



85th Connecticut Open Championship

Torrington Country Club

Goshen, Conn.

July 19-21, 2019



LETTER TO CONTESTANTS

Congratulations on qualifying for the 85th Connecticut Open Championship. We are looking forward to your arrival at Torrington Country Club on July 19th!

Torrington Country Club was designed by Orrin Smith, who worked under renowned architect Willie Park Jr. (Shuttle Meadow C.C., New Haven C.C.) and was construction supervisor for several Donald Ross projects. A par 72 measuring about 6700 yards, Torrington is considered perhaps Smith's finest design. In addition to hosting several top amateur championships, this will be the fourth Connecticut Open Championship hosted by Torrington Country Club.

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.

Traffic Notification

The traffic in and around the Torrington area can be heavy at times during the weekend. Please make sure to take these traffic conditions into consideration when planning your departure and arrival times.

Parking Information

The parking at Torrington Country Club is extremely limited. The following parking instructions will be strictly adhered to throughout the Championship. On Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, players with AM starting times will be directed to park in the clubhouse parking lot. Players with a PM starting time will be directed to the parking lot at Goshen Fairgrounds located on Route 63 approximately 2 miles from Torrington Country Club. Please follow the directional signs as you approach the club. **All spectator and caddie parking will be at the Goshen Fairgrounds (see above for information).** Multiple shuttles from the Goshen Fairgrounds to Torrington Country Club will begin at 6:30am and run throughout the day in continuous loops.

Format of Play

Following two rounds of stroke play on Friday and Saturday, July 19th and July 20th, the lowest 40 players, including ties, will advance to round three on Sunday, July 21st. 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 1, 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. Please note that standard text messaging rates may apply. You can also refer to the Connecticut Open website (www.connecticutopen.com) for official news and updates.

Notice of Withdrawal

If you must withdraw, up to and including Wednesday, July 18th, 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.

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.

Practice Rounds

Practice rounds at Torrington Country Club are available to **competitors only**. The cost of a practice round is \$30 and includes the use of a golf cart. To schedule a practice round please contact a member of the Torrington Country Club professional staff at (860) 491-2688.

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. There are no club caddies available through the host club.

Spectators

Spectators are encouraged to attend the championship throughout the weekend. Admission to the championship is free. Please make sure to carefully review parking, dress code, cell phone and food & beverage policies prior to attending.

Dress Code

Contestants, caddies, and spectators are requested to adhere to the following:

Shorts must be Bermuda length

Cargo pants/shorts or Jeans are not allowed

Shirts must have a collar & be tucked in at all times

Hats are to be worn in a traditional manner

NOTE: CT Section PGA members & apprentices are requested to refer to the CT Section TR&R on dress code

Cellular Phone Use

The use of a cellular phone or similar device by a contestant or caddie during the round is prohibited. Torrington Country Club requires that all devices be placed in the vibrate mode at all times. Cell phones may only be used for calling purposes in the parking lot or locker room.

Food & Beverage

Complimentary player lunches will be available each day of the Championship. There will also be several other food and beverage options available for purchase on a cash basis for players, caddies, and spectators.

Locker Room Information

The locker room will be available for players and caddies beginning at 6:00am each morning.

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. All round specific information including hole locations, etc. will be distributed at your starting tee.

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 \$50,000 will be distributed among the professionals who complete 54-holes. The low professional will receive \$12,500. Any amateur who completes 54-holes will receive merchandise credit redeemable at Torrington 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.

Course Setup (Subject to Change)

Torrington Country Club will play to a par 72 at approximately 6,650 yards with a time par of 4 hours and 28 minutes.

We look forward to seeing you at Torrington Country Club on July 19th!

Sincerely,

Connecticut State Golf Association