



# 124<sup>TH</sup> UNITED STATES OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

## LOCAL QUALIFYING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024 – ROYAL GOLF CLUB, LAKE ELMO, MN

### **NOTICE TO COMPETITORS**

**Registration:** A Registration Table will be set up on the patio outside the Golf Shop (lower level of clubhouse) and will open 1½ hours prior to the beginning of starting times. You are expected to check-in prior to your round to ensure your starting time, GGID and make sure there have not been any changes. In addition, if you have any last-minute questions regarding the scoring process, please ask at Registration. The Starter will not be able to help you.

**Paperwork:** A copy of the *Local Rules, Hole Location Sheet and USGA Hard Card* will be available for taking a picture if you have not downloaded a copy to your phone in advance. **There WILL NOT be paper copies at your Starting Tee.**

**Format/Qualifying Places:** Format is **18-holes, stroke play**. The field of contestants will compete for qualifying places and two alternate positions in Sectional Qualifying for the 124<sup>th</sup> United States Open Golf Championship to be played June 13-16 at Pinehurst Resort & Country Club, Village of Pinehurst, North Carolina. The number of qualifying spots is:

**Spots:** 5                      **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.

Click [HERE](#) for **VIDEO & WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS**

**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.

**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 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 warned. Players who receive multiple bad times are subject to penalty. The expected pace of play is **4:41** for 18 holes. Penalty for Breach of Rule 5.6a: **First breach: Warning; Second breach: One penalty stroke; Third breach: Two penalty strokes; Fourth breach: DISQUALIFICATION.**

Click [HERE](#) for the Pace of Play Policy in effect for the qualifying.

**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 **ARE PERMITTED** in QUALIFYING. (Effective 2020)

**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 open at least 60 minutes 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 from the Halfway House located on the lower level of the clubhouse adjacent to the Golf Shop.

**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 the appearance of caddies.

**Directions:** Directions to the host club may be found on its website.

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

### **Host Club Information**

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We look forward to seeing you at Royal GC on Wednesday, May 1 and wish you the best of luck during the qualifying!