



**PLAYER INFORMATION**  
**77th U.S. GIRLS' JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**QUALIFYING - 18-HOLES - COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA**

- FACILITY:** **Elks Country Club** Web Site: <https://theelkscs.com/>  
5113 63rd Street General Manager - Trista Engel  
Columbus, NE 68601 Golf Professional - Derrick Ceder  
Golf Shop (402) 564-1451 Superintendent - Shane Combs
- DATE:** Monday, June 22, 2026
- OFFICIAL IN CHARGE:** Craig Ames, Nebraska Golf Association, E-mail [cames@nebgolf.org](mailto:cames@nebgolf.org)  
Office (402) 505-4653, ext. 102 or Mobile (402) 658-5827
- PAIRINGS:** Pairings will be posted on NebGolf's Qualifying web page (referenced below) and e-mailed to players on Friday, June 12. Starting Times will range from 10 a.m.-11 a.m. off the 1st tee only. [Link here to access the player roster.](#)
- SCHEDULE:**
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| 9 a.m.          | Registration begins and practice areas open |
| 9 a.m.          | Clubhouse available for beverage service    |
| 10 a.m.-11 a.m. | Starting times (1st tee)                    |
| 11 a.m.         | Clubhouse available for food service        |
| Following Golf  | Play-off if necessary                       |
- FORMAT:** Stroke play competition conducted over 18-holes.
- QUALIFYING PLACES:** 17 players will be competing for one (1) qualifying and two (2) alternate places. A tie for the last qualifier's place, or an alternate's place will be decided immediately by a hole-by-hole play-off.
- WEB SITE:** Complete details for this Qualifier are accessible through the Competitions section of the NebGolf website or by linking here:  
<https://www.nebgolf.org/competitions/u-s-girls-junior-qualifier/#information>
- PRACTICE ROUNDS:** To make arrangements for a practice round, players must contact the Golf Shop at (402) 564-1451. Practice round rate is \$50. Must be 16 years old to drive a cart. Practice rounds will be available at a time convenient to the club. No practice rounds available in the morning on weekends. One practice round per player permitted. Proper dress code is required.
- CADDIES:** A player may provide their own caddie. As a reminder, a player must not use a parent, step parent, or guardian as a caddie during Qualifying or Championship. If you wish to hire a caddie, please ask the Official in Charge (listed above) because caddies may not be available through the host club.
- REGISTRATION:** On the qualifying day, players are requested to check in upon arrival at the registration table located on the practice range. Registration will open at 9 a.m. and be available through the final starting time.
- PRACTICE AREAS:** Practice areas will open at 9 a.m. on the qualifying day. Range balls will be available on the practice range.
- LOCKER ROOM:** The locker room is available for participants but individual lockers are not available.

- SPECTATORS:** Spectators are permitted and encouraged. **Per USGA guidelines, the use of spectator carts is prohibited.**
- FOOD AND BEVERAGE:** The clubhouse will be open for beverage service at 9 a.m. and food service at 11 a.m. Coolers will be located on the golf-course with bottled water for players and caddies.
- PLAY-OFF:** In the event of a tie for the last qualifying place or two alternate positions, there will be a hole-by-hole playoff to determine place winners immediately following the qualifier.
- LOWEST SCORE:** A silver medal will be awarded to the lowest scorer. If a tie, duplicate medals will be awarded.
- ELECTRONIC SCORING:** To assist with real-time scoring we ask that one individual (player/caddie) in each group enter player's scores after each hole. [Link here to access information on downloading the Golf Genius App for score entry.](#)
- DRESS CODE:** Players and caddies must be neat in appearance with respect to clothing and personal grooming.
- FOOTWEAR:** A player must not wear shoes with traditional spikes or spikes of any design that are entirely or partially made of metal, if such metal will come in contact with the course.
- DRIVERS/GOLF BALLS:** The Local Rule for Conforming Driver Heads is in effect (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, (Model Local Rule G-3). [Please check the USGA web site for a list of approved golf balls and drivers.](#) The "One Ball Rule" is **not** in effect.
- GROOVE STANDARDS:** It is a requirement that a player's clubs conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Equipment Rules. See Model Local Rule G-2. [An Equipment Database is found on the USGA web site.](#)
- RANGEFINDERS:** The use of electronic distance measuring devices, to measure distance only, is allowed ([subject to certain requirements](#)).
- GREEN READING MATERIALS:** For Qualifying rounds only, the normal restrictions on size and scale of green reading materials in the 2023 Rules of Golf are in effect. [Link here to access details.](#)
- CARTS:** Players and caddies must not ride on any form of transportation during the qualifying round unless authorized by the Rules Committee. **Spectator Carts are prohibited.**
- LOCAL RULES:** A pair of rules documents pertinent to this qualifier are available for review prior to this competition. Link here to access the [USGA's Local Rules & Terms of the Competition](#) and the Notice to Players ([specific to qualifying Elks Country Club](#)).
- PACE OF PLAY:** Participants must play without undue delay and in accordance with pace of play guidelines established by NebGolf attached here.
- EVACUATION PLAN:** In the event of a discontinuance of play during the qualifier, players must adhere to the [evacuation plan attached here.](#)
- CHAMPIONSHIP:** Old Chatham Golf Club, Durham, North Carolina  
July 13-18, 2026



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Elks Country Club (Columbus, Nebr.)  
Monday, June 22, 2026

**COURSE SET-UP:**

<b>Hole</b>	<b>Par</b>	<b>Yards</b>
1	4	350
2	4	375
3	5	481
4	3	142
5	4	390
6	5	471
7	4	353
8	3	153
9	4	350
<b>Front</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>3,065</b>
10	4	343
11	3	133
12	4	335
13	5	513
14	4	400
15	5	484
16	4	360
17	3	165
18	4	328
<b>Back</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>3,061</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>6,126</b>