

**44th U.S. MID-AMATEUR QUALIFYING**  
**NORFOLK COUNTRY CLUB, NORFOLK, NEBR.**  
**AUGUST 11, 2025**

**NOTICE TO PLAYERS – DRAFT VERSION (7/11/25)**

(This information supplements the Championship Entry & The Local Rules and Terms of the Competition for 2025 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 alternate if necessary. All announcements regarding the play-off will be made upon completion of the qualifying round.
5. **Teeing Ground:** The White USGA Tee-Markers define the teeing ground for the competition.
6. **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.
7. **Out of Bounds:**
  - a. In addition to white stakes and perimeter fence posts, out of bounds is defined by white lines and dots. When defined by white lines, the line itself is out of bounds. When both white stakes and white lines exist, the stakes identify Out of Bounds and are boundary objects (no relief) and the line defines out of bounds.
  - b. Out of Bounds along the right on Hole #10 is defined by the wood fence near the clubhouse and white lines. The lamp posts identify out of bounds and are considered boundary objects (no relief).
8. **Ground Under Repair** includes but is not limited to:
  - a. Decorative flower beds.
9. **Immovable Obstructions:**
  - a. Include but are not limited to:
    - i. All artificially surfaced roads and paths, including those surfaced with crushed brick, gravel, rubber mulch or asphalt.
    - ii. Staked trees.
  - 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. Permanent restrooms and structures, including adjacent and surrounding artificially surfaced paths, patios, and decorative plantings, are considered a single obstruction.
10. **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.
11. **Loose Impediments:**
  - a. Rubber mulch (shredded tires) associated with paths, have the same status as stones and are deemed to be loose impediments.
12. **No Play Zone:** Turf nursery located right of Hole #14 is a No Play Zone. If interference exists, relief must be taken. Such nursery is not defined, but it constitutes all the area cut at approximately putting green height or less.
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 Craig Ames, Thomas Harmen, Lily Pocras & Ben Vigil..