

10th U.S. AMATEUR FOUR-BALL QUALIFYING
WILD HORSE GOLF CLUB, GOTHENBURG, NEBR.
OCTOBER 1, 2024

NOTICE TO PLAYERS – DRAFT VERSION (3/25/24)

(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. **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 alternates if necessary. All announcements regarding the play-off will be made near the practice green upon completion of the qualifying round.
5. **Teeing Area:** The Blue USGA Tee-Markers define the teeing area for the competition.
6. **Scoring Areas:** A score card is returned when it has been given to the scoring official and the side has left the immediate scoring tent area.
7. **Out of Bounds:**
 - a. Defined by the perimeter fence posts in addition to white stakes.
 - b. Out of Bounds is defined by the course side edge of the gravel road in the following areas. A ball is out of bounds when it lies on or beyond the road: Hole #5 - Gravel road behind the putting green; Hole #6 - Gravel road along the right side and behind the putting green; Hole #8 - Gravel road behind the putting green.
8. **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. Immovable Obstructions Close to the Putting Green: Model Local Rule F-5 is in effect as detailed below.
Relief is only available when both the obstruction and the ball lie in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less.
 - i. The player has the option to take relief when such immovable obstructions are close to the putting green and on the line of play. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is on the line of play and is within two club-lengths of the putting green, and within two club-lengths of the ball. Exception - There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.
9. **Integral Objects:** Sand and dirt paths or roads are integral objects; free relief is not available.
10. **Movable Obstructions** include but are not limited to:
 - a. Skulls used as distance markers, trash cans, ball washers and benches.
11. **Paint Dots Not Used for Course Marking:** Blue paint dots used to define the edges of the starting and scoring areas and green depths. Relief without penalty is NOT available from these dots and lines.
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, 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.
13. **Final Decisions on Any Disputed Points:** Made by Craig Ames, Justin Ahrens and Ben Vigil.