.njgolf.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 public scoreboard 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. See Model Local Rule G-4.

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 using traditional "position and timing 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: Players are entitled to ONE practice round on the following dates: June 2, 9, 16, and 23 after 1pm. Players are required to call the Pro Shop in advance to check the availability. There is a mandatory \$50.00 fee, payable in the golf shop. Players must walk for practice rounds. Appropriate conduct is required; no guests, friends, etc. are permitted.



The approximate yardages from which the qualifier will be conducted are listed below:

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	4	5	4	3	4	4	3	5	4	4	3	4	5	4	3	4	4	5	72
Yardage	441	499	416	176	398	391	147	534	346	437	203	352	527	413	165	357	347	521	6670

PRACTICE FACILITIES/RANGE BALLS: Practice facilities are LIMITED to 30 minutes on a player’s scheduled practice round day. On the day of the qualifier, the practice facilities will be available to players for the duration of the day and open at 6:30am.

CADDIES: A player is not required to employ a caddie but may bring their own caddie or carry their own bag. A player must not use a parent, step-parent, or guardian as a caddie during Qualifying or the Championship proper. **PENALTY:** See Model Local Rule H-1.2 in Section 8 of the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf.

Push carts are **PERMITTED** in this competition and during practice rounds.

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 Clubhouse, 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:

- Standard golfing attire is always appropriate. Clothing with slogans is prohibited, as is the wearing of golf shoes with metal spikes. All changes of clothing and shoes for golf by members and their guests must be made in the appropriate locker room only.
- Jeans of any type, and work type dungarees are not permitted on the golf course, practice and putting greens, or the driving range. Caps should be worn with the bill facing forward. Inside the Clubhouse, caps are only permitted in the Men’s and Ladies locker rooms.

CELL PHONE POLICY: Cell phones are permitted, but please be courteous and responsible when using them (i.e. avoid disturbing those around you when on your phone). Players will be asked to participate with live scoring on the Golf Genius app.

FOOD SERVICE: Snacks, lunch, and beverages will be available throughout the day in the clubhouse grillroom on a **cash/credit only basis.**

SPECTATORS: Spectators are welcome during the qualifier, however, no spectators are allowed to use carts and they must adhere to the dress code.

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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@njgolf.org and the USGA at 908-326-1950 or champs@usga.org.