

**70th U.S. SENIOR AMATEUR QUALIFYING**  
**PLATTEVIEW GOLF CLUB, BELLEVUE, NEBR.**  
**JULY 23, 2025**

**NOTICE TO PLAYERS – DRAFT VERSION (7/14/25)**

(This information supplements the Championship Entry & The Local Rules and Terms of the Competition for 2025 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 qualifier or alternates places, there will be a hole-by-hole playoff to determine the place winners. All announcements regarding the play-off will be made upon completion of the qualifying round.
6. **Teeing Ground:** White 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 scoring tent area.
8. **Out of Bounds:**
  - a. In addition to white stakes and perimeter fence posts, out of bounds is defined by white lines and dots.
  - b. Where white stakes are attached to fence posts, the perimeter fence post defines the boundary.
  - c. On Holes #6 & #7, where a white painted line on the ground exists in addition to white stakes, the boundary is defined by the white line, the boundary edge is the course edge of the line, and the line itself is out of bounds.
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.
  - 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.
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. Hole #8 – Yellow or Red Penalty Areas – DZ located on the forward tee.
    - ii. Hole #11 – Yellow Penalty Area - DZ located in the fairway.
    - iii. Hole #13 – Red Penalty Areas – DZ located on the forward tee.
  - b. **Provisional Ball for a Ball in the Red Penalty Area on Hole #13** - Model Local Rule B-3 is in effect. If a player does not know whether his ball is in the red penalty area on hole #13, the player may play a provisional ball under Rule 18.3, which is modified in this way: In playing the provisional ball, the player may use the stroke-and-distance relief option (see Rule 17.1d(1)), the back-on-the-line relief option (see Rule 17.1d(2)), the lateral relief option (see Rule 17.1d(3)) or the dropping zone option (see Item 4a.(iii) above). Once the player has played a provisional ball under this Rule, he may not use any further options under Rule 17.1 in relation to the original ball. In deciding when that provisional ball becomes the player's ball in play or if it must or may be abandoned, Rule 18.3c(2) and 18.3c(3) apply except that: When original ball is found in the penalty area within three-minute search time. The player may choose either to: continue to play the original ball as it lies in the penalty area, in which case the provisional ball must not be played or continue to play the provisional ball in which case the original ball must not be played. When the original ball is not found within the three-minute search time and it is known or virtually certain to be in penalty area. The provisional ball becomes the player's ball in play.
  - c. **Red Penalty Area on Hole #13** - The red penalty area behind the green on Hole #13 is defined by the cart path edge between the red stakes with a blue stripe.
13. **Unplayable Ball Left of the Putting Green on Hole #8:** Dropping Zone: If a ball is unplayable in the area between the blue stakes left of the putting green on Hole 8, the player may proceed (i) under Rule 19.2 or (ii) as an extra option, drop a ball, under penalty of one stroke in the dropping zone located short left of the putting green. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3.
14. **Power Lines:** Model Local Rule E-11 is in effect. If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a power line, the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made (see Rule 14.6 for what to do).
15. **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.
16. **Final Decisions on Any Disputed Points:** Made by Craig Ames, Gary Austin and Juliana Botero.