



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

**MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023 – SOMERSET COUNTRY CLUB, MENDOTA HEIGHTS, MN**

## **QUALIFYING MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS**

### **HOST CLUB INFORMATION**

**Somerset Country Club**

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Mendota Heights, MN 55118  
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Manager:

PGA Professional:

GCSAA Supt:

Sara Cairns

Michael Foley

James Bade

**FORMAT/QUALIFYING PLACES:** The field of contestants will play 36-holes, stroke play, and compete for Two **(2)** qualifying places and two alternate positions in the 79<sup>th</sup> United States Women's Open Golf Championship to be played July 6-9 at Pebble Beach Golf Links, Pebble Beach, California.

**STARTING TIMES:** Will be posted on the Qualifying webpage when finalized.

**PLAYOFF:** In the event of a tie, there will be a hole-by-hole playoff to determine the final qualifying position 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.

**COURSE SETUP:** The expected course setup is posted under the "Resources" column on the right side of the Qualifying webpage.

**PRACTICE ROUND AVAILABILITY:** Practice rounds will be available once the final list of players is published. Specific information regarding practice rounds will be posted to the Qualifying webpage. To schedule a practice round, please contact the Golf Shop and identify yourself as a U.S. Women's Open Qualifying contestant.

**ELECTRONIC SCORING:** The official method of scoring will be electronic by use of the ***Golf Genius*** mobile app. Official 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.

**PAPERWORK:** Any and all paperwork (Local Rules Sheet, Hole Location Sheet, USGA Terms of Competition, etc.) will be available *electronically ONLY* at the Qualifying webpage and the starting tees. It is strongly recommended that players print out in advance the information they wish to have during the qualifying. The Hole Locations sheet will be published on the Qualifying webpage **after 6p the night prior** to the qualifying.

**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 **must conform** 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.

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

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

**CADDIES:** Somerset *will not* 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 contact information below)

**FOOD SERVICE:** Boxed lunches will be available for purchase between rounds for players and guests.

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

**OFFICIAL IN CHARGE:**

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