

National Alternate List

The National Alternate List (NAL) goes into effect on Tuesday, September 12, 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 List

The National Alternate list will be located on the 1st tee of the Cochise Course. **All alternates must be stationed at this location to be considered "ready to play"**.

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 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.

Alternates must report to the Rules Official on the 1st tee of the Cochise Course, who will explain this policy. The alternates must station themselves on the 1st tee of the Cochise Course, thus the Cochise #1 tee would serve as the proper tee to be considered "ready to play" if an opening happens on either tee or either course.

The alternate may also choose to leave their cell phone number with the Rules Official on the tee, and remain on the practice putting green or range, but should inform the Rules Official 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 and they must arrive ready to play, on the appropriate tee, prior to five minutes from that starting time. Example: If a player is missing at 9:00 a.m., the Rules Official 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.**

Advanced Notice Prior to the First Round

If the Committee becomes aware of a withdrawal prior to the first round, then the Committee will notify the first Section on the National Alternate List of the available spot. The Section can choose to fill a vacated position with a representative from their alternate list (not exclusive to the 1st alternate on their list). Any alternate passing up a spot in the field is not able to substitute at a later time.

Advanced Notice

If the Committee becomes aware of a withdrawal, prior to a starting time the day of the 1st round, then the Committee will try to notify the first on-site alternate on the National Alternate List. If the first alternate is not available, the next highest available on-site alternate from the National Alternate List will be notified. The morning of the 1st round, the highest alternate from each Section will have precedence. 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. If no alternate is ready at 9:05 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.