



**EAST MISSOURI DISTRICT QUALIFIER
TOURNAMENT INFORMATION SHEET
JUNE 12, 2014**

The East Missouri qualifier is held in cooperation with the [Gateway PGA](#)

HOST SITE

Aberdeen Golf Club, 4111 Crescent Road, Eureka, MO 63025. (636) 938-5465. www.aberdeengolf.com

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

For golfers needing hotel accommodations, there are several area hotel properties within 10 miles of Aberdeen Golf Club. For a list of nearby hotels, [click here](#).

PAIRINGS AND TEE TIMES

Pairings and tee times will be posted by approximately **2:00 p.m.** on **Tuesday, June 10** on the [East Missouri Optimist Junior Golf site](#). An e-mail will also be sent to all registered participants. Tee times will be scheduled from approximately **7:30a-9:30a** on June 12.

PRACTICE ROUNDS

If you wish to play a practice round, you must make your own arrangements by calling the Aberdeen Golf Club Pro Shop at the number listed above. Practice rounds may be played on any day, based on course availability. Call for rates and details.

REGISTRATION

Player registration will take place in the Aberdeen banquet room on **Thursday, June 12** beginning at **6:30 a.m.** until the last tee time. All participants must check-in at the registration table before reporting for their tee time. Players who fail to show up for their assigned tee time will result in a NO SHOW. No refunds will be made for such NO SHOWS.

PRACTICE FACILITIES

The driving range & practice facilities will be open at 6:30 a.m. for all contestants. Range balls are complimentary prior to play.

FORMAT AND RULES OF PLAY

The qualifier will be an 18-hole individual stroke-play event played in accordance with USGA Rules of Golf and local course rules. The organizing committee will provide an additional Notice to Players at the qualifying site.

AGE DIVISIONS, TEE BOXES AND YARDAGES

Exact yardages are subject to change based on course conditions on day of event. For hole-by-hole yardages, [click here](#).

Boys 16-18 – Black markers (6,665 yards)	Girls 15-18 – White markers (5,919 yards)
Boys 14-15 – Blue markers (6,259 yards)	Girls 13-14 – Silver markers (5,157 yards)
Boys 12-13 – White markers (5,919 yards)	Girls 10-12 – Red markers (4,883 yards)
Boys 10-11 – Silver markers (5,157 yards)	

CADDIES, CARTS AND PULL CARTS

Caddies and electric carts are **PROHIBITED** for all players. Pull/push carts are **ALLOWED** for all divisions for this qualifier. (PLEASE NOTE: pull/push carts are NOT permitted in the Boys 14-15 and Boys 16-18 divisions at the international championships).

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

Distance Measuring Devices are **ALLOWED** for this qualifier. Players may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3 for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.

PLAYOFFS

Ties for the last qualifying spot and first-alternate spot will be broken using a hole-by-hole playoff (weather permitting). The hole(s) used for the playoff shall be determined onsite by the District Chair in conjunction with golf course staff. Contestants who are tied for a qualifying spot or first-alternate position should not leave the golf course after play. If a golfer who is tied for the last qualifying spot or first-alternate position leaves the golf course, he/she will forfeit his/her spot to the golfer(s) who remain for the playoff.

QUALIFYING SPOTS

A limited number of golfers will qualify for the International Championships in each age division as follows:

Boys 16-18: Top 6 finishers who shoot 78 or less	Girls 15-18: Top 3 finishers who shoot 85 or less
Boys 14-15: Top 1 finisher who shoots 83 or less	Girls 13-14: Top 1 finisher who shoots 92 or less
Boys 12-13: Top 1 finisher who shoots 90 or less	Girls 10-12: Top 1 finisher who shoots 96 or less
Boys 10-11: Top 1 finisher who shoots 96 or less	

Should a golfer from outside of the EMO District qualify, the next-highest golfer who lives in the EMO District will also qualify. Golfers who qualify will be required to confirm their participation in the international championships to the District Chair by June 19. Qualified golfers will be required to register for the international championships by June 28 (no exceptions). A list of alternates will be established based on results. Should a qualified golfer decline his/her spot, alternates will be contacted individually.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The East Missouri Optimist District will provide financial assistance for the registration expenses for the international championships to the winners of each division provided they live within the East Missouri District boundaries. The winners of the Boys 16-18 and Girls 15-18 divisions will receive a "full-ride" sponsorship of the championship registration fee (inclusive of tournament entry, shared hotel room, meals and more). The winners of other age divisions will receive a partial sponsorship of the championships registration fees depending on available funds. Should funds allow, the winners of the Boys 16-18 and Girls 15-18 divisions will also receive reimbursement for travel expenses. Winners will be notified of the exact amounts and will receive more instructions individually.

SPECTATOR RULES

In golf, customs of etiquette and decorum are just as important as rules governing play. It is appropriate for parents and spectators to applaud successful shots, but in order to secure the spirit of the game, we ask parents and spectators to please adhere to the following guidelines. Please note that if any of the following guidelines are perceived as broken by a Rules Official, the player may be subject to penalty.

1. Advice (Rule 8) is any counsel or suggestion which could influence a player in determining his play, the choice of a club or the method of making a stroke. In addition, any conversation between player/spectator may be construed as advice. This includes any conversation between player/spectator in their native language. In either instance, penalty for breach of this rule is two strokes. Players are responsible for the actions of their relatives and spectators in regards to this rule.
2. Keeping the above in mind, keep your conversation with player to words of encouragement as long as advice is not given.
3. Please turn off all cell phones or turn your ringer to silent or vibrate mode while on the course.
4. Spectators should stay on the cart paths or in the rough. Please stay off fairways, tees and greens. Spectators should remain a minimum of 30 feet from players at all times.
5. Spectators should stay one shot ahead of the group they are following. This allows spectators to follow errant shots and help identify where the ball comes to rest. Spectators are allowed to aid in the search for lost golf balls.
6. Spectators should not give rulings. Please seek a marshal or rules official if the need arises.
7. Spectators are allowed to carry medicine, drinks, food, umbrellas, etc.
8. The Rules Official may assess a penalty to the player based on the severity of the spectator violation. If a serious breach has occurred, the spectator may be asked to leave the facility.
9. For your personal safety, we ask you exercise caution at all times. When inclement weather moves into the area, play will be suspended and you should seek shelter immediately. Players will be evacuated from the course first and then spectators.
10. Spectators are not permitted to consume alcoholic beverages while on the golf course.

SPECTATOR CARTS

Spectators may rent golf carts from the Pro Shop for use in following play (based on availability). Golf carts **MUST** be kept on cart paths at all times and at least 30 yards from players. Spectators must **NEVER** transport players during the event. Transporting a player can result in the player being disqualified. Please be aware of your surroundings at all times and be respectful of players hitting shots in your vicinity.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact East Missouri District Chair, Andy Hudson, at andy.hudson@optimist.org, 314-881-1309 (work) or 314-803-3141 (cell).