

ALTERNATE POLICY

2019 National Alternate List

The National Alternate List (NAL) rotation goes into effect on Thursday, April 11, 2019, 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 1st available alternate from a Section's list will be offered the 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 of the **WEST** Course. **All alternates must check in with the Referee at this location.**

The alternate may then choose to leave their cell phone number with the Referee on the tee, and remain on the practice putting green or range, but should inform the Referee 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, on either course at either tee. They must be positioned on the 1st tee of the WEST Course, "ready to play" (or ready to be transported to the appropriate tee), prior to five minutes following that starting time. Example: If a player is missing at 9:00 a.m., the Referee 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.**

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 contestant, or an 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. Once an alternate checks in with the Referee on the 1st tee of the WEST Course, they will explain this policy.

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. 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. The Alternates starting time would be 9:05 AM, 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.

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