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74TH UNITED STATES WOMEN'S OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
SECTIONAL QUALIFYING
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2019 – RUSH CREEK GOLF CLUB, MAPLE GROVE, MN

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Host Club Information

Rush Creek Golf Club	General Manager:	Derek Stendahl
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Format/Qualifying Places: Format is **36-holes, stroke play**. The field of contestants will compete for qualifying places and two alternate positions in the 74th United States Women's Open Golf Championship to be played May 30 – June 2, at the Country Club of Charleston, Charleston, S.C. The number of qualifying spots are as follows:

Spots: **ONE (1)** **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 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: Distance measuring devices are prohibited at all USGA Open Championship and qualifying events. Penalty for breach: 1st offense – ***Two Strokes***; Subsequent offense – ***Disqualification***.

Playoffs: In the event of a tie for the final qualifying position and/or the 1st and 2nd 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.

Practice Rounds: Practice rounds are available on a day-by-day basis for the Rush Creek Cardholder rate of **\$59**. To schedule a practice round, please contact the Golf Shop up to a week in advance and identify yourself as a U.S. Women's Open Qualifying contestant.

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: Rush Creek Golf Club *will not* have caddies 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.**

Pace of Play: The Pace of Play policy and the expected pace for this qualifying are posted on the webpage and will be in effect. 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 thirty (30) minutes of the course.

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

We look forward to seeing you at Rush Creek Golf Club May 7 and wish you the best of luck during the qualifying!