



**56th US SENIOR WOMEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP
SECTIONAL QUALIFYING**

Wednesday, August 2, 2017

Hillcrest Golf Club

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Notice to Competitors

Spots Available: 2

Alternates: 2

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 CARRYING, BUT NOT MAKING A STROKE WITH, CLUB OR CLUBS IN BREACH OF CONDITION: Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – Four strokes. In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole.

*Any club or clubs carried in breach of this condition must be declared out of play by the player to his marker or a fellow-competitor immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. If the player fails to do so, he is disqualified.

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: In Sectional qualifying for the US Senior Women's Amateur, distance measuring devices ARE PERMITTED. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to 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 two strokes for the first breach, and disqualification for a subsequent breach.

Qualifiers and Playoffs: The final number of players who will qualify to advance to the Championship proper will be determined once the entry deadline closes. This information will be updated on this sheet as well as available at the Qualifying Site. In the event of a tie for this place or any alternate position, **a hole-by-hole playoff will be held immediately following the completion of play.**

Practice Rounds: Practice rounds are available. To schedule a practice round, contact the golf shop and identify yourself as a U.S. Senior Women's Amateur Qualifying contestant. A rate of **\$63.50** will be charged.

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 be open one (1) hour 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.

Starting Times: There will no change in the starting times established by the Committee other than by decision of the Committee due to weather conditions.

Dress Code: Shirts must have collars; *denim pants and jeans are not allowed.* 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 appearance of caddies.

Caddies and Carts: Hillcrest GC will **NOT** have caddies available. You must bring your own caddie if you wish to use one, or you may carry your own bag or use a non-motorized walking cart. Spectators will not be allowed to rent carts, unless a handicap parking permit is presented. ****The use of motorized carts IS allowed during all phases of the Championship FOR PLAYERS ONLY. Caddies and spectators ARE NOT PERMITTED to ride on the cart. Only two carts will be permitted per group. If using a cart, players should plan on sharing it. The cost for use of a cart is the player's expense.****

Pace of Play: The MGA Pace of Play policy will be in effect and the expected pace for this qualifying is posted on the webpage for this event. Players are responsible for knowing and adhering to the policy.

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

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.

Lodging Accommodations: There is no private housing available; however, there are hotels within twenty (20) minutes of the course.

Questions/Additional Information: If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Amy Worthington, Women's Golf Director, at 952-345-3961 or amy@mngolf.org.

We look forward to seeing you at Hillcrest Golf Club on August 2nd and wish you the best of luck during the qualifying!