



41st U.S. Senior Open Sectional Qualifier
Monday June 14, 2021
Waialae Country Club – Honolulu, Hawaii



NOTICE TO PLAYERS: This Information Supplements the Local Rules and Conditions of Competition for 2021 USGA Championships



Format of Play: 18-holes, stroke play competition
Tees: USGA tee markers 6,652 yards - Par 70
Qualifying Spots Available: 1

Distance Measuring Devices: **ALLOWED** – BE SURE SLOPE MEASURING IS OFF

One ball rule (Model local rule G-4): *In effect*, penalty for breach: *General penalty* for each hole during which rule was breached.

Flagsticks - Rule 13.2 is modified in this way: A player is prohibited from making a stroke with the flagstick removed from the hole, and/or having a caddie or another player touching/holding the flag during the stroke. The Player may take reasonable action to straighten a flagstick that is “leaning” prior to making the stroke.

Penalty for breach: 1st offense: *Warning*, 2nd offense *General Penalty*, 3rd offense *Disqualification*.

Definition of Holed : If any part of the ball is in the hole below the surface of the putting green, the ball is treated as holed even if the entire ball is not below the surface.

Bunkers: No free relief for a ball that comes to rest in a disturbed area within a bunker.

Immovable obstructions close to putting greens (Model local rule F-5): For a ball in the *General Area*, player may take relief under rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is on the *line of play*, is within 2 club lengths of the green, and within 2 club lengths of the ball (must meet all conditions).

Out of Bounds: Defined by white stakes, lines, and the inside edge of property walls and fences.

Playing 2 balls when uncertain (Rule 20.1c3): A player uncertain about the right procedure may complete the hole with two balls without penalty. *All situations which proceed under this rule must be reported to the tournament committee before the scorecard is returned.* Penalty for breach: *Disqualification*.

Transportation: All players **must walk** for the qualifier, but use of an electric golf cart for caddies will be allowed. Applicable cart fees apply.

Spectators: **NOT** allowed

Pace of play: See official Pace of Play Policy on back of page.

Ties: In the event of a tie for the qualifier(s) place or an alternate’s place, there will be a hole-by-hole playoff immediately after the final group has posted scores. The playoff hole(s) to be determined by the Tournament Committee. Please plan your travel arrangements accordingly.

Score posting: All scores will be posted to the GHIN system by the HSGA.

Final decisions on any disputed points will be made by the Tournament Committee.

Tournament Committee

Official in Charge (OIC): Ryan Nagata, PGA Associate - Hawaii State Golf Association
Paul Ogawa, PGA - Executive Director, Hawaii State Golf Association

Rules Committee: Joe MacDonald, Lead Referee – Gary Haynie – Ryan Nagata, OIC **808-386-8177**





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Hawaii State Golf Association Pace of Play Policy - USGA Qualifying

The Rules Committee of the Hawaii State Golf Association will monitor the Pace of Play allowed by the 2021 USGA Qualifying Manual

The **maximum** time allotted to complete each hole and the round is noted on the official scorecard. ***It is each group's responsibility to maintain a pace faster than the maximum allowable time.***

- Each player should play a stroke within 40 seconds from the time he or she can make a stroke without interference or distraction.

Position of a group

- The first group to start will be considered *out of position* if, at any time during the round, the group's cumulative time exceeds the time allowed for the number of holes played.
- Any following group will be considered out of position if they have exceeded the time allowed for the number of holes played *and*:
 - A par 3 is clear of play and the group in front has played from the teeing area of the next hole
 - A par 4 becomes clear before any player plays a stroke from the teeing area
 - Or reaches a par 5 after any player in the group ahead has made a stroke on the putting green.

Timing

- A group determined to be out of position will be issued a ***1st bad timing***. Each Player will then be timed individually, allowing 40 seconds per stroke plus a 10% variance.
- Timing of a Player's stroke begins when the Player has had:
 - A reasonable opportunity to reach his/her ball
 - It is his/her turn to play and can play their shot without interference or distraction.
 - When on the putting green, has had reasonable time to make allowable actions under Rule 13.1.
 - Time spent determining yardage, wind, and surveying the line of play from behind the ball and/or beyond the hole when on the putting green will count as time taken to play the stroke.
- Timing will discontinue when group has regained its position. However, bad times previously recorded will be held over for further occurrence.
- The Rules Committee reserves the right to put an individual on the clock regardless of whether or not the group is out of position.

Pace of Play Penalties

- 1st bad timing = *Warning*
- 2nd bad timing = *1-stroke penalty*
- 3rd bad timing = *2-stroke penalty*
- 4th bad timing = *disqualification*

