



**UNITED STATES GOLF ASSOCIATION  
2012 U.S. SENIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP  
SECTIONAL QUALIFYING ROUND  
ATLANTA NATIONAL GOLF CLUB  
ALPHARETTA, GEORGIA  
JUNE 26, 2012**



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

- In Sectional 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 Sectional Qualifying or 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:** Atlanta National Golf Club, 350 Tournament Players Drive, Alpharetta, GA 30004. Click on [www.atlanternationalgolfclub.com](http://www.atlanternationalgolfclub.com) for more information and directions.

**FORMAT / QUALIFYING PLACES:** The field of 111 contestants will compete over 18 holes for a number of qualifying places to be determined and two alternate positions in the 2012 U.S. Senior Open Championship, to be played July 12-15 at Indianwood Golf & Country Club in Lake Orion, Michigan.

**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) 442-8801 to make arrangements for a starting time. Only one practice round per player will be allowed, and practice rounds will be limited to contestants only. Practice round cart and range fee is \$25.00 plus tax and must be paid regardless of whether the player walks or uses a cart. Cash and credit cards will be accepted.

- Monday, June 25, for players travelling from more than 100 miles, based on club availability
- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday the two weeks prior, based on club availability
- Saturdays after 1:00 p.m. the two weeks prior based on club availability.

**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:** Caddies are not available at Atlanta National Golf Club. A player may provide his own caddie. A player is not required to employ a caddie for any stage of the Championship.

**CARTS:** Carts will be available for persons transporting players' bags on June 26. Cart rental fee is \$25.00 plus tax.

**FOOD SERVICE:** Food and beverage service will be available. Lunch will be available in the Men's Grill. Stationary beverage carts will be located on the golf course. Players may pay with credit cards for food purchases inside the Men's Grill. Purchases made from the beverage cart on the golf course must be made with cash.

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

**STARTING TIMES:** Players may check the GSGA website ([www.gsga.org](http://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 permitting "Preferred Lies" or "Winter Rules" is **NEVER** permitted.

**RULES OF PLAY/PACE OF PLAY POLICIES:** 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](http://www.gsga.org)

**PERSONAL APPEARANCE:** Contestants must be neat in appearance. Bermuda length shorts may be worn. Short shorts, tee shirts, tank tops and blue jeans are prohibited. Shirts must have collars.

**OFFICIAL IN CHARGE:** Jeff Fages, Director, Rules & Competitions  
Georgia State Golf Association  
121 Village Parkway, Bldg. 3  
Marietta, GA 30067  
(770) 955-4272, 1-800-949-4742