



36TH USGA MID-AMATEUR SECTIONAL QUALIFYING
Oak Ridge Country Club
700 Oak Ridge Road, Hopkins, MN 55305
Golf Shop: (952) 939-5460
Wednesday, August 10, 2016

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

USGA DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICE POLICY: In Sectional qualifying and in the Championship proper, a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

USGA GROOVES POLICY: In Sectional Qualifying as well as in the Championship proper, the player's clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf effective from January 1, 2010. The Condition of Competition is available for review on the entry application.

The USGA and The R&A have created a reference resource called the Informational Club Database to assist golfers in determining whether their irons, wedges, hybrids and fairway woods comply with the Rules of Golf effective from January 1, 2010 and are permissible for play under the groove condition of competition, which is in effect for all USGA Amateur Championships.

For information about and to access the database, please use click [HERE](#). Additionally, for other information regarding the groove condition, please click [HERE](#). Use the following link: <http://www.usga.org/grooves/>. Finally, for information regarding the conformance status of clubs not listed or for any other questions regarding the condition, please contact the USGA Research and Test Center at (908) 234-2300.

Player Club Testing is available for all USGA Amateur Championships. Please click [HERE](#) for more information.

The USGA strongly suggests that all players verify the conformance of their clubs well in advance of their scheduled qualifying competition. It is the player's responsibility, not the USGA's responsibility to ensure that his clubs conform. Waiting until the day of the competition is the fault of the player. The Committee is under no obligation to test the club the competitor may play. However, if it is later determined that the club is non-conforming, including after the competition has closed, the player will be disqualified.

DIRECTIONS TO OAK RIDGE CC: For directions to Oak Ridge CC, click [HERE](#).

PRACTICE ROUNDS: Practice rounds are available for \$70 (walking). Call the Golf Shop – 952/939-5460 – to schedule. You must identify yourself as a U.S. Mid-Am Qualifying participant in order to schedule a time. Please use cash or reciprocal charge to home club.

PRACTICE RANGE: The practice range will be open one hour prior to the first starting time.

STARTING TIMES: There will be no change in the starting times established by the Committee other than by decision of the Committee due to weather conditions

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 of 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.*

FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE: Food and beverage service will be available on a cash or reciprocal basis.

DRESS CODE: The Dress Code of Oak Ridge CC and the MGA will be strictly enforced. Players must be neat in appearance. Bermude length shorts may be worn. Denim and blue jeans, short shorts, tee shirts and tank tops are prohibited. Shirts must have collars. The Committee will decide whether this requirement has been met. Caddies must adhere to this dress code, and the player is responsible for the appearance of his caddie.

CADDIES AND CARTS: Oak Ridge has a limited number of caddies available. You must call the Golf Shop (952/939-5460) and request a caddie by August 7 in order to guarantee one. Caddie rate is \$35 + tip. You may bring your own (the dress code applies to caddies as well as players), carry your own clubs, or use a walking cart (including motorized). Golf carts are not permitted in any phase of the Championship.

QUALIFIERS AND PLAYOFFS: The **five (5)** low scorers will qualify for the Championship. In the event of a tie for the last qualifying place or the 2 alternate positions, **a hole-by-hole playoff will be held immediately following the completion of play.**

QUALIFIERS CERTIFICATES: All players who qualify must pick up their Player's Certificate to continue on to the Championship.

PACE OF PLAY: The Pace of Play Policy posted on the Qualifying homepage will be in effect.

COURSE SET-UP: The course will be set up approximately as listed below.

Course Rating: 72.6

Slope Rating: 137

Hole #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Par	4	4	3	4	5	4	3	4	4	35	4	3	4	4	5	4	3	4	4	35	70
Yards	394	412	184	394	494	428	199	457	420	3,382	336	217	418	350	540	376	170	387	436	3,230	6,612
Pace	:14	:14	:13	:14	:16	:15	:13	:16	:15	2:10	:14	:14	:15	:14	:16	:14	:13	:14	:15	2:09	4:23

*There will be a **four (4) minute** turn time from 9 → 10 and from 18 → 1.

