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**78<sup>TH</sup> UNITED STATES WOMEN'S OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**SECTIONAL QUALIFYING**  
**MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023 – SOMERSET COUNTRY CLUB, MENDOTA HEIGHTS, MN**

**NOTICE TO COMPETITORS**

**Host Club Information**

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**Format/Qualifying Places:** Format is **36-holes, stroke play**. The field of contestants will compete for qualifying places and two alternate positions in the 74<sup>th</sup> United States Women's Open Golf Championship to be played May 30 – June 2, at the Country Club of Charleston, Charleston, S.C. The number of qualifying spots are as follows:

**Spots:**     **2**                          **Alternates:**     **2**    

**ELECTRONIC SCORING:** The official method of scoring will be electronic by use of the ***Golf Genius Mobile App***. Paper scorecards WILL NOT provided to players for the purpose of scoring. Players should review the printed and video educational information posted on the Qualifying webpage to be prepared 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.

**USGA Groove Policy:** The player's clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf that are effective from January 1, 2010.

PENALTY FOR MAKING A STROKE WITH CLUB IN BREACH OF CONDITION: Disqualification.

**Ping EYE 2 Clubs:** Ping EYE 2 irons manufactured prior to March 31, 1990, ***may not*** be used at any stage of Qualifying or at the Championship proper unless they have been tested and found to conform with the current groove specifications.

**Distance Measuring Devices:** Per USGA Terms of Competitions card and the Rules of Golf, distance measuring devices that measure only from point to point **ARE PERMITTED** in QUALIFYING.

**Playoffs:** In the event of a tie for the final qualifying position and/or the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate positions, **a hole-by-hole playoff will be held immediately following the completion of play**. All announcements regarding the playoff will be made at the public scoreboard upon completion of the qualifying round.

**Footwear Policy:** As stated on the official entry form, *shoes with traditionally-designed spikes (regardless of composition) or spikes, regardless of design, comprised either entirely or partially of metal (when such metal comes in contact with the surface of the putting green) are prohibited.* Penalty for breach of this condition: **DISQUALIFICATION.**

**Practice Range:** The practice range will be open at least one (1) hour before the first starting time on the morning of the qualifying.

**Food and Beverage:** There will be food and beverage service available during the qualifying.

**Dress Code:** Appropriate golf attire must be worn. Players and caddies must be neat in appearance with respect to clothing and personal grooming. The Committee will decide whether this requirement has been met. Dress code applies to caddies as well as players. Players will be held responsible for appearance of caddies.

**Pace of Play:** The Pace of Play policy and the expected pace for this qualifying are posted on the webpage and will be in effect. Players are responsible for knowing and adhering to the policy.

**Course Set-Up:** Play will be from the **USGA** tee markers. Please refer to the Qualifying Setup Information on the webpage for the specific yardage.

**Questions/Additional Information:** If you have any questions or need additional information, contact the Official in Charge, Doug Hoffmann, MGA Rules & Competitions Director, 952/345-3963 (Office), 612/964-4249 (Cell) or [doug@mngolf.org](mailto:doug@mngolf.org).

We look forward to seeing you at Somerset Country Club on Monday and wish you the best of luck during the qualifying!