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**U.S. Open Local Qualifying**  
**May 12, 2026**

**QUALIFYING MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS**

**HOST CLUB:**

Keswick Golf Club  
701 Club Drive  
Keswick, VA 22947  
Director of Golf: Rob McNamara  
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[keswickclub.com](http://keswickclub.com)

**FORMAT/QUALIFYING PLACES:** Stroke play competition conducted over 18 holes. The field of 84 contestants will compete for a TBD places (communicated by email) and two (2) alternate positions in the 126th U.S. Open Final Qualifying.

**STARTING TIMES:** Starting times will be between 8:30-10:30am off of hole #1 and #10 and will be released on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. Requests for a certain grouping and/or starting time will not be accepted. Players are to report to their assigned starting times, ready to play, at least 10 minutes before their starting time.

**PAYMENT INFORMATION:** Credit cards (American Express, Visa and MasterCard) will be accepted for purchases at Keswick. Cash will not be accepted.

**PRACTICE ROUNDS:** Practice rounds will be available beginning at 9:00am on May 11<sup>th</sup> and additional days/times may be available upon request. Players must call (434) 923-4363 to reserve a starting time. Each player is entitled to one practice round for a fee of \$50 (includes cart fee and use of the driving range). Except for Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, guests may play with those playing a practice round for \$200.

**PRACTICE FACILITIES/RANGE BALLS:** The practice facility will open at 7:00 a.m.

**GOLF SHOP/LOCKER ROOM:** Players will have access to all clubhouse facilities which will open at 7:00am on May 12<sup>th</sup>. The locker room will be available for use, but locker storage will not be available.

**CADDIES:** There will be no caddies available at Keswick. If you would like to have a caddie, you must provide your own and there are no restrictions as to who may serve in this capacity. Pull carts are permitted.

**CARTS:** Players must not ride on any form of transportation during a round unless authorized by the Committee. Caddies may rent motorized carts to transport clubs during the qualifying round for a fee of \$50. Pull carts are permitted. Spectator carts will not be permitted.

**FOOD SERVICE:** Bottled water and fruit will be available near the 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> tees at no charge. Additional snacks and beverages will be available for purchase near the starting holes. The club grill will be open from 11:00am-close. Breakfast service will not be available at Keswick.



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**PLAYOFF:** In the event of a tie for the last qualifying place(s), there will be a hole-by-hole playoff to determine the final qualifier(s) and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate if necessary. All announcements regarding the playoff will be made at the public scoreboard upon completion of the qualifying round.

**DRIVERS/GOLF BALLS:** The Local Rule for Conforming Driver Heads is in effect, See Model Local Rule G-1. The Local Rule requiring that all golf balls used be on the List of Conforming Golf Balls is in effect. See Model Local Rule G-3. Please check the USGA website, [www.usga.org](http://www.usga.org), for a list of approved golf balls and drivers. The "One Ball Rule" is **NOT** in effect.

**GROOVES:** The players clubs **must conform** to the grooves and punch mark specifications in The Rules of Golf that are effective from January 1, 2010. See Model Local Rule G-2. The exception for Ping Eye2 Irons manufactured before 31 March 1990 is not in effect.

**DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICES:** A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc.) the player is in breach of Rule 4.3.

**USGA LOCAL RULES AND TERMS OF THE COMPETITION:** Players are asked to make themselves familiar with the USGA Local Rules and Terms of the Competition (Hard Card) prior to the qualifier. The document can be found by [clicking here](#) and will also be distributed on the starting tee.

**PACE OF PLAY:** It is a condition that players must play without undue delay and in accordance with guidelines established by committee. See attached Pace of Play Guidelines, which will also be distributed on the starting tee.

**EVACUATION PLAN:** In the event of a discontinuance of play during the qualifier, players must adhere to the evacuation plan posted on the event website.

**PERSONAL APPEARANCE:** Contestants and caddies must be neat in appearance at all times while on property (shirts tucked in, Bermuda length shorts, hats off inside and no denim).

**CELL PHONE POLICY:** If you need to use a cell phone, you must do so in a private manner.

**CODE OF CONDUCT:** As set forth in the USGA application, the code of conduct applies to all USGA Qualifying and Championships.

**AWARD CEREMONY:** The awards ceremony will take place at the scoreboard once the qualifiers and alternates are determined. A silver medal will be awarded to the lowest scorer and lowest amateur scorer.



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If it becomes necessary to withdraw prior to the date of the competition, please contact Josh Coates at (804) 378-2300 or [jcoates@vsga.org](mailto:jcoates@vsga.org) and the USGA at (908) 326-1950 or [champs@usga.org](mailto:champs@usga.org).

**ADDITIONAL ENCLOSURES:**

- Pace of Play Guidelines
- Tentative Yardages



## **Pace of Play Guidelines**

### **Allotted Time**

The allotted time established by the Committee is the maximum amount of time a group should take to complete the play of each hole. This time is adjusted based on the difficulty of the course, travel time between holes, group size and ability of the field. A normal speed of play should result in completing play under the allotted time.

### **Definition of "Out of Position"**

The first group will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, the group takes more than the allotted time as detailed above.

Any following group will be considered out of position if it is taking more than the allotted time and:

- i. reaches a par 3 hole that is clear of all play and all players in the preceding group have played their strokes on the teeing area of the next hole; or
- ii. reaches a par 4 or 5 hole which is clear of all play.

*Note: A group or player that is clearly playing at a pace that is slower than others in the field may be deemed by the Committee to be "Out of Position" even if the group is within the allotted time.*

### **Communication with a Group that is Out of Position**

Groups will be monitored throughout the round. If a group is out of position, the players in that group may be monitored more closely and timed. Prior to a group being timed, a referee will issue a verbal warning to the group between the play of two holes.

### **Timing**

When a group is being timed, each player in the group is expected to play all strokes within 40 seconds.

Timing begins when it is the player's turn to play and nothing is obstructing his/her play. An extra 20 seconds will be given to:

- i. the first player to play a stroke on a hole;
- ii. the first to play a second shot on a par 4 or par 5;
- iii. the first player to play a third stroke on a par 5 (provided it is not played from on or within 10 yards of the putting green); or
- iv. the first player to play a stroke from within 10 yards of or on the putting green.

### **Pace of Play Penalties**

One bad time – *Warning*

A second bad time – *One stroke penalty*

A third bad time – *Additional two stroke penalty (three total)*

A fourth bad time – *Disqualification*

Note 1: Bad time(s) will remain with the player for the remainder of the round.

Note 2: A player is not exempt from penalty under Rule 5.6b simply because he/she takes less than the allotted time to complete a stroke, hole or round.

### **Rules or Other Incidents**

If a ruling or some other legitimate delay occurs which causes the group in question to lose its position, that group is expected to regain its position within a reasonable time.



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**TENTATIVE YARDAGES**

<b>HOLE</b>	<b>PAR</b>	<b>YARDAGE</b>
1	4	401
2	5	609
3	4	377
4	3	225
5	4	471
6	4	454
7	3	155
8	5	543
9	4	328
<b>OUT</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>3,563</b>
10	4	343
11	3	173
12	5	518
13	4	320
14	4	327
15	4	446
16	3	243
17	5	579
18	4	467
<b>OUT</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>3,416</b>
<b>1894 TOTAL</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>6,979</b>