

69th U.S. SENIOR AMATEUR QUALIFYING
LOCHLAND COUNTRY CLUB, HASTINGS, NEBR.
JULY 30, 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. **Transportation:** The player or the player's caddie may ride in a golf cart during a round, but both may not ride at the same time. Additionally, the USGA reserves the right to limit or suspend the use of golf carts due to inclement weather, unsafe use of the golf cart or circumstances where use of the golf cart would present a hazard to others, course officials, the golf course or for other unforeseen circumstances.
2. **Distance Measuring Devices:** The use of distance-measuring devices (DMD) to measure distance only (Rule 4.3) is permitted in all USGA qualifying rounds.
3. **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).
4. **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.
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 Ground:** The Blue USGA Tee-Markers define the teeing ground for the competition.
7. **Scoring Area:** A score card is returned when it has been given to the scoring official and the player has left the immediate scoring tent area.
8. **Out of Bounds:**
 - a. In addition to white stakes, out of bounds is defined by white lines and dots.
 - b. Hole #1 - Out of bounds is defined by the wood fence posts right of the green, in addition to white lines.
 - c. Hole #4 - Out of bounds is defined by white stakes along the left side during play of that hole only.
 - d. Hole #6 - Out of bounds is defined by white stakes behind the green. A ball coming to rest beyond the white stakes is out of bounds, even if it comes to rest on another part of the course that is in bounds for other holes.
 - e. Hole #7 - Out of bounds is defined by the wood posts along the left side, in addition to white stakes.
 - f. Holes #10 & #13 - The driving range on the right side, defined by white stakes, is out of bounds.
 - g. Hole #18 - Out of bounds is defined by white stakes along the right-side during play of that hole only.
9. **Ground Under Repair** includes but is not limited to:
 - a. Decorative flower beds.
10. **Immovable Obstructions:**
 - a. Include but are not limited to:
 - i. All artificially surfaced roads and paths, including any adjacent curbing.
 - ii. Young trees defined by white tubing and/or stakes.
 - b. 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 obstruction.
 - c. Clubhouse, pool, permanent restrooms and pump house, including adjacent and surrounding artificially surfaced paths, curbing, walls, steps, patios, fences and/or decorative plantings, are considered a single obstruction.
 - d. White Stakes used to define out of bounds along the left of hole #4 and the right of hole #18 are deemed to be immovable obstructions during play of any other hole.
11. **Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Greens:** Model Local Rule F-5 is in effect. 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.
12. **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: proceed under Rule 17.1; or as an additional 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. Holes #3, #8 & #18 Red Penalty Area - DZ located on a forward tee.
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, 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.
14. **Final Decisions on Any Disputed Points:** Made by Justin Ahrens, Craig Ames and Ben Vigil.