

PRACTICE ROUNDS

The Host Club and Stroke Play Co-Host should make the golf course available for official practice rounds on Saturday and Sunday prior to the start of stroke play. No players should be allowed to play a practice round on Friday, even if the courses are closed. They may walk the golf courses on Friday but cannot take practice shots, even on the putting greens.

The Host Club and the USGA should discuss and confirm a policy regarding players requesting access to the golf courses prior to the championship. The USGA is generally fine with clubs allowing advance practice rounds but all players must have equal opportunity for practice so that no perceived favoritism is shown towards a few select players.

STARTING TIMES

Practice round starting times should be set up the same as the stroke play rounds with play beginning on hole 1 and hole 10 in 10-minute intervals. Players may play in groups of four even though stroke play will be set as groups of three.

Players will sign up for starting times during Player Registration. A player should play a Saturday practice round at their Monday stroke play course and a Sunday practice round at their Tuesday stroke play course.

- Starting times may not be reserved prior to Player Registration unless authorized by Robbie Zalneck or Jenny Pritchard.
- Tee time scratch pads will be provided by the USGA and will be available so players can note their starting times.

Once Registration closes on Friday, the starting times allocated to date should be given to each course. As players register on Saturday, there should be easy/direct communication to the courses, so those players can sign up for same day practice rounds.

On Sunday, attendance at the Players' Reception is strongly encouraged. The USGA will ask that the practice areas be closed at 5:00 p.m. to encourage the player's attendance. The USGA will allow players already on the course to complete their practice rounds but the 1st and 10th tees should be closed at 5:00 p.m. so that no players begin a new round at that time.

PRACTICE ON THE COURSE

Players will be asked to play only one ball per hole during practice rounds. Allowing multiple shots at most locations would create divot problems for the championship. They would be allowed extra practice around putting greens as long as players are mindful of divots, no extra ball marks and they do not delay the following group.

PRACTICE ROUND STARTERS

The Host Club should work with the USGA to appoint practice round starters for each stroke play course. The practice round starters should receive a copy of the day's tee sheet as a starting point. They should also have direct communication with Player Registration on Saturday to handle last minute player arrivals. Practice Round Starters should try to stick with the tee sheet, but players have flexibility to change starting times subject to availability.

STARTER PROCEDURES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Welcome the players and introduce yourself.
- Introduce the players to each other.
- Remind players that it is the policy of the USGA for players to play only one ball per hole during practice round play. Extra practice around putting greens is permissible as long as players are mindful of divots, no extra ball marks and they do not delay the following group.
- Remind players that the Tee Markers are there for a reason and they MUST play from the markers.
- Be sure to start players on time, no earlier than scheduled start time regardless of position of group in front.
- Introduce each player casually/softly if the crowd warrants: "Please welcome John Smith." The USGA does not want any additional information to be announced.