

# 89<sup>th</sup> Connecticut Open Presented by GSB

Shuttle Meadow Country Club

July 24-26, 2023



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## **PLAYER INFORMATION**

Congratulations on qualifying for the 89<sup>th</sup> Connecticut Open Championship. We are looking forward to your arrival at Shuttle Meadow Country Club on July 24<sup>th</sup>! 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.*

### **Parking Information**

Players with afternoon wave starting times will be required to park at Wellspring Church located at 222 Lincoln Street, Kensington CT 06037. Shuttle services to the club will begin at 11:00am. It is approximately a 2-minute drive to the club from Wellspring Church and a shuttle will be making continuous loops until the completion of play. Although this is a short drive, please be aware that you may need to wait at Wellspring Church for 5-10 minutes for the shuttle to return. The bag drop at the club will be available for afternoon wave players and it is recommended that you car pool with a caddie and/or spectators who would be able to drop you and your clubs off at the club prior to parking at Wellspring Church and taking the shuttle.

### **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 registration profile with your cellphone number and email address available during the championship.

### **Format of Play**

Following two rounds of stroke play on Monday and Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> and July 25<sup>th</sup>, the lowest 40 players, including ties, will advance to round three on Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. 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 to determine the Champion. In the case of a tie following the three-hole aggregate, the playoff will continue in sudden death format.

### **Professional Purse & Amateur Merchandise Credit**

A total professional purse of \$65,000 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 Shuttle Meadow 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.

### **Golf Carts**

The use of a golf cart during this championship is prohibited unless authorized by a member of the Committee.

### **Push Carts**

The use of a push cart is permitted during the Championship.

### **Caddies:**

The use of a caddie is permitted but not required during the championship. Shuttle Meadow Country Club does not have any club caddies available. Caddies will be required to wear a CSGA issued caddie bib.

### **Practice Areas & Range**

Complimentary range balls will be available each day throughout the Championship. The practice range requires a shuttle to be reached. Shuttle services will be making continuous loops from 6:00am until 10:00am and then again from 11:00 until 3:00pm. The shuttle to the range takes approximately 5 minutes. Please take this into consideration when planning your arrival/departure time. Please adhere to the distance limitation of 225 yards while using the practice range.

### **Practice Rounds**

Practice rounds are available at Shuttle Meadow Country Club at various dates and times. Please refer to the [Practice Round Notification](#) for further information.

**Course Setup:**

Shuttle Meadow Country Club will play as a par 71 at approximately 6,500 yards with a time par of 4 hours and 28 minutes.

**Live Scoring:**

One player in each grouping will be required to utilize the Golf Genius mobile app to provide hole by hole scoring throughout the championship. Unique GGID codes will be provided on the championship scorecards. Detailed instructions can be found in the "Mobile App Scoring Guide" page under the Player Information section of the championship site.

**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. No spectators carts will be permitted.

**Food & Beverage**

Complimentary lunches will be available for contestants each day during the championship from 11:00am-3:30pm. Additional options for caddies and spectators will be available on a cash basis.

**Locker Room Information**

The locker room will be available for players and caddies.

**On-Site Registration**

Players should check in at the player registration table upon arrival.

**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](http://www.csgalinks.org).

**Notice of Withdrawal**

If you must withdraw, up to and including Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 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, July 22<sup>nd</sup> can be sent directly to Ryan Hoffman at [rhoffman@csgalinks.org](mailto:rhoffman@csgalinks.org)

We look forward to seeing you at Shuttle Meadow Country Club on July 24<sup>th</sup>!

Sincerely,

Connecticut State Golf Association