

41st U.S. SENIOR OPEN QUALIFYING
HAPPY HOLLOW CLUB, OMAHA, NEBRASKA
JUNE 7, 2021

NOTICE TO PLAYERS – DRAFT VERSION (5/22/21)

(This information supplements the Championship entry & The Local Rules and Terms of the Competition for 2021 USGA Championships)

1. **Distance Measuring Devices:** The use of electronic distance measuring devices to measure distance is permitted (subject to certain requirements).
2. **Prohibition on Certain Types of Shoes:** The Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect at all Qualifying sites. Model Local Rule G-7.
3. **Play-Off:** In the event of a tie for the last qualifiers or alternates places, there will be a hole-by-hole playoff to determine the final qualifiers and the 1st and 2nd alternate if necessary. All announcements regarding the play-off will be made near the golf shop upon completion of the qualifying round. The play-off will begin on hole 1.
4. **Teeing Ground:** The Blue USGA Tee-Markers define the teeing ground for the competition.
5. **Starting and Scoring Areas:** Defined by roping, stakes and blue paint dots.
6. **Power Lines:** If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a power line during the play of hole 4, the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made.
7. **Out of Bounds:**
 - a. Defined by the perimeter fence posts and white paint dots in addition to white stakes.
 - b. Hole #5 - Out of bounds is defined by the white line left of the green and curbing of the entrance road and parking lot behind the green. A ball coming to rest on or beyond the entrance road or parking lot is out of bounds, even if it comes to rest on another part of the course that is in bounds for other holes.
 - c. Hole #7 - Out of bounds is defined by the curbing of the circle drive behind the green. A ball coming to rest on or beyond the circle drive road is out of bounds, even if it comes to rest on another part of the course that is in bounds for other holes.
8. **Penalty Areas:**
 - a. Dropping Zones: If a ball is in the following penalty areas, including when it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found came to rest in the penalty area, the player has these relief options, each for one penalty stroke:
 - 1) Take relief under Rule 17.1; or 2) As an extra option, drop the original ball or another ball in the dropping zone marked "DZ" in the location below. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3.
 - i. Hole #1 Red Penalty Area – Closest of two Drop Zones located behind the green.
 - ii. Hole #3 Red Penalty Area - Drop Zone located on the forward tee.
9. **Ground Under Repair** include but are not limited to:
 - a. Decorative Flower Beds. When enclosed by cart paths or adjacent to immovable obstructions they are considered a single abnormal course condition.
10. **Immovable Obstructions** include but are not limited to:
 - a. Clubhouse, maintenance building, permanent restrooms and structures, including adjacent and surrounding artificially surfaced paths, patios, fences and decorative plantings.
 - b. Immovable obstructions adjacent to each other are to be treated as a single obstruction.
11. **Loose Impediments:** Wood chips, pine straw and mulch are loose impediments.
12. **Integral Objects:**
 - a. Bird houses attached to trees.
13. **Temporary Immovable Obstructions:** Relief on Either Side. Model Local Rule F-23 is in effect and includes starting and scoring tents and vehicles parked along the maintenance area that are not readily movable. If a player has either physical interference or line of sight interference from any TIO and is entitled to relief, as an additional option, she may take relief on the other side of the TIO along the arc without penalty. When taking relief on the other side of the TIO, the player may only take relief under the TIO Local Rule, not Rule 16.1.
14. **Paint Dots Not Used for Course Marking:** Blue paint dots used to define the edges of the starting and scoring areas. Relief without penalty is NOT available from these dots and lines.
15. **Final Decisions on Any Disputed Points:** Made by Craig Ames, Bob Planansky and Ben Vigil.