



GSGA

GEORGIA STATE GOLF ASSOCIATION

UNITED STATES GOLF ASSOCIATION
2012 U.S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
SECTIONAL QUALIFYING ROUND
THE RIVER CLUB
SUWANEE, GEORGIA
JUNE 4, 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: The River Club, 1138 Crescent Pass, Suwanee, GA 30024. (770) 271-2582. Click on www.theriverclub.com for more information and directions.

FORMAT: 36 holes of stroke play

QUALIFYING PLACES: 51 players will compete for a number of qualifying places to be determined and 2 alternate positions in the U.S. Open Championship. The U.S. Open Championship will be played June 14-17 at The Olympic Club in San Francisco, CA.

PRACTICE ROUNDS: Practice rounds will be allowed on the designated dates and times below. Players must call The River Club at (770) 271-2582 to make arrangements for a starting time. Practice rounds are limited to one per player and they are for players only. Practice round cart fee will be \$20.00 and will include practice balls. Cash and credit cards will be accepted.

- May 30-31 after 1:00 p.m.
- June 2-3 after 1:00 p.m.

COURSE SET-UP: The committee expects to utilize the Championship yardage and par of The River Club course during the competition, with the exception of Hole #11, which will be played as a par 4 from 428 yards. The actual tee and hole placements will be determined based on various conditions on the day of the competition.

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

CADDIES: Caddies are not available at The River Club. The player is solely responsible for making any arrangements for a caddie. Caddies must meet personal appearance guidelines.

CARTS: Players must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorized by the committee. A caddie will be permitted to transport a player's bag on a cart. Cart fees during the qualifying rounds will be \$20.00 per person, per round. Cash and credit cards will be accepted.

GOLF SHOP/PRACTICE RANGE: The golf shop will open at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, June 4. The practice facility will open at 7:00 a.m.

FOOD/BEVERAGE SERVICE: Food and beverage service is available beginning at 7:00 a.m. A continental breakfast will be served. A lunch buffet will be available from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Cash and credit cards will be accepted.

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

PERSONAL APPEARANCE: Competitors must be neat in appearance with respect to clothing and personal grooming. The Committee in Charge shall decide whether this requirement has been met and has the authority to withdraw the entry of a competitor who does not comply. The wearing of short pants is prohibited in the Championship proper but is permissible in local and sectional qualifying.

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