

86th Connecticut Open Championship

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Ridgewood Country Club

Danbury, Conn.

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PLAYER INFORMATION

Congratulations on qualifying for the 86th Connecticut Open Championship. We are looking forward to your arrival at Ridgewood Country Club on August 3rd! The Connecticut State Golf Association welcomes you as a player and wishes you luck as you vie to become the next Connecticut Open Champion.

Please read through all the information below carefully as it contains valuable information to help you make arrangements and also serves as a reference throughout the Championship.

State of Connecticut Travel Advisory

The State of Connecticut issued a strict travel advisory and quarantine guidelines for those individuals that have traveled to or from an area of the country that is experiencing significant COVID-19 cases or positivity rates. The State of Connecticut is updating the impacted states daily. The CSGA will be strictly adhering to this policy. Any player found to be in violation of this guidance will not be permitted on site. For further information: State of Connecticut COVID-19 Travel Advisory

Traffic Notification

The traffic in and around the Danbury area can be extremely heavy at times and especially during morning commute hours. Please make sure to take these traffic conditions into consideration when planning your departure and arrival times.

Face Covering:

The CSGA asks that you **always** keep a face covering accessible to you. Please be advised that Ridgewood Country Club **requires** the use of a face covering when entering the clubhouse or any dining area and the State of Connecticut **requires** that face coverings be worn whenever it is difficult to maintain social distancing. This could occur in the parking lot, clubhouse area, practice range and putting green when social distancing may be difficult.

Scoring

All scoring will be done electronically. Each player will be provided a unique group Golf Genius ID (GGID) number that can be entered into the Golf Genius mobile app. One player in the group will be responsible for entering the hole-by-hole scores for each player. If no player in the group volunteers to be the "group marker" then that responsibility will be delegated to the player in the "A" position. Scores will be verbally certified with a member of the committee following the round and scores will not be deemed to be returned until 15 minutes after the group has left the scoring area.

Rules Sheets & Hole Locations:

The CSGA will **not** be providing printed Rules sheets or hole location sheets. These items will be emailed to all golfers in advance of the round and may be printed at home and brought to the course or accessed via a smart phone throughout the round.

Items Available at Starting Tee:

Items such as tees, pencils, scorecards, printed paperwork, ball markers, band aids, sunscreen, bug spray, etc. that are typically available at the starting tee will **not** be made available. Any items that are used for medical purposes will be on site but only accessible by a member of the CSGA staff.

Caddies:

The use of a caddie is permitted during the championship. Players and caddies must adhere to the most recent caddie COVID-19 Caddie Guidance. [CLICK HERE FOR FULL GUIDANCE](#). Any player and/or caddie found to be in violation of this guidance may be penalized under the CSGA Code of Conduct policy. The Committee reserves the right to invoke disqualification under Rule 1.2a for any serious breach of this guidance.

Parking Information

The parking at Ridgewood Country Club is limited. We ask that you car pool with caddies, spectators, etc. as much as possible to avoid an overload of the parking lot.

Format of Play

Following two rounds of stroke play on Monday and Tuesday, August 3rd and 4th, the lowest 40 players, including ties, will advance to round three on Wednesday, August 5th. The player with the lowest 54-hole total will be the Champion. In case of a tie for the Championship, there will be a three-hole aggregate playoff (holes 14, 17 & 18) to determine the Champion. In the case of a tie following the three-hole aggregate, the playoff will continue in sudden death format (hole #18 repeated).

Player Communication

Prior to and during the course of the championship, the CSGA will utilize Text Messaging and Email to communicate suspensions of play, resumptions, delays in starting times, or any other matter of importance. In an effort to make this communication as efficient as possible, please make sure to update your CSGA online registration profile with your cellphone number and email address available during the championship.

Notice of Withdrawal

If you must withdraw, up to and including Friday, July 31st, please notify the CSGA immediately by calling (860) 257-4171. This procedure is necessary so that the alternate who replaces you will have a reasonable opportunity to make arrangements to play. Withdrawal notifications beginning on Saturday, August 1st can be sent directly to Ryan Hoffman at rhoffman@csgalinks.org

Practice Areas & Range

Complimentary range balls will be available each day throughout the Championship. The range will be open each day from 6:00am until 6:00pm. ***PLEASE NOTE:*** In order to adhere to social distancing guidelines, a limited number of players are permitted to warm up at any time and therefore players are not permitted to use the practice range until 45 minutes prior to their starting time. Range time should also be limited to approximately 20 minutes to allow the entire field an opportunity to warm up.

Practice Putting Green:

In order to adhere to social distancing guidelines, there will be no more than 20 players permitted on the practice putting green at any time and therefore players are not permitted to use the practice putting green until 45 minutes prior to their starting time.

Practice Rounds

Practice rounds at Ridgewood Country Club are available to **competitors only**. The cost of a practice round is \$50 and includes the use of a golf cart. To schedule a practice round please contact a member of the Ridgewood Country Club professional staff at (203) 748-8757.

Caddies & Transportation

The use of a golf cart during this championship is prohibited unless authorized by a member of the Committee. Players may carry their own bag, utilize a push cart or employ a caddie.

Course Setup:

Ridgewood Country Club will play as a par 71 at approximately 6,750 yards with a time par of 4 hours and 24 minutes.

Attire:

Proper golf attire is required at all times by players, caddies and spectators. Shorts must be Bermuda length. Shirts must have a collar and be tucked in. Jeans of all kinds, cargo pants/shorts, tee shirts and tank tops are prohibited. Hats must be worn in a traditional manner.

Footwear:

Rule 4.3a is modified in this way: During a round, a player must not wear shoes with traditional spikes (that is, spikes having single or multiple points designed to penetrate deeply into the surface of the ground (regardless of whether made of metal, ceramic, plastic, or other materials)) or spikes of any design that are entirely or partially made of metal, if such metal may come in contact with the course.

Driver Heads & Golf Balls:

Local Rule G-1 and G-3 are in effect. A player must not make a stroke with a clubhead or golf ball that is not on the current listing of the USGA List of Conforming Driver Heads or List of Conforming Golf Balls.

Penalty for breach of this Rule is disqualification.

Spectators

Spectators are permitted to attend the championship. Strict social distancing and mask wearing protocols as adopted by the State of Connecticut will be in effect. Any spectator found to be in violation of these protocols will be asked to leave the property.

Food & Beverage

Complimentary boxed lunches will be available between 10:30am and 3:00pm on Monday and Tuesday and after the completion of the round on Wednesday. Additional options will be available at Ridgewood Country Club and payment must be made in cash.

Locker Room Information

The locker room will be available for players and caddies beginning at 6:00am each morning. Please adhere to all Ridgewood Country Club and State of Connecticut COVID-19 policies when using the locker room facilities.

On-Site Registration

Players should check in at the registration table located near the golf shop. Please follow the designated "player registration" signs when you arrive on club property.

Pace of Play Guidelines

CSGA pace of play guidelines will be strictly enforced. The full CSGA Pace of Play policy can be found online at www.csgalinks.org.

Professional Purse & Amateur Merchandise Credit

A total professional purse of \$60,000 will be distributed among the professionals who complete 54-holes. The low professional will receive \$14,000. Any amateur who completes 54-holes will receive merchandise credit redeemable at Ridgewood Country Club golf shop. In the case of a tie for any professional prize money, the prize money will be shared among the competitors. In the case of a tie for any amateur merchandise credit, ties will be broken using the last round score first followed by the USGA retrogression method.

We look forward to seeing you at Ridgewood Country Club on August 3rd!

Sincerely,

Connecticut State Golf Association