

# ALTERNATE POLICY

## **2021 National Car Rental Assistant PGA Professional National Alternate List**

The National Alternate List (NAL) rotation goes into effect on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at 7:00 a.m. Eastern Time. Until this time, if a non-exempt player withdraws from a Section, we will go to that Section's alternate list to replace them. After this time, we will consult the National Alternate List solely for the replacement player, regardless of how the player withdrawing secured a spot in the field. Only the 1<sup>st</sup> available alternate from a Section's list will be offered the NAL spot, and if declined, the next Section's 1<sup>st</sup> available alternate will be offered the spot, etc. If an EXEMPT player withdraws at any time, or if a section exhausts their respective alternate list, we will consult the NAL right away.

## **ALTERNATE LIST**

The National Alternate list will be located on the 1<sup>st</sup> tee of the Wanamaker Course. **All alternates must check in at this location to be considered "ready to play"**.

## **SECTIONS WITH MULTIPLE ALTERNATES ON-SITE**

The highest alternate from each Section will have precedence. All alternates from the same Section will still be listed on the National Alternate List, so if a Section had the first overall alternate position on the National Alternate List and that Section had their first two alternates on site, then that Section's first alternate would be the 1<sup>st</sup> overall and that Section's second alternate would have the 42<sup>nd</sup> alternate position.

## **ALTERNATE'S RESPONSIBILITY**

It is the alternate's responsibility to know his/her status. It is also the responsibility of the contestant, or alternate when he/she becomes a contestant, to know his/her starting time. An alternate who is not available to replace a withdrawal is disqualified from the Championship.

Alternates must report to the Rules Official on the 1<sup>st</sup> tee of the Wanamaker Course, who will explain this policy. The alternates must station themselves on the 1<sup>st</sup> tee of the Wanamaker Course, thus Wanamaker #1 tee would serve as the proper tee to be considered "ready to play" if an opening happens on either tee or either course.

The alternate may also choose to leave their cell phone number with the Rules Official on the tee, and remain on the practice putting green or range, but should inform the Rules Official on the tee where he/she will be located. **If an alternate chooses to leave the starting tee, it remains the alternate's responsibility to know his/her starting time should a spot become available and they must arrive ready to play, on the appropriate tee, prior to five minutes from that starting time. Example: If a player is missing at 9:00 a.m., the Rules Official will start the group and then call the alternate. The alternate is then responsible to arrive on the appropriate tee prior to 9:05 a.m. to take that spot. After 9:05 a.m. but prior to 9:10 a.m. the Alternate would start with the general penalty for being late to the tee.**

## **ADVANCE NOTICE**

If the Committee becomes aware of a withdrawal, prior to a starting time, then the Committee will try to notify the first alternate on the National Alternate List. If the first alternate is not available, the next highest available alternate from the National Alternate List will be notified. Any alternate passing up a spot in the field is not able to substitute at a later time.

## **LAST MINUTE FAILURE TO APPEAR FOR STARTING TIME**

If the Committee is not aware of a withdrawal and a player simply fails to appear for a starting time, or arrives after the five-minute time period, then the highest available alternate, who is ready to play, will be notified and **MUST** take that spot.

**EXAMPLE:** If the missing player's starting time was 9:00 a.m., then the highest alternate ready to play at 9:05 a.m. would be in the field. If no alternate is ready at 9:05 a.m. all alternates will be disqualified.

Thereafter, all disqualified alternates CANNOT substitute for any later opening that might occur unless that round is cancelled.

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