

40th U.S. MID-AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING
THE PLAYERS CLUB, OMAHA, NEBRASKA • AUGUST 11, 2021

NOTICE TO PLAYERS – DRAFT VERSION (8/5/21)

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

1. **Transportation:** Players and caddies may accept transportation between play of the 9th and 10th holes and the 13th and 14th holes.
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 last qualifier place or either alternate place, there will be a hole-by-hole playoff to determine the final qualifier(s) and the 1st and 2nd alternate if necessary. All announcements regarding the play-off will be made near the clubhouse practice green upon completion of play. The play-off holes are #17, #18 and #10 repeated.
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, white paint lines and white paint dots in addition to white stakes.
 - b. Hole #3 - Out of Bounds is defined by the rock wall in addition to white stakes and perimeter fence.
 - c. Hole #5 - Out of Bounds is defined by the chain link fence left of the teeing area in addition to white stakes.
 - d. Out of Bounds is defined by the curbing of public roads in the following areas. A ball is out of bounds when it lies beyond the curbing even though it may lie on another part of the golf course: Hole #1 - Road along the left; Hole #7 - Road left of the teeing area; Hole #8 - Road along the right and behind the green; Hole #9 - Road along the left; 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.
9. **Penalty Areas:**
 - a. Red Penalty Area Hole #15 - The part of the red penalty area immediately adjacent to the cart path along the right is defined by the outer edge of the cart path between the two red lines.
 - b. 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 #8 Yellow Penalty Area – Drop Zone located on the forward tee.
 - ii. Hole #14 Yellow Penalty Area - Drop Zone located on the forward tee.
 - iii. Hole #15 Red Penalty Area – Drop Zone located on the forward tee.
 - iv. Hole #15 Yellow Penalty Area – Drop Zone located in the fairway.
 - v. Hole #16 Yellow Penalty Area – Drop Zone located in the fairway.
10. **Ground Under Repair** include but are not limited to:
 - a. Decorative Flower Beds (including rock borders). When enclosed by cart paths or adjacent to immovable obstructions they are considered a single abnormal course condition.
11. **Immovable Obstructions**
 - a. 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.
12. **Loose Impediments:** Wood chips, pine straw and mulch are loose impediments.
13. **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.
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.
15. **Final Decisions on Any Disputed Points:** Made by Craig Ames, Sam Oehm and Warren Whitted.