



**9TH UNITED STATES AMATEUR FOUR-BALL
& WOMEN'S FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING**
Monday, October 2, 2023 – Mendakota Country Club, Mendota Heights, MN

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NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Official-in-Charge: Doug Hoffmann, MGA Director of Rules and Competitions
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Qualifiers and Playoffs: The number of qualifying spots available are listed below. In the event of a tie for the final qualifying place or any alternate position, **a hole-by-hole playoff will be held immediately following the completion of play. The playoff will begin on Hole #18. If additional holes are required, it will be Holes #17 & 18 until decided.**

***MEN:** The low **TBD** scoring teams qualify for the Championship.

***WOMEN:** The low **TBD** scoring team qualifies for the Championship.

Practice Rounds: Practice rounds are available for \$25+tax. To schedule a practice round, please contact Nathan Musta, Head Golf Professional, at NathanM@mendakotacc.com and identify yourself as a US Four-Ball/Women's Four-Ball Qualifying contestant.

Practice Range: The practice range will be open 60 minutes prior to the first starting time.

Course Setup: Specific course information may be found on the [Qualifying webpage](#).

***MEN** will be using the **BLACK** yardage (7,001 Yards, Par 72, Course Rating: 73.8, Slope Rating: 135).

***WOMEN** will be using a **WHITE/BLUE** combo yardage (6,111, Par 72, Rating: 75.0, Slope: 131)

Pace of Play: The Pace of Play policy posted on the Qualifying webpage – [CLICK HERE](#) - will be in effect and strictly enforced. You will be expected to play without delay.

Food and Beverage: The clubhouse WILL NOT be open for food & beverage service. The Halfway House (adjacent to the 9th green/10th tee and 11th green) may be open if staffing is available.

Drinking Water/Rest Areas on Course: These are available at the following locations:

***DRINKING WATER:** Every odd numbered hole.

***REST AREAS:** Clubhouse, 4th green, Halfway House, 13th green/15th fairway

Footwear Policy: As stated on the official entry form, *shoes with traditionally-designed spikes (regardless of composition) or spikes, regardless of design, comprised either entirely or partially of metal (when such metal comes in contact with the surface of the putting green) are prohibited.*

Penalty for breach of this condition: **DISQUALIFICATION**

Dress Code: Appropriate golf attire is expected. Shirts must have collars. Jeans, short shorts and racerback tops are not allowed. Players must be neat in appearance with respect to clothing and personal grooming. The Committee will decide whether this requirement has been met. ***This policy also applies to caddies. Players are responsible for the appearance of their caddies.***

Caddies and Carts: Mendakota *will not* have caddies available. You may bring your own caddie, carry your own bag, or use a walking cart (including motorized) if you wish. **The use of motorized riding carts is prohibited during all phases of the Championship.** The caddie is expected to adhere to the dress code and act appropriately while at the qualifying site. You are responsible for the actions of your caddie.

USGA Distance Measuring Device Policy: In Qualifying and Championship proper, a player may obtain distance information by using a device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 4.3a(1).

USGA Grooves Policy: In Qualifying as well as in the Championship proper, the player's clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf effective from January 1, 2010. The Condition of Competition is available for review on the entry application.

The USGA and R&A have created a reference resource called the Informational Club Database to assist golfers in determining whether their irons, wedges, hybrids and fairway woods comply with the Rules of Golf effective from January 1, 2010 and are permissible for play under the groove condition of competition, which is in effect for all USGA Amateur Championships.

For information about and to access the database, please use click [HERE](#). Additionally, for other information regarding the groove condition, please click [HERE](#). Use the following link: <http://www.usga.org/grooves/>. Finally, for information regarding the conformance status of clubs not listed or for any other questions regarding the condition, please contact the USGA Research and Test Center at (908) 234-2300.

Player Club Testing is available for all USGA Amateur Championships. Please click [HERE](#) for more information.

The USGA strongly suggests that all players verify the conformance of their clubs well in advance of their scheduled qualifying competition. It is the player's responsibility, not the USGA's responsibility to ensure that his clubs conform. Waiting until the day of the competition is the fault of the player. The Committee is under no obligation to test the club the competitor may play. However, if it is later determined that the club is non-conforming, including after the competition has closed, the player will be disqualified.