

121st U.S. AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING
LOCHLAND COUNTRY CLUB, HASTINGS, NEBRASKA ■ JULY 12, 2021

NOTICE TO PLAYERS – DRAFT VERSION (7/1/21)

(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. **Groove and Punch Mark Local Rule:** In making a stroke, the player must use clubs that conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Equipment Rules that took effect on 1 January 2010. Exception – Ping Eye2 Irons Manufactured before 31 March 1990: Ping Eye2 irons manufactured before 31 March 1990 with a groove spacing to groove width ratio of 2.3 to 1 are allowed for play under the Rules of Golf, even when this Local Rule is in effect. In using this Exception, the player is responsible for proving when the club was manufactured. If the player cannot do so, the club must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications that took effect on 1 January 2010. Penalty For Making a Stroke with Club in Breach of this Local Rule: Disqualification. There is no penalty under this Local Rule for carrying but not making a stroke with a club which does not conform to these groove and punch mark specifications.
4. **Play-Off:** In the event of a tie for the last qualifier or alternate 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 practice green behind the clubhouse upon completion of play. The play-off holes are #17-#18.
5. **Teeing Ground:** The Blue USGA Tee-Markers define the teeing ground for the competition.
6. **Starting and Scoring Areas:** Defined by roping, stakes and blue paint dots.
7. **Out of Bounds:**
 - a. Defined by the perimeter fence posts and white paint dots in addition to white stakes.
 - b. Hole #4 - White stakes along the left side are out of bounds during play of hole #4 only.
 - c. Hole #6 - Out of bounds is defined by white stakes behind the green. A ball coming to rest beyond the white stakes is out of bounds, even if it comes to rest on another part of the course that is in bounds for other holes.
 - d. Holes #10 & #13 - The driving range on the right side, defined by white stakes, is out of bounds.
 - e. Hole #18 - White stakes along the right side are out of bounds during play of hole #18 only.
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 #3 Red Penalty Area – Drop Zone located on a forward tee.
 - ii. Hole #8 Red Penalty Area - Drop Zone located on a forward tee.
 - iii. Hole #18 Red Penalty Area - Drop Zone located on a 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**
 - a. include but are not limited to:
 - i. Artificially surfaced roads and paths, including any adjacent curbing.
 - ii. Permanent restrooms and pump house.
 - b. Immovable obstructions adjacent to, within or abutting each other, such as artificially surfaced paths (including decorative areas enclosed by these paths), curbing, walls, steps and drains, are considered a single immovable obstruction.
 - c. White Stakes used to define out of bounds along the left of hole #4 and the right of hole #18 are deemed to be immovable obstructions during play of any other hole.
11. **Loose Impediments:** Wood chips, pine straw and mulch are loose impediments.
12. **Temporary Immovable Obstructions:** Relief on Either Side. Model Local Rule F-23 is in effect and includes items put in place for the Qualifier 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, he 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.
13. **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.
14. **Final Decisions on Any Disputed Points:** Made by Craig Ames, Bob Planansky and Ben Vigil.