

U.S. JUNIOR AMATEUR QUALIFYING ■ U.S. GIRLS' AMATEUR QUALIFYING
CHAMPIONS RUN, OMAHA, NEBRASKA
MAY 30, 2024

NOTICE TO PLAYERS – DRAFT VERSION (03/15/24)

(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 distance-measuring devices (DMD) to measure distance only (Rule 4.3) is permitted in all USGA qualifying rounds.
2. **Grooves and Punch Mark Specifications:** The players clubs must conform to the grooves and punch mark specifications in The Rules of Golf that are effective from January 1, 2010 (see Model Local Rule G-3).
3. **Footwear:** Rule 4.3 is modified in this way: During a round, a player must not wear shoes with traditionally-designed spikes (regardless of composition, i.e. ceramic, plastic, etc.) or spikes, of any design, comprised either entirely or partially of metal (if such metal will come in contact with the course). Penalty for breach of this Local Rule: See Rule 4.3.
4. **Transportation:** Automotive transportation is permitted between the play of holes #18 and #1 for players and caddies.
5. **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.
6. **Teeing Areas:** Boys – Blue USGA Tee-Markers; Girls - White USGA Tee-Markers.
7. **Scoring Areas:** Defined by the area under the tent.
8. **Abnormal Course Conditions:**
 - a. Turf nursery left of hole #10.
 - b. Decorative Flower, Plant & Shrub 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.
9. **Immovable Obstructions:**
 - a. Include but are not limited to:
 - i. Artificially surfaced paths including those surfaced with mulch, crushed brick, concrete, gravel or rock.
 - ii. New trees and their mulch bases.
 - 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.
10. **Out of Bounds:**
 - a. Out of Bounds is defined by the perimeter fence in addition to white stakes, lines and dots.
 - b. Out of Bounds is defined by the inside edge of the brick pillars along the left of holes #2 and #3.
 - c. Out of Bounds is defined by the curbing of the street 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 #2 - Public street behind the putting green; Hole #4 - Public street behind the putting green; Hole #8 - Public street along the left side; Hole #9 - Public street along the left side; Hole #18 - Public street behind the green.
 - d. Out of Bounds is defined by the inside edge of Maple Street along the right side of holes #11, #13 & #14 and is defined by the inside edge of 144th Street behind hole #14.
11. **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 #1 Yellow Penalty Area - Drop Zone located in the fairway.
 - ii. Hole #2 Yellow Penalty Area - Drop Zone located in the fairway.
 - iii. Hole #11 Yellow Penalty Area - Drop Zone located in the fairway.
 - iv. Hole #12 Yellow Penalty Area - Drop Zone located on the forward tee.
12. **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, they 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. **Final Decisions on Any Disputed Points:** Made by Justin Ahrens, Craig Ames and Ben Vigil.