

66th U.S. SENIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING
FREMONT GOLF CLUB, FREMONT, NEBRASKA • AUGUST 9, 2021

NOTICE TO PLAYERS – DRAFT VERSION (7/15/21)

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

1. **Transportation:** The player or the player's caddie may ride in a golf cart during a round, but both may not ride at the same time. Additionally, the USGA reserves the right to limit or suspend the use of golf carts due to inclement weather, unsafe use of the golf cart or circumstances where use of the golf cart would present a hazard to others, course officials, the golf course or for other unforeseen circumstances.
2. **Distance Measuring Devices:** The use of electronic distance measuring devices to measure distance is permitted (subject to certain requirements).
3. **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.
4. **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.
5. **Play-Off:** In the event of a tie for the 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 upper practice green upon completion of play. The play-off holes are #1, #17, and #18.
6. **Teeing Ground:** The Blue USGA Tee-Markers define the teeing ground for the competition.
7. **Starting and Scoring Areas:** Defined by blue paint dots.
8. **Out of Bounds:**
 - a. Defined by the inside edge of perimeter fence posts and white paint dots in addition to white stakes.
 - b. Hole #13 - White stakes along the right side are out of bounds during play of hole #13 only.
9. **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 Yellow Penalty Area – Drop Zone located in the fairway.
 - ii. Hole #9 Yellow Penalty Area - Drop Zone located on a fairway.
 - iii. Hole #10 Red Penalty Area – Drop Zone located behind the green.
 - iv. Hole #11 Red Penalty Area – Closest of Two Drop Zones located behind the green.
10. **Ground Under Repair** include but are not limited to:
 - a. Decorative Flower Beds (including all rock beds). When enclosed by cart paths or adjacent to immovable obstructions they are considered a single abnormal course condition.
11. **Immovable Obstructions**
 - a. include but are not limited to:
 - i. Artificially surfaced roads and paths, including any adjacent curbing.
 - ii. Railroad tracks and rock beds bordering the tracks.
 - iii. Young trees identified by an orange stake.
 - 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. Permanent restrooms and structures, including adjacent and surrounding artificially surfaced paths, patios, fences and decorative plantings, are considered a single obstruction.
 - d. White Stakes used to define out of bounds along the right of hole #13 are deemed to be immovable obstructions during play of any other hole.
12. **Loose Impediments:** Wood chips, pine straw and mulch are loose impediments.
13. **Power Lines:** If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a power line during the play of hole #5, the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made.
14. **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.
15. **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.
16. **Final Decisions on Any Disputed Points:** Made by Craig Ames, Sam Oehm and Ben Vigil.