May 8 Is Deadline for Filing Entry in USGA Open

May 8th is the deadline for entries in the 63rd USGA Open which will be played at the CC of Brookline, June 20-22. Applications for entry must be in the New York office of the USGA, 40 E. 38th st., by 5 p.m. on that date.

Both local and sectional qualifying rounds will be at 36 holes. After local qualifying, the eligible field for the sectional will approximate 20 per cent of total entries, excluding those exempt from both qualifying series. May 27-28 are designated as local qualifying days with competitions to be held at 57 locations across the country. Thirteen cities have been picked as sectional qualifying locations. These will be held June 10-11.

The USGA has listed ten classes of players who are exempt from local qualifying. Players in seven classifications are exempt from the sectional tests. The latter include the last five Open winners, the 1962 winners of the Amateur, PGA, British Open and Amateur, the ten lowest scorers (and ties) in the 1962 Open, and the ten leading money winners on the PGA circuit as of May 8.

U. of Massachusetts Holds Spring Turf Conference

The U. of Massachusetts held its annual spring turf conference in the campus student union building in Amherst, Mar. 7-8. At the golf session, the following persons spoke:

John Espey, Robert St. Thomas and Leon St. Pierre, all supts., on course budgets; Alex Radko of the USGA green section on the relationship between the supt. and his committee; Charles Connelly on the duties of a chairman; Martin Monaghan on the functions of the green committee; George Farber on long-range planning; Sherwood Moore, former GCSA president, on the duties of a supt.; Leo Kowalski on the budget; and Leon St. Pierre on public relations.

Joseph Troll of the U. of Massachusetts' agronomy school was the chairman of the two-day meeting. New England GCSA members who assisted him in planning the conference included John O'Connor, Bob Grant, Richard Blake, Joe Butler and Albert Allen.