

# Attention Players in U.S. Open Qualifying

## **\*Change in Groove Standards for Local Qualifying in 2011\***

### **Please Note the Following Announcement**

In **Local** (first stage) and Sectional (second stage) Qualifying as well as in the Championship proper, the player's clubs must conform to the groove specifications in the Rules of Golf effective January 1, 2010.

**Note:** Ping EYE2 clubs manufactured prior to April 1990 may not be used during Local and Sectional Qualifying as well as the Championship proper.

The Condition of Competition is available for review on the entry application. The USGA and R&A have created a reference resource called the Informational Club Database to assist golfers in determining whether their irons, hybrids and fairway woods comply with the New Groove Rules. For information about and to access the database, please use the following link: <http://www.usga.org/InfoClubsDB/intro.html>.

Additionally, for information regarding the conformance status of clubs not listed, please contact the USGA Research and Test Center at (908) 234-2300. Player Club Testing is available for the 2011 U.S. Open, U.S. Women's Open and U.S. Senior Open Championships. Please use the following link: [http://www.usga.org/equipment/testing/submission\\_process/Checking-Clubs-for-Conformance-to-the-New-Groove-Rules\(2\)/](http://www.usga.org/equipment/testing/submission_process/Checking-Clubs-for-Conformance-to-the-New-Groove-Rules(2)/) for more information.

The USGA strongly suggests that all players verify the conformance of their clubs well in advance of their scheduled qualifying competition. It is the player's responsibility, not the USGA's responsibility to ensure that his clubs conform. Waiting until the day of the competition is the fault of the player. The Committee is under no obligation to test the club the competitor may play. However, if it is later determined that the club is non-conforming, including after the competition has closed, the player will be disqualified.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION / FACT SHEET  
2011 UNITED STATES OPEN  
LOCAL QUALIFYING  
18-HOLES



- LOCATION:** **THE PLAYERS CLUB**  
12101 Deer Creek Drive  
Omaha, NE 68142  
(402) 963-9950  
Web Site: [www.playersclubomaha.com](http://www.playersclubomaha.com)  
General Manager - Tim Halpine  
Golf Professional - Don Germer
- DIRECTIONS:** Take Interstate 680 to the Fort Street Exit. Go west on Fort Street to 120th Street. Take 120th Street north 1/2 mile past Military Road. The Players Club is on the west side of 120th Street.
- DATE:** Wednesday, May 11, 2011  
Rain Date – Thursday, May 12, 2011
- OFFICIAL IN CHARGE:** Craig Ames, USGA Regional Associations Committee  
(402) 505-4653, ext. 102
- PRACTICE ROUNDS:** Can be arranged at an available time by contacting the Players Club golf shop at (402) 963-9950. Fee is \$20 for participants only.
- FOOD & BEVERAGE:** Palmer's Pub will be open for beverage service beginning at 6:30 a.m. and food service at 11 a.m. Both cash and credit cards are accepted.
- PRACTICE FACILITIES:** Practice areas will open at 6:30 a.m. Participants may use a cart for transportation from the clubhouse to the practice field. Complimentary tokens are available in the golf shop for the range ball machine located near the practice field.
- REGISTRATION:** Registration will be located just outside the golf shop beginning at 6:30 a.m. You are expected to check in prior to your starting time.
- LOCKER ROOM:** You may use the locker room but individual lockers are not available.
- RANGEFINDERS:** The use of Distance Measuring Devices is prohibited.
- GOLF BALLS:** Only brands of golf balls on the most current USGA List of Conforming Golf Balls may be used. The "One-Ball Rule" is in effect.
- GROOVE STANDARDS:** It is a requirement that a player's clubs conform to the groove specifications provided in the Rules of Golf. See cover memo for details.

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- CADDIES:** A player may provide his own caddie.
- TRANSPORTATION:** Transportation is prohibited during the round. Players and caddies shall walk at all times during the stipulated round unless otherwise specified by the Committee. Pull carts are permitted.
- DRESS CODE:** Players and caddies must be neat in appearance with respect to clothing and personal grooming. The Committee in charge will decide whether this requirement has been met, and has authority to withdraw the entry of a player who does not comply.
- FOOTWEAR:** The Players Club is a spikeless club and, therefore, spiked shoes will not be allowed. Penalty for breach of the spikeless rule is disqualification.
- QUALIFIER PLACES:** There are 24 entrants competing for 2 qualifier places.
- LOWEST SCORE:** Silver medal, if a tie, duplicate medals will be awarded.
- COURSE SET-UP:** Palmer Tees

Hole	Par	Yards
1	4	438
2	4	432
3	3	205
4	4	388
5	4	393
6	4	484
7	4	363
8	3	197
9	5	536
Front	35	3,436
10	4	451
11	4	395
12	4	402
13	3	212
14	4	416
15	5	589
16	3	208
17	4	330
18	5	564
Back	36	3,567
Total	71	7,003

**STARTING TIMES:** See Attached Report



# 111th United States Open Championship Qualifier

The Player's Club at Deer Creek

Wednesday, May 11, 2011



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**Tee #1 7:30 am**

Cody Vance (a)	Lakewood, CO
Evan Johnston (a)	Omaha, NE
Jayson Brueggemann (a)	Lincoln, NE

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**Tee #1 7:40 am**

Zach Christianson (a)	Atlantic, IA
Chris Wiemers	Omaha, NE
Robert Tridle (a)	Lincoln, NE

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**Tee #1 7:50 am**

Adam Kaufman	Iowa City, IA
Andrew Wyatt (a)	Lake Forest, IL
Ben Juffer (a)	West Des Moines, IA

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**Tee #1 8:00 am**

Will Pieper (a)	Omaha, NE
Christopher Rager (a)	South Sioux City, NE
Grant Fernau	Omaha, NE

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**Tee #1 8:10 am**

Raul Cortes	York, NE
Mike Coatman (a)	Lincoln, NE
Wes Apple (a)	Saint Charles, IL

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**Tee #1 8:20 am**

Justin Herron	Omaha, NE
Clark Smith	Ankeny, IA
Brandon Crick	McCook, NE

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**Tee #1 8:30 am**

A J Elgert	Lincoln, NE
Judd Cornell	Omaha, NE
Ryan Norman	Omaha, NE

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**Tee #1 8:40 am**

Rylee Reinertson (a)	Gibbon, NE
J R Reyes	West Des Moines, IA
Kevin Stanek (a)	Bellevue, NE



# LOCAL RULES AND CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION FOR 2011 USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS

*The Rules of the United States Golf Association govern play. See applicable Championship or Qualifying round Notice to Players and Entry Application for additional Local Rules and Conditions. Complete text of Rules and Appendix I may be found in the 2010-2011 Rules of Golf.*

**UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, THE PENALTY FOR BREACH OF A LOCAL RULE OR CONDITION IS:  
MATCH PLAY — LOSS OF HOLE • STROKE PLAY — TWO STROKES**

## LOCAL RULES

**OUT OF BOUNDS** — Defined by inside points, at ground level, of large white stakes and fence posts. Rule 27-1.

**WATER AND LATERAL WATER HAZARD STAKES AND LINES** — When a water hazard or a lateral water hazard is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend to infinity. When a water hazard or lateral water hazard is bounded by out of bounds, the hazard margin extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line.

**GROUND UNDER REPAIR** — Defined by white lines. Fire ant hills, sod-covered trenching for temporary cables and French drains are deemed to be ground under repair. Rule 25-1. (Note: For a player whose ball is in a water hazard and is affected by a fire ant hill — see Decision 1-4/10.)

Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage, including areas where spectators or other traffic has combined with wet conditions to affect materially the ground surface, but only when so declared by an authorized member of the Committee. When immediately adjacent to an obstruction, such an area is part of the obstruction.

**SEAMS OF CUT TURF (SOD SEAMS)** — The Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

**IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS** — Include plastic bumpers on roads and paths and mats secured to the ground with spikes when the bumpers or mats cover cables.

**WHITE-LINED AREAS TYING INTO ARTIFICIALLY-SURFACED ROADS AND PATHS** — have the same status as the roads and paths, that of obstructions.

**WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH** — are loose impediments, unless otherwise provided for in *Notice to Players*.

**EMBEDDED BALL THROUGH THE GREEN** — Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

**INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE** — include cables, rods, wires or wrappings when closely attached to trees; artificial walls and pilings when located in hazards, unless otherwise provided for in *Notice to Players*.

**TEMPORARY POWER LINES AND CABLES** — Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

**TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS** — Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

## CONDITIONS

**LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS** — Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

**LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS** — Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

**LIMITATION ON GOLF BALLS (“ONE-BALL RULE”)** — Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

**TIME OF STARTING** — Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

**PACE OF PLAY** — See separate memorandum to players for pace of play guidelines, when applicable.

**DISCONTINUANCE OF PLAY** — Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect. All practice areas are closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to cease doing so; failure to comply may result in revocation of entry.

Note: A suspension for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged airhorn note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive airhorn notes, repeated. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short airhorn notes, repeated.

**PRACTICE** — Prior to and after his round in stroke play, a player may practice on the designated practice areas. Rule 7-1b applies to other practice in stroke play, and Rule 7-1a covers practice before the round in match play.

**TRANSPORTATION** — Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

**CLOSE OF COMPETITION** — The competition is deemed to have closed when the trophy has been presented to the winner or, in the absence of a prize ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the Committee.

The result of a match is considered to have been “officially announced” when the Committee has approved the result as posted on the public scoreboard.

**U.S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP—LOCAL QUALIFYING**

UNITED STATES GOLF ASSOCIATION

The Player's Club, Omaha, Nebraska

Wednesday, May 11, 2011



**NOTICE TO PLAYERS**

(This notice supplements the Local Rules and Conditions of Competition for USGA Championships)

**Deciding Ties:**

In the case of a tie for a qualifying place or for any of the two alternates' places, concerned players shall immediately playoff hole-by-hole until a winner is determined. The play-off will take place beginning on hole #1 unless otherwise notified by the Committee.

**Drop Zones:**

Hole #8—As an additional option under Rule 26-1, if a ball is in the water hazard, the player may drop a ball under penalty of one stroke on the forward teeing ground in the area marked "DZ."

Hole #14—As an additional option under Rule 26-1, if a ball is in the water hazard, the player may drop a ball under penalty of one stroke on the forward teeing ground in the area marked "DZ."

Hole #15—As an additional option under Rule 26-1, if a ball is in the water hazard in front of the teeing ground, the player may drop a ball under penalty of one stroke on a forward teeing ground in the area marked "DZ."

Hole #15—As an additional option under Rule 26-1, if a ball is in the water hazard located near the green, the player may drop a ball under penalty of one stroke in the area marked "DZ" located in the fairway.

Hole #16—As an additional option under Rule 26-1, if a ball is in the water hazard, the player may drop a ball under penalty of one stroke on the forward teeing ground in the area marked "DZ."

**Ground Under Repair:**

Flower Beds and their Rock Borders are deemed to be ground under repair even though not so defined by white lines.

**Obstructions:**

Directional Posts - The black & white directional posts in the center of fairways are movable obstructions that may be removed.

Flower Beds Tying Into Immovable Obstructions have the same status, that of obstructions.

**Out of Bounds:**

Hole #5 — Out of Bounds is defined by the chain link fence left of the teeing ground in addition to white stakes.

Out of Bounds is defined by the curbing of public roads in the following areas:

Hole #5—Road behind the green; Hole #7—Road left of the teeing ground; Hole #8—Road along the right and behind the green; Hole #9—Road behind the green; Hole #10—Road behind the green; Hole #12—Road behind the green; Hole #16—Road along the right; Hole #17—Road left of the green. A ball is out of bounds when it lies beyond the curbing.

**Scoring Area:**

A Scorecard is Deemed Submitted once the player has left the defined scoring area.

**Teeing Ground:**

The Palmer tee-markers define the teeing ground.

**Transportation:**

Players must not use automotive transportation during a stipulated round except, that a player may accept transport between the play of holes at the discretion of the referee.

**Lateral Water Hazards:**

Hole #15 - The part of the Lateral Water Hazard immediately adjacent to the cart path along the right is defined by the outer edge of the cart path between the two red stakes.

**Rules Committee:**

Justin Ahrens, Craig Ames, Gary Austin, Tom Dahl, Rick Eades, John Gudenrath, Bruce Luhr, Bob Planansky & Don Sammet.

**Pace of Play Committee:**

Justin Ahrens, Craig Ames & Gary Austin.

## Pace of Play Memorandum

The Nebraska Golf Association uses Group Pace of Play Guidelines for its Championships and USGA Qualifiers. This policy has very positive results in terms of reducing the length of rounds.

- As long as you keep up with the group ahead of you (within 14 minutes) your group will NEVER be in jeopardy of being out of position. Always look ahead – not behind.
- Each group will be given a fixed amount of time in which to play 4 or 5 holes within each of the four (4) check-points. Times will be reflected on the score cards. Each group will be required to complete each check-point hole based on the allocated time or within 14 minutes of the group ahead.
- Posted signs and atomic clocks will be located on all check-point holes.
- Check-points will be located at the 4<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> greens. A check-point will be considered missed if: the hole is not completed (flagstick in the hole) within the allocated cumulative time and the group has not completed the hole within 14 minutes of the group ahead. If a group misses a check-point all players within the group will be informed by the check-point official as follows:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> missed check-point – \*warning
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> missed check-point – liable to a one stroke penalty
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> missed check-point – liable to a two stroke penalty
  - 4<sup>th</sup> missed check-point – liable to disqualification
- \* If a group clears the 3<sup>rd</sup> check-point and has not missed any other check-points, but is out of position at the 4<sup>th</sup> check-point, each player in the group is liable for a one stroke penalty if the Committee views that no effort was made by the players to complete their round within the allotted time for the final check-point.
- If a group misses two or more check-points a player(s) may request a review before signing and returning his score card. A review will be successful if there is evidence the player was:
  - delayed by the Committee
  - delayed because of a circumstance beyond control of the player or group
  - delayed because of another player in the group
- Review and application of the penalty will only occur in the scoring area, not during the stipulated round. Discussion of the situation with the check-point official will only cause further delay of the group.
- A player concerned about a non-responsive (slow) fellow-competitor in his group, who is delaying play, should request a Rules Rover to monitor the group in case the group is or becomes liable to penalty under these guidelines.
- You, your fellow-competitors and caddies can help by having your yardages and being ready to play when it is your turn.