



## National Alternate List

The National Alternate List (NAL) rotation goes into effect on **Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 6:00 a.m. CT**. 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 1<sup>st</sup> available alternate from your Section's list will be offered an 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 Lists

The on-site National Alternate List will be located on the 1<sup>st</sup> tee of the EAST Course. **Alternates must check in with the Rules Committee Member at this location.**

## Sections with Multiple Alternates On-Site

The 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> alternate for the Championship and that Section's 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate would occupy 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 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 1<sup>st</sup> tee of the EAST Course, they will explain this policy. **The alternate must be positioned on the 1<sup>st</sup> tee of the EAST Course, "ready to play" (or ready to be transported to the appropriate tee/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.

## 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., the highest alternate 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 will be disqualified.

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