



National Alternate List

The National Alternate List (NAL) rotation goes into effect on **Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 5:00 a.m.** Mountain time. Until this time, if a **non-exempt** player withdraws from your Section, we will go to your 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 1st available alternate from your Section's list will be offered an NAL spot, and if declined, the next Section's 1st 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 Lists

The on-site National Alternate List will be located on the 1st tee at both courses. It is up to each alternate to select the course where they wish to station themselves. **Alternates must check in with the Rules Committee Member on the 1st tee at the course they have chosen.**

Sections with Multiple Alternates On-Site

The 1st alternate from each Section will have priority on the National Alternate List. If a Section occupies the first overall alternate position and that Section's first two alternates are on-site, that Section's first alternate would be considered the 1st alternate for the Championship and that Section's 2nd alternate would occupy the 42nd alternate position.

Alternate's Responsibility

It is the alternate's responsibility to know his/her status. It is also the responsibility of the player, or an alternate when he/she becomes a player, to know his/her starting time. An alternate who is not available to replace a withdrawal is disqualified from the Championship. When the alternate checks in with the Rules Committee Member on the 1st tee of either course, they will explain this policy. **The alternate must be positioned on the 1st tee of their chose course, "ready to play" (or ready to be transported to the appropriate tee on that course), prior to five minutes following the starting time.**

The alternate may choose to leave their cell phone number with the Rules Committee Member on the tee, and remain on the practice putting green or range, but should inform them 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, on either course at either tee.**

Example: If a player is missing at 9:00 a.m., the Rules Committee Member 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 with no penalty. 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.

Advanced 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.

If the highest alternate is stationed at the other course, he/she will be given the option as to whether, or not, to take that spot. If the alternate believes he/she can make it to the other course before the starting time, he/she may take the spot. Consequently, if he/she accepts but does not make it prior to the starting time, that alternate will be disqualified and forfeits his/her alternate status. If he/she does not believe there is enough time to get to the course prior to the starting time, he/she may forgo that spot and keep his/her original alternate status. The next highest alternate would get the same opportunity until either the spot was filled, or the five-minute time period had expired.

Example: A player withdraws 15 minutes prior to their 9:00 a.m. starting time and the first alternate is stationed on the other course's 1st tee. The first alternate will be told that there is an opening if he/she wants it at 9:00 a.m. If he/she believes there is **not** enough time to get to the other course prior to 9:00 a.m., they may pass the spot to the next highest alternate and remain the first alternate. If they

believe that there is enough time, then they may attempt to make the starting time. If the alternate arrives at 9:03 a.m. the alternate would be in the field, but the general penalty would apply for being late to the tee (6-3). If the alternate arrives at 9:06 a.m. then he/she would be disqualified from the Championship.

Only in this instance may any alternate pass up a spot in the field. At any other time, any alternate passing up a spot in the field would not be 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 at that course, will be notified and **MUST** take that spot.

Example: If the missing player's starting time was 9:00 a.m., the highest alternate at that course and ready to play at 9:05 a.m. would be in the field. If the highest alternate arrives 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. If the highest alternate is not at the tee and ready to play at 9:10 a.m., the next highest alternate ready to play at 9:10 a.m. **MUST** take that spot. If no alternate is ready by 9:10 a.m., all alternates that are higher than the highest alternates at the other course will be disqualified.

If there is a spot available on the 10th tee of course A, and no alternates are present at course A, and the highest alternate available at Course B is the 5th alternate on the National Alternate List, then Alternates 1-4 will be disqualified. Thereafter, all disqualified alternates **CANNOT** substitute for any later opening that might occur unless that round is cancelled.