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**USGA**<sup>®</sup>

**10<sup>th</sup> U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship  
USGA Qualifying  
Tuesday, October 22, 2024**

**QUALIFYING MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS**

**HOST CLUB**

**Arcola Country Club**

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<https://arcolacc.org/>

**FORMAT/QUALIFYING PLACES:** Four-Ball Stroke Play competition conducted over 18 holes. The field of teams will compete for 2 qualifying places and two alternate positions in the 10<sup>th</sup> U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship to be played May 17-21, 2025 at the Plainfield Country Club in Edison, NJ. In the event of severe weather, call the Pro Shop (201) 843-3990 or consult [www.njsga.org](http://www.njsga.org). **The official rain date is Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**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](http://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](http://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 created by the Committee.

**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: **October 2<sup>nd</sup> after 1:30pm and October 16<sup>th</sup> after 1:30pm.** The fee for practice rounds is \$50 (**cash only**) payable in the golf shop. Players may walk and carry, reserve a caddie (suggested rate \$120+ per bag) or take a cart (\$50 cart fee payable in CASH ONLY). Players that are unable to schedule a practice round on the available dates may walk the course



to take notes without golf clubs, putter, etc. on **Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> after 3:00pm**. Players should contact the pro shop to schedule a practice round time.

**\*The Arcola Golf Shop has Tournament Yardage Books available for purchase for \$25.**

The approximate yardages from which the qualifier will be conducted are listed below. Please note that these yardages are subject to change.

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
<b>Par</b>	4	3	4	4	4	4	3	4	5	4	3	5	4	3	5	4	4	4	71
<b>Yardage</b>	432	209	370	404	432	433	192	505	555	433	175	619	371	165	530	352	450	454	7,081

**PRACTICE FACILITIES/RANGE BALLS:** Practice facilities during practice rounds are only available for a brief (30min) warm-up. Players must not arrive more than 1 hour prior to their tee time. 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. Local caddies are available at the club and **must be reserved in advance** by contacting Billy Cambreleng, Dir. Of Outside Operations at [arcolacaddy@yahoo.com](mailto:arcolacaddy@yahoo.com) or (201) 843-9800 EXT 23. The suggested caddie rate is \$120 (plus gratuity). Pull / push carts are **NOT PERMITTED** in this competition.

**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 6:45 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 phones are permitted, but please be courteous and responsible when using them (i.e. avoid disturbing those around you when on your phone). Player’s cooperation with mobile “live scoring” is appreciated and more information will be provided by the starters.

**FOOD SERVICE:** A light breakfast for players only will be available at 7:00 a.m. Snacks, lunch, and beverages will also be available throughout the day at the clubhouse on a **cash/credit 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](mailto:bradb@njsga.org) and the USGA at 908-326-1950 or [champs@usga.org](mailto:champs@usga.org).