

Edinburgh USA



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44th UNITED STATES SENIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP Qualifying

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 – Edinburgh USA, Brooklyn Park, MN

QUALIFYING MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS

HOST CLUB INFORMATION

Edinburgh USA

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GCSAA Superintendent: Matt Olsonoski

FORMAT/QUALIFYING PLACES: The field of contestants will play 18-holes, stroke play, and compete for **ONE (1)** qualifying place and two alternate positions in the 44th United States Senior Open Golf Championship to be played June 27-30 at the Newport Country Club, Newport, Rhode Island.

STARTING TIMES: Starting times will be posted on the [Qualifying webpage](#).

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

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

PACE OF PLAY/UNREASONABLE DELAY (RULE 5.6): Players are expected to play without delay, and groups are expected to remain in position with the group immediately in front of it. Timing sheets for each round showing the time by when each hole must be completed are posted on the [Qualifying webpage](#). Groups who fall out of position **WILL BE WARNED** and are subject to monitoring and timing by a Rules official. Players are expected to play a stroke within 40 seconds of when it is their time to play. Players who receive a bad time will be **PENALIZED**. The expected pace of play is **4:34** for 18 holes. Penalty for Breach of Rule 5.6a: **First breach (Out of Position): Warning; Second breach: One penalty stroke; Third breach: Two penalty strokes; Fourth breach: DISQUALIFICATION.**

PAPERWORK: Any and all paperwork (Local Rules Sheet, Hole Location Sheet, USGA Terms of Competition, etc.) will be available **ONLY** at the [Qualifying webpage](#). Information will be available at the starting holes so that you may take a picture only.

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. Please refer to the USGA website 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. Please be sure any functionality that measures more than distance is disabled.

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.

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 are available at the rate in effect for the day and time. Contact the Edinburgh Golf Shop (763/315-8550) and identify yourself as a Qualifying contestant to schedule practice round starting time.

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

CADDIES: Caddies will not be 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 unless player has been extended a waiver by the USGA.**

GOLF SHOP & PRACTICE AREAS: These areas will be open for players' 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. Requests must go through **Doug Hoffmann**, the Official-in-Charge of the Qualifying. (see below)

FOOD SERVICE: 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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