

Twenty-Eighth Amateur Golf Championship of the United States

The competition for the Amateur Golf Championship of the United States, open to all golfers whose names appear on the Official 1924 Rating List of the United States Golf Association, and to those foreigners visiting this country who may be invited by the Executive Committee of the Association, will be played on the course of the Merion Cricket Club, Haverford, Pa., beginning Saturday, September 20, when the Havemeyer Cup and four medals will be competed for under the rules of the United States Golf Association. The winner of the competition shall be the Champion-Amateur Golfer for the year, and the cup shall be held for that year by the club from which the winner shall have entered.

The winner shall receive a gold medal, the runner-up a silver medal, and the other semi-finalists bronze medals. The player making the lowest score in the 36-hole qualifying round shall receive a special prize.

All eligible competitors shall enter directly for the championship and not through the secretaries of their respective clubs. An entrance fee of \$5 must accompany each entry and must be delivered to the United States Golf Association, 110 East 42d Street, New York City, not later than Saturday, September 6, 1924, checks to be drawn to the order of the United States Golf Association.

The Eligibility List of the United States Golf Association is compiled from the tournament records of the various players throughout the United States. Players whose names are in the official list are entitled to compete in the Amateur Championship of this Association. Any amateur golfer who belongs to a member club of the United States Golf Association may submit his entry to Mr. J. D. Standish, Jr., Chairman, Eligibility List Committee, 110 East 42nd Street, New York City, on or before August 20, 1924. The ability of all such entrants will be investigated and the player notified as to his acceptance or refusal at least one week before the championship. Positively no entry will be so considered which is not in the hands of the Eligibility List Committee on or before the above mentioned date.

All entries are subject to the approval of the Executive Committee of the Association, and any entry may be rejected by the Committee. All disputes shall be settled by the Executive Committee, whose decision shall be final.

Any player who fails to appear at the tee within fifteen minutes of the time he is called to play by the Committee shall be disqualified unless reasons satisfactory to the officials in charge of the tournament be given.

Any person paying his entrance money shall be considered thereby to have submitted himself to the rules of the Association both as to restrictions enjoined and penalties imposed. On these conditions alone he is entitled to enjoy all the privileges and advantages of the Association competition.

All score cards in the medal play round must be kept in strict accordance with "Rule 5, Special Rules for Stroke Competitions." Competitors failing to comply with the requirements of this rule will be disqualified.

The privileges of the club house and the grounds are extended to all competitors in the championship for one week previous to the tournament.

The pairing and starting time of each pair in the first qualifying round of 18 holes will be announced through the press.

Saturday, September 20. First Qualifying Round. (18 holes.)

Monday, September 22. Second Qualifying Round. (18 holes.)

Lowest 32 aggregate scores for first and second qualifying rounds to qualify.

Tuesday, September 23. 9 a. m. Match Play Round. (36 holes.)

Wednesday, September 24. 9.30 a. m. Match Play Round. (36 holes.)

Thursday, September 25. 10.00 a. m. Match Play Round. (36 holes.)

Friday, September 26. 10.00 a. m. Match Play Round (semi-final). (36 holes.)

Saturday, September 27. 10.30 a. m. Final Match Play Round. (36 holes.)

In the event of a tie or ties for the 32nd place on Monday, the contestants so tied shall continue to play until one of them shall have gained a lead by strokes at any hole.

In the event of a halved match, the players shall continue to play until one of them shall have won a hole, which shall determine the winner of the match.

Some U. S. Golf Association Decisions on the Rules of Golf

QUESTION.—Four-ball match. A and B against C and D. All four balls on putting green, D's ball being farthest from the hole. D putts, his ball striking A's ball, knocking it into the hole. A claims to have holed on his last stroke and refuses to replace his ball, as provided in Rule 2 of Special Rules for Four-Ball Matches. Who is right?

ANSWER.—The rule you cite covers the point you bring up. A has no basis for his claim that he holed out on his last stroke, and under the rules must replace his ball.

QUESTION.—Is there any United States Golf Association rule against using drivers with iron heads? I have been informed that iron clubs are only permitted on tees of short holes. Please tell me whether there is any restriction on the use of iron clubs on tees of long holes.

ANSWER.—There is no United States Golf Association rule nor any rule in any other association that restricts a player in the use of any club he sees fit to use in making any shot. One of the prerogatives of a player is that he shall have his choice of the implements with which he wishes to play the game.

QUESTION.—In a handicap match tournament A had to concede three strokes to B. Their match was halved. Three strokes fall to be taken at the 1st, 7th, and 14th holes. A and B agreed to decide the match by playing the 19th hole on even terms. Were they within their right in making this arrangement?

ANSWER.—Yes. In the absence of any conditions for playing halved matches (see preface to "Decisions by the Rules of Golf Committee") the players are at liberty to make their own arrangements.

New Member Clubs of the Green Section.—Quebec Golf Club, Quebec; Los Serranos Country Club, Long Beach, Calif.; Homestead Farm Golf Club, Bethany, Pa.; Grove City Country Club, Grove City, Pa.; Eastridge Club, Lincoln, Nebr.; Seabright Lawn Tennis & Cricket Club, Seabright, N. J.; Monterrey Country Club, Monterrey, Mexico.