

## 10<sup>TH</sup> US AMATEUR FOUR-BALL & WOMEN'S AMATEUR FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP JOINT QUALIFYING

Monday, September 30, 2024 - The Wilds Golf Club, Prior Lake, MN

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Prior Lake, MN 55372 Website: www.golfthewilds.com
Men's Qualifying Webpage
Women's Qualifying Webpage

## **NOTICE TO COMPETITORS**

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<u>Qualifiers and Playoffs:</u> 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 #1 and continue going forward until the result is determined.

**\*MEN:** The low **2** scoring teams qualify for the Championship.

**\*WOMEN:** The low **1** scoring team qualifies for the Championship.

**<u>Practice Rounds:</u>** Practice rounds are available for \$80+tax. To schedule a practice round, please call The Wilds Golf Shop 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.

**<u>Course Setup:</u>** Specific course information may be found on the respective Qualifying webpage.

\*MEN will be using the *BLACK* yardage (7,012 Yards, Par 72, Course Rating: 74.0, Slope Rating: 145). Click HERE to view scorecard. (NOTE: This is a change from what was originally posted.)

**\*WOMEN** will be using a *COMBO* yardage (6,200, Par 72, Course Rating: 77.8, Slope: 138). Click <u>HERE</u> to view scorecard. (NOTE: This is a change from what was originally posted.)

Pace of Play/Unreasonable Delay (Rule 5.6): Players are expected to play without delay, and groups are expected to remain in position with the group immediately in front of it. Timing sheets for each round showing the time by when each hole must be completed are posted on the Qualifying webpage. Groups who fall out of position are subject to monitoring and timing by a Rules Official. Players are expected to play a stroke within 40 seconds of when it is their time to play. Players who receive a bad time will be warned. Players who receive multiple bad times are subject to penalty. The expected pace of play is 4:43 for 18 holes. Penalty for Breach of Rule 5.6a: First breach: Warning; Second breach: One penalty stroke; Third breach: Two penalty strokes; Fourth breach: DISQUALIFICATION.

**<u>Food and Beverage:</u>** The clubhouse WILL be open for food & beverage service.

<u>**Drinking Water/Rest Areas on Course:**</u> These are available at the following locations: \***DRINKING WATER:** Clubhouse and Holes #3, 8, 12 & 16 (bring your own water bottle)

\***REST AREAS:** Clubhouse and Holes #5 & 14 tees

<u>Caddies and Carts:</u> The Wilds <u>will not</u> have caddies or push carts 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.

<u>Footwear Policy:</u> 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** 

<u>Dress Code:</u> 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.* 

**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.