





## 77<sup>TH</sup> UNITED STATES WOMEN'S OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING

Monday, May 2, 2022 – Chaska Town Course, Chaska, MN 55318

## **QUALIFYING MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS**

## **HOST CLUB INFORMATION**

Chaska Town CourseManager:John Kellin3000 Town Course DrivePGA Professional:John KellinChaska , MN 55318GCSAA Supt:Mark Moers

Golf Shop: 952/443-3748

Website: www.chaskatowncourse.com/

**FORMAT/QUALIFYING PLACES:** The field of contestants will play 36-holes, stroke play, and compete for **1** qualifying place and two alternate positions in the 77<sup>th</sup> United States Women's Open Golf Championship to be played June 2-5 at Pine Needles Lodge and Golf Club, Pine Needles, NC.

**STARTING TIMES:** May be found on the Qualifying webpage.

**PLAYOFF:** In the event of a tie, there will be a hole-by-hole playoff to determine the qualifier and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate if necessary. All announcements regarding the play-off will be made at the public scoreboard upon completion of the qualifying round.

**ELECTRONIC SCORING:** The official method of scoring will be electronic by use of the **USGA Tournament Management Mobile App**. Paper scorecards will not be provided to players. Players should review the printed and video educational information posted on the qualifying webpage to prepare in advance for this process. Also, players should make sure their mobile devices are fully charged prior to beginning play and to have charging cables for use between rounds.

**COVID-19 SPECIAL CONDITIONS:** Currently, there are no special COVID-19 regulations in place.

**PAPERWORK:** Any and all paperwork (Local Rules Sheet, Hole Location Sheet, USGA Terms of Competition, etc.) will be available <u>electronically ONLY</u> at the Qualifying webpage.

**FOOTWEAR:** Shoes with traditionally-designed spikes (regardless of composition, i.e., ceramic, plastic, etc.) or spikes, regardless of design, comprised either entirely or partially of metal (if such metal may come in contact with the course) are prohibited during the stipulated round. Penalty for breach of this condition: DISQUALIFICATION.

**GROOVES:** The players' clubs <u>must conform</u> to the grooves and punch mark specifications in The Rules of Golf that are effective from January 1, 2010 (see Decision 4-1/1). Please refer to the Qualifying webpage for more detailed information.

**DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES:** Per USGA Terms of Competition card and the Rules of Golf, distance measuring devices **ARE PERMITTED** in all stages of QUALIFYING. (NEW effective 2020)

**EVACUATION PLAN:** In the event of a discontinuance of play during the qualifier, players must return to the Clubhouse for further instructions and updates.

**PRACTICE ROUND AVAILABILITY:** Practice rounds will be available when tee times are available (7 days by phone, 10 days online). Players will be charged the **RESIDENT RATE** in effect at the time. To schedule a practice round, please contact the Golf Shop and identify yourself as a U.S. Women's Open Qualifying contestant.

**QUALIFYING ROUND FEES:** There is no additional fee associated with the qualifying.

**CADDIES:** Chaska <u>will not</u> have caddies available. You may bring your own caddie if you wish, or you may carry your own bag or use a non-motorized walking cart. **The use of motorized carts is prohibited during all phases of the Championship.** 

**GOLF SHOP/LOCKER ROOM/PRACTICE AREAS:** These areas will be open for player's use during the qualifying. Practice areas will open at least 60 minutes prior to the first starting time.

**PERSONAL APPEARANCE:** Contestants and caddies must be neat in appearance. The Committee will decide whether this requirement has been met. A caddie who does not meet the requirement will be asked to change or will not be permitted to caddie. The dress code applies to the caddies as well as the players. A player will be held responsible for the appearance of his caddie.

**CARTS:** Players must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorized by the Committee.

**SPECTATOR CARTS:** Spectator carts will be available on a very limited basis. Persons interested in the use of a spectator cart must provide written proof of need and will be charged the applicable cart rate. Use of the cart is limited to the person(s) covered by the written proof. Requests must go through **Doug Hoffmann**, the Official-in-Charge of the Qualifying. (see below)

**FOOD SERVICE:** Some food and beverage service will be available during the qualifying.

**HOUSING/LODGING:** No arrangements have been made for housing.

## **OFFICIAL IN CHARGE:**

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