

ALTERNATE POLICY

National Alternate List

The National Alternate List (NAL) goes into effect on Thursday, June 1, 2017 at 7:00 a.m. local 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 to get the replacement player, regardless of how the player withdrawing secured a spot in the field. Remember, the section owns the spot on the NAL, it is not an individual player's spot.

Alternate Lists

The National Alternate list will be located (on-site) at both courses on the 1st tee. It is up to the alternates to select the course where they wish to station themselves.

Sections with Multiple Alternates On-Site

The highest alternate from each Section will have precedence. All alternates from the same Section will still be listed on the National Alternate List, so if a Section had the first overall alternate position on the National Alternate List and that Section had their first two alternates on site, then that Section's first alternate would be the 1st overall and that Section's second alternate would have 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.

Alternates must report to the Rules Official on the 1st tee of either course, who will explain this policy. The alternates must station themselves on the 1st tee of either course, even in the case of a two-tee start. Thus, only the #1 tee of each course would serve as the proper tee to be considered "ready to play" if an opening happens on either tee of either course.

Advance Notice

If the Committee becomes aware of a WD, prior to a starting time, then the Committee will try to notify the first alternate on the National Alternate List regardless of the course at which they are stationed. 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 that spot. Consequently, if he/she 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 5 minute note had expired or the spot was filled.

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 starting with a 2-stroke penalty 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.

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Last Minute Failure to Appear for Starting Time

If the Committee is not aware of a WD 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 stationed at that course 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 at that course ready to play at 9:05 a.m. would be in the field. If no alternate is ready at 9:05 a.m. all alternates that are higher than the highest alternates at the other course will be disqualified.

Example: 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 that is 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.

The Committee **HAS NOT** adopted the Note to Rule 6-3 as a condition for an alternate late to the tee.

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