



116TH USGA AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP
SECTIONAL QUALIFYING #2
THE HILLCREST GOLF CLUB OF ST. PAUL
2200 E. LARPEN TEUR AVENUE, ST. PAUL, MN 55109
MONDAY, JULY 25, 2016

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

USGA Distance Measuring Device Policy: In Sectional qualifying and in the Championship proper, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used. If a player obtains distance information by using a multi-functional device, refer to Appendix IV for additional guidance.

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.

Qualifiers and Playoffs: The low **THREE (3)** scorers qualify for the Championship. In the event of a tie for the final qualifying place or any alternate position, **a hole-by-hole playoff will be held immediately following the completion of play.**

Practice Rounds: To schedule a practice round, contact the Golf Shop (651/771-1515). Hillcrest is charging \$47 walking or riding to all participants.

Practice Range: The practice range will be open at 6:30 am on the morning of the qualifying.

Course: We will be using the **BACK** tees (6,359 Yards, Par 71, Course Rating: 71.0, Slope Rating: 134).

Pace of Play: The Pace of Play policy posted on the MGA web site – **CLICK HERE** - will be in effect and strictly enforced. **Please keep in mind that second round starting times are 5 hours, 30 minutes after your morning time.** Based on this pace, this gives you at least 45 minutes between rounds. If you take too much time during the morning round, you will be shortening the lunch, and rest, time for you, your group, and the groups following you. You will be expected to play without delay.

Lodging Arrangements: No lodging arrangements have been made for the qualifying.

Food and Beverage: Food and beverage service will be available throughout the day.

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**

Dress Code: Shirts must have collars and jeans are not allowed. Players must be neat in appearance with respect to clothing and personal grooming. The Committee shall decide whether this requirement has been met. ***This policy also applies to caddies. Players are responsible for the appearance of their caddies.***

Caddies and Carts: Hillcrest *will not* have caddies available. You may bring your own caddie, carry your own bag, or use a pull cart (including motorized) if you wish. **The use of motorized riding carts is prohibited during all phases of the Championship.** The caddie is expected to adhere to the dress code and act appropriately while at the qualifying site. You are responsible for the actions of your caddie.