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**45<sup>th</sup> U.S. Senior Open Championship – Final Qualifying**  
**USGA Qualifying**  
May 5, 2025

**QUALIFYING MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS**

**HOST CLUB**

Manor Country Club  
14901 Carrolton Road  
Rockville, MD 20853  
(301) 929-1700

**FORMAT/QUALIFYING PLACES:** Stroke play competition conducted over 18 holes. The allocation of qualifying places will be communicated to the field of 47 contestants no later than 10 am ET Saturday, May 17.

**REGISTRATION:** Players are to report to their assigned starting tees, ready to play, 10 minutes before their starting time. There will be no formal check-in or call to the tee.

**STARTING TIMES:** Tee times will begin at 8 am off of No. 1. Starting times & groupings can be [found here](#).

**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](http://www.usga.org), for a list of approved golf balls and drivers. The “One Ball Rule” is **NOT IN EFFECT** for 2025 USGA qualifying rounds.

**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 31 March 1990 does not apply.

**DMDS:** The use of distance-measuring devices (DMD) to measure distance only (Rule 4.3) is permitted in all USGA qualifying rounds.

**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 via email prior to the qualifier, in the Player Information email, and upon arrival at the course.

**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:** Please continue reading for information regarding practice rounds.

**Practice Rounds:** will be available between now and May 15 (Tuesday – Thursday anytime based on availability). For out of town players (50 miles or more from the club), practice rounds will be available from Noon – 2 pm. Tee times will be organized and paired on a first come, first served basis.

**Cost:** Practice Round Fee: \$60 (plus tax) per player which will include Cart, Range and Yardage Book. Fee is mandatory to all players regardless of if they walk or ride. *Credit Cards will be the only form of payment accepted in the golf shop.*

**Booking Process:** Please call the Manor Country Club Golf Shop at (301) 929-1131 to reserve your practice round starting time. If you should need further assistance, please email the Head Golf Professional, Branden Allen ([Ballen@manorcc.org](mailto:Ballen@manorcc.org)).

**Limitations:** Competitors will be **limited to one practice round** and may be paired up with other Senior Qualifying competitors.

- Only **one ball** may be played per competitor during their practice round.
- Practice rounds are for **players only** – no guests or outside caddies allowed.

**PRACTICE FACILITIES/RANGE BALLS:** The practice range opens one hour before the first starting time, weather permitting. Range balls will be set up at the practice range and are complimentary for competitors before the round or a play-off. Please allow time to get from the range to No. 1, as it is a lengthy walk.

**CADDIES:** Caddies are permitted; however, you are responsible for making your own arrangements for a caddie.

**CARTS:** Players and caddies must not ride on any form of transportation during a round unless authorized by the Committee.

**GOLF SHOP/PRACTICE AREAS:** The golf shop and practice areas will open at 7:00 a.m.

**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. Blue jeans, designer jeans, t-shirts, and tank tops are prohibited. Shorts must be mid-thigh. Golf shirts with a traditional or mock collar are required.

**FOOD SERVICE:** The club's grill will be open and has a variety of menu items and beverages.

**AWARD CEREMONY:** Silver medal will be awarded to lowest scorer(s).

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