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## Four Punch Tickets to U.S. Junior Championships

### *Sectional Qualifying Conducted at Beatrice CC Friday*

BEATRICE (June 15, 2018) - Four junior golfers punched their tickets to the USGA's Junior Championships on Friday at Beatrice Country Club. Madelyn Jones of Austin, Texas and Morgan Ryan of Centennial, Colorado earned spots in the 2018 U.S. Girls' Junior Championship, while Carson Griggs of Sand Springs, Oklahoma and Justin Wingerter of Olathe, Kansas advanced to the 2018 U.S. Junior Amateur Championship.

On a hot and windy day in Beatrice, Jones, who is committed to play golf at Notre Dame, posted the only round in the 70s on the girls' side, earning medalist honors by four strokes with a round of 76 (+4). Ryan took the second qualifying spot with an 80 (+8). There was a playoff for the alternate spots with two players at 81 (+9), with Olivia Canales of Calabasas, California winning the first alternate, and Gabriella Tomanka taking the second alternate. Nebraska's highest finisher was Aurora's Danica Badura, who put together a round of 82 (+10).

On the boys' side, Griggs made four birdies and four bogeys to earn medalist honors and one of two qualifying spots. Wingerter also made four birdies and finished with a 73 (+1) to take the other spot. Norfolk's Luke Kluver finished a stroke out of qualifying at 74 (+2), tied with Justin Kolb of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Kolb is the first alternate, while Kluver is the second alternate. Plainview's Tucker Knaak opened with a front nine 33 (-3), but finished two strokes out at 75 (+3).

Jones and Ryan will play next at the 70th U.S. Girls' Junior Championship at Poppy Hills Golf Course in Pebble Beach, California. Griggs and Wingerter advance to play in the 71st U.S. Junior Amateur Championship at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield, New Jersey.

Visit the links below for full results, and to the championship websites for more info.

Boys: <https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/1488338>

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