



UNITED STATES GOLF ASSOCIATION
2012 U.S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
LOCAL QUALIFYING ROUND
MARIETTA COUNTRY CLUB
KENNESAW, GEORGIA
MAY 14, 2012



CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION – The following conditions shall be in effect for this competition:

- In Local and Sectional (second stage) Qualifying and in the Championship proper, the player's clubs must conform to the groove specifications in the Rules of Golf that are effective from January 1, 2010. Note: Ping EYE2 clubs manufactured prior to March 31, 1990, may not be used during Local and Sectional Qualifying as well as the Championship proper. The condition of competition is available for review on the entry application.

The USGA and R&A have created a reference called the Informational Club Database to assist golfers in determining whether their irons, hybrids and fairway woods comply with the New Groove Rules. For information about and to access the database, please use the following link: <http://www.usga.org/InfoClubsDB/intro.html>

The USGA strongly suggests that all players verify the compliance 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.

- GSGA competitions are "spikeless" events. Therefore, metal and traditionally-designed spikes are prohibited. Penalty for breach of this condition is disqualification.
- Amateur players are responsible for posting their scores to the handicap system upon conclusion of this competition. Scores must be posted as tournament scores. Course slope and rating information is typically posted at the scoreboard during the competition. You may also contact GSGA for this information. Your scores are subject to review by your peers and your club's handicap committee.

CLUB INFORMATION: Marietta Country Club, 1400 Marietta Country Club Drive, Kennesaw, GA 30152, (770) 426-1808. Click on www.mariettacountryclub.org for more information and directions.

FORMAT / QUALIFYING PLACES: The field of 144 contestants will compete for a number of qualifying places to be determined and two alternate positions to advance to the Sectional Qualifying stage.

PRACTICE ON COURSE: PROHIBITED. Players are asked to play one ball during practice round. Players shall not play more than one ball to a green.

CADDIES: No caddies are available at Marietta Country Club. The player is solely responsible for making arrangements for a caddie. A player may provide his own caddie. A player is not required to employ a caddie for any stage of the Championship.

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PRACTICE ROUNDS: Practice rounds will be available based on club availability on the dates and times listed below. Players must call the golf shop at (770) 426-7084 to make arrangements for a starting time. Only one complimentary practice round per player will be allowed, and practice rounds will be limited to contestants only. Players wishing to rent a golf cart for the practice round must pay a rental fee of \$20.00 plus tax. Cash and credit cards will be accepted.

- May 1-4 and May 8-11, after 2:00 p.m. based on availability
- May 5-6 and May 12-13 after 3:00 p.m. based on availability

CARTS: Carts will be available for persons transporting players' bags on May 10. Cart rental fee is \$20.00 plus tax. Cash or credit card will be accepted.

FOOD SERVICE: Food and beverage service will be available at the turn stand starting at 7:30 a.m. Players may pay with cash or credit cards for purchases.

GOLF SHOP/DRIVING RANGE: The golf shop will open at 6:30 a.m. and driving range will open at 6:30 a.m. on the day of the qualifying round.

STARTING TIMES: Players may check the GSGA website (www.gsga.org) to obtain their starting times or call GSGA at (770) 955-4272 or (800) 949-4742.

PREFERRED LIES: Per the United States Golf Association, for all USGA championship and qualifying rounds the following policy is in effect: A Local Rule authorizing "Preferred Lies" or "Winter Rules" is **NEVER** permitted.

RULES OF PLAY/PACE OF PLAY: The GSGA Rules of Play and Pace of Play Policies shall be in effect. They can be found under the competitions menu tab at www.gsga.org

HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS: The following accommodations are conveniently located to the golf course. Please use the contact information below to make your arrangements.

- ***Hampton Inn-Atlanta/Town Center***, 871 Cobb Place Blvd., Kennesaw, GA 30144.
Call (770) 426-0017 for reservations.

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