

## 123RD USGA AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

WAYZATA COUNTRY CLUB — WAYZATA, MINN.
MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023





## **NOTICE TO COMPETITORS**

<u>Qualifiers and Playoffs:</u> The low 2 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. Holes to be used are #1 & 18.

**ELECTRONIC SCORING:** The official method of scoring will be electronic by use of the **Golf Genius Mobile App.** Paper scorecards WILL NOT be 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.

To learn more about the Digital Scoring process, click **HERE**.

**USGA Distance Measuring Device Policy**: In Sectional qualifying and 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 4.3, 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.

<u>USGA Grooves Policy:</u> 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.

<u>Practice Rounds:</u> To schedule a practice round, email Head Professional Max Addler (golf\_pro@wayzatacc.com). Wayzata is charging \$75 walking to all participants; carts are extra. Practice rounds are limited to players only.

**<u>Practice Range:</u>** The practice range will be open no later than 6:30 am on the morning of the Qualifying.

**Course Setup:** We will be using the *HERRON* tees (7,109 Yards, Par 72, Course Rating: 74.8, Slope Rating: 137).

<u>Pace of Play:</u> The Pace of Play policy posted on the MGA web site will be in effect and strictly enforced. Please keep in mind that second round starting times are 5 hours, 20 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.

**<u>Registration Table:</u>** A Registration Table will be setup adjacent to the putting green. Please check in so that we know you are present.

**<u>Lodging Arrangements:</u>** No lodging arrangements have been made for this qualifier.

<u>Food and Beverage/Beverages on Course:</u> A simple deli buffet lunch will be available between 11a-2:30p. Food and beverage service will be available throughout the day at the Halfway House located adjacent to the  $8^{th}$  tee and  $14^{th}$  green. In addition, drinking water will be available on the course at holes 5, 12 & 16.

**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** 

<u>Dress Code:</u> 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.* 

<u>Caddies and Carts:</u> Wayzata <u>will</u> have caddies available on a reservation basis only. If you wish to use a Wayzata caddie, you must reserve one through Max Addler, PGA Head Professional, by emailing him (<u>golf\_pro@wayzatacc.com</u>). Rates are \$120 for an Honor Caddie and \$100 for a Class A caddie, plus tip. 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.