

124th U.S. OPEN LOCAL QUALIFYING
OMAHA COUNTRY CLUB • WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024

NOTICE TO PLAYERS – DRAFT VERSION (02/27/24)

(This information supplements the Championship Entry & The Local Rules and Terms of the Competition for 2024 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. **Transportation:** Model Local Rule G-6 is in effect and prohibits players and caddies from riding any form of transportation during a round.
4. **Play-Off:** In the event of a tie for the last qualifiers place or two alternate positions, there will be a hole-by-hole playoff to determine the final qualifiers and the 1st and 2nd alternates. All announcements regarding the play-off will be made near the practice putting green upon completion of the qualifying round.
5. **Starting Areas:** Defined by blue paint dots.
6. **Scoring Areas:** A player's scorecard is returned when it has been given to the scoring official and the player has left the scoring room. The scoring room is in the northeast corner of the clubhouse.
7. **Out of Bounds:** In addition to being defined by the nearest course-side points of fence posts and white stakes at ground level, out of bounds is also defined by:
 - a. Course-side edge of white dots and white lines.
 - b. The split rail fence that runs parallel to Country Club Drive along the right of hole #1.
8. **Integral Objects:**
 - a. Tree tags.
9. **Other Clarifications:**
 - a. Model Local Rule F-5 is **not** in effect. This Local Rule provides relief in some cases when an immovable obstruction close to the putting green is on the line of play.
 - b. Free relief is not available from paint dots and lines not used for course marking, such as blue paint dots used to indicate the fronts and backs of putting greens.
 - c. When two stakes located near each other are used to define out of bounds or penalty areas, the edge of the area extends in a straight line to infinity in the direction formed by the course-side points of the two stakes at ground level for out of bounds and the outside points of the two stakes at ground level for penalty areas.
10. **Ground Under Repair:**
 - a. Decorative Flower and Plant Beds.
 - b. Areas of turf removed by the maintenance crew for future sodding even though not defined by white lines.
11. **Immovable Obstructions** include but are not limited to:
 - a. Decorative plantings encircled by a cart path and mulch and decorative plantings adjacent to permanent structures are treated as part of that immovable obstruction.
 - b. Immovable obstructions within or adjacent to each other are to be treated as a single obstruction.
 - c. The indoor practice facility including the parking lot and split rail fence right of hole #1 is deemed to be one single immovable obstruction.
12. **Loose Impediments:** Wood chips, pine straw and mulch are loose impediments.
13. **Temporary Immovable Obstructions (TIOs):** Model Local Rule F-23 is in effect.
 - a. Special Relief Procedure:
 - i. Either side relief: If a player is allowed relief under the TIO Local Rule, relief on either side of the TIO is available, except when the player has physical interference only. When taking relief on the other side, the player may not take relief using the procedures in Rule 16.1.
 - ii. Multiple TIOs adjacent to each other are treated as a single TIO.
14. **Final Decisions on Any Disputed Points:** Made by Justin Ahrens, Craig Ames and Ben Vigil.