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2024 U.S. Open Local Qualifier  
Keswick Golf Club

**Notice to Players**

This information supplements the Championship entry, the Local Rules and Terms of Competition for 2024 USGA Championships.

**TEE MARKERS/FORMAT:** All play will be from the USGA tee markers. Qualifying and alternate spots will be determined over 18 holes of stroke play. Five (5) qualifying and two (2) alternate spots are available. A starting time for play-off(s) will be announced at scoring after the completion of play.

**DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICES:** The use of distance-measuring devices (DMD) to measure distance only (Rule 4.3) is permitted in all USGA qualifying rounds.

**GROOVES & PUNCH MARK SPECIFICATIONS:** The players clubs must conform to the grooves and punch mark specification in The Rules of Golf that are effective from January 1, 2010 (see Model Local Rule G-3). The exception for Ping Eye2 Irons manufactured before March 31, 1990 is not in effect.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Players must walk at all times during a round, with the exemption of any Committee-provided shuttles. Caddies may ride in golf carts.

**ONE BALL RULE:** Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is **not** in effect.

**OUT OF BOUNDS:** In addition to the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of brown stakes with white tops, and white stakes, out of bounds is also defined by:

- the course side edge of the white painted line on hole #2 (right of green);
- the wooden split rail fence on hole #5;
- **Internal Out of Bounds - Hole #12:** In the play of hole #12, the edge of the fairway on hole #15 defines Out of Bounds during the play of this hole only.

No other objects (fence posts, roads, etc.) define Out of Bounds.

**INTEGRAL OBJECTS (no free relief):** All railroad ties (e.g. surrounding bunkers and the short wall on hole #14) are integral objects. The ball must be played as it lies or penalty relief may be taken.

**IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS:**

- **Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Green:** MLR F-5.2 is in effect. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an Immovable Obstruction is on the line of play and is within two club-lengths of the Putting Green and within two club-lengths of the ball. Relief under this Local Rule is only allowed when both the ball and the Immovable Obstruction lie in an area cut to fairway height or less.
- **Immovable Obstructions within or adjacent to each other,** including but not limited to sprinkler heads near putting greens, are considered to be a single obstruction. Consult a referee with questions.

**SCORING:** The digital scorecard used via the Golf Genius app is the unofficial scorecard. The official scorecard is the paper scorecard which needs to be verified in the scoring area (located outside Clubhouse).

**PLAY-OFF:** In the event of a tie for the last qualifiers or alternate places, there will be a hole-by-hole playoff. A starting time for play-off(s) will be announced when the last group finishes play.

