



## U.S. Women's Open Qualifying Belle Haven Country Club Alexandria, VA

## NOTICE TO PLAYERS

This information supplements the Championship entry. The Local Rules and Terms of Competition for 2024 USGA Championships - See reverse side.

**TEE MARKERS/FORMAT:** All play will be from the USGA tee markers. Qualifying and alternate spots will be determined over 36 holes of stroke play. Two (2) qualifying and two (2) alternate spots are available.

**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 <u>not</u> in effect.

**MATERIAL PILED FOR REMOVAL - HOLE #3:** Stumps and chopped wood to the left of #3 fairway are considered piled for removal. Relief may be taken under Rule 16.1d. These are also loose impediments.

**TURF NURSURIES - HOLE #3:** The turf nursury left of #3 fairway is considered ground under repair. The putting turf nursury is a wrong green and relief must be taken under Rule 13.1f.

**OUT OF BOUNDS:** Defined by the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts. The fence around maintenance defines out of bounds.

## 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.

**FADED PAINT LINES**: Faded paint lines have no status for this competition. Players should use the freshly painted lines to determine status.

**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 on back patio behind Hole #18).

**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.