

**42<sup>nd</sup> U.S. MID-AMATEUR QUALIFYING**  
**RIVERSIDE GOLF CLUB, GRAND ISLAND, NEBR.**  
**AUGUST 8, 2023**

**NOTICE TO PLAYERS – DRAFT VERSION (4/18/23)**

(This information supplements the Championship entry & The Local Rules and Terms of the Competition for 2023 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 practice green upon completion of the qualifying round.
4. **Teeing Ground:** The Blue USGA Tee-Markers define the teeing ground for the competition.
5. **Starting and Scoring Areas:** Defined by blue paint dots.
6. **Abnormal Course Conditions:**
  - a. Decorative Flower and Plant Beds are ground under repair even though not defined by white lines.
    - i. When enclosed by cart paths or adjacent to immovable obstructions they are treated as a single immovable obstruction.
7. **Immovable Obstructions:**
  - a. Include but are not limited to:
    - i. Artificially surfaced roads and paths including those surfaced with crushed brick, concrete, gravel or rock.
  - b. Immovable obstructions adjacent to each other are to be treated as a single obstruction.
  - c. Permanent restrooms, including adjacent paths, curbing, walls, steps, patios are considered a single obstruction.
8. **Integral Objects:**
  - a. Mulch path located along the right side of Hole #15 is an integral object. No relief without penalty.
9. **Out of Bounds:**
  - a. Defined by the perimeter fence posts in addition to white stakes and white lines.
  - b. The parking lot, paved entrance road and areas within these boundaries are out of bounds defined by the course side edge of the pavement.
10. **Penalty Areas:**
  - a. Hole #11 – The part of the ditch marked as a Yellow Penalty Area is treated as a Red Penalty Area during play of hole #11.
  - b. Dropping Zones - If a ball is in the Red Penalty Area behind the putting green on hole #6, 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:
    - i. Proceed under Rule 17.1; or
    - ii. As an additional option, drop the original ball or another ball in the closest of the two dropping zones (marked "DZ") behind the green. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3.
11. **Unplayable Ball:**
  - a. Dropping Zone: If a ball is unplayable in the area between the green painted posts right of the putting green on Hole #14, the player may proceed (i) under Rule 19.2 or (ii) as an extra option, drop a ball, under penalty of one stroke in the closest of the two DZ's located behind the green and right of the cart path. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3.
12. **Paint Dots Not Used for Course Marking:** Blue paint dots or lines used to define the edges of the starting and scoring areas or green depths. Relief without penalty is NOT available from these dots and lines.
13. **Temporary Immovable Obstructions:** Relief on Either Side. Model Local Rule F-23 is in effect and includes starting and scoring tents. 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. **Final Decisions on Any Disputed Points:** Made by Craig Ames, Justin Ahrens and Ben Vigil.