

46th U.S. SENIOR OPEN FINAL QUALIFYING
SHADOW RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB, OMAHA, NEBR.
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026

NOTICE TO PLAYERS – DRAFT (03/13/26)

(This information supplements the Championship entry & The Local Rules and Terms of the Competition for 2026 USGA Championships)

1. **Distance Measuring Devices:** The use of electronic distance measuring devices to measure distance is permitted (subject to certain requirements).
2. **Prohibition on Certain Types of Shoes:** The Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect at all Qualifying sites. Model Local Rule G-7.
3. **Transportation:** Model Local Rule G-6 is in effect and prohibits players & caddies from riding any form of transportation during a round. **Exception:** *Players and caddies may accept transportation between 8 green & 9 tee.*
4. **Play-Off:** In the event of a tie for the last qualifiers place or two alternate positions, there will be a hole-by-hole playoff to determine the final qualifiers and the 1st and 2nd alternates. The play-off rotation is hole 10 and 18. All announcements regarding the play-off will be made upon completion of the qualifying round.
5. **Teeing Ground:** The Blue USGA Tee-Markers define the teeing ground for the competition.
6. **Scoring Area:** A player's scorecard is returned when it has been given to the scoring official and the player has left the scoring area defined by the area under the scoring tent.
7. **Out of Bounds:**
 - a. Defined by perimeter fence posts, white dots and white lines in addition to white stakes.
 - b. Hole 1 - defined by the course side edge of the entrance road along the left.
 - c. Defined by the course side edge of the sidewalk in the following areas (a ball is out of bounds when it lies beyond the curbing even though it might lie on another part of the course):
 - i. Hole 7 - behind the putting green.
 - ii. Hole 10 – behind the putting green.
 - iii. Hole 17 – along the left side.
 - d. Hole #14 - Defined by the out of bounds side (left side) of the concrete cart path between the white stakes with a blue stripe.
8. **Ground Under Repair:**
 - a. Decorative Flower and/or Plant Beds. When enclosed by cart paths or adjacent to immovable obstructions, it is a single abnormal course condition.
9. **Immovable Obstructions:**
 - a. Immovable obstructions adjacent to each other are to be treated as a single obstruction.
10. **Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Green:** 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:** Wood chips, pine straw and mulch are loose impediments.
12. **Penalty Areas:**
 - a. Dropping Zone (Hole #12): If a ball is in the Yellow Penalty Area on hole #12, 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" located in the fairway.
13. **Other Clarifications:**
 - a. When two stakes located near each other are used to define out of bounds or penalty areas, the edge of the area extends in a straight line to infinity in the direction formed by the course-side points of the two stakes at ground level for out of bounds and the outside points of the two stakes at ground level for penalty areas.
14. **Temporary Immovable Obstructions (TIOs):** Model Local Rule F-23 is in effect.
 - a. Special Relief Procedure:
 - i. Either side relief: If a player is allowed relief under the TIO Local Rule, relief on either side of the TIO is available, except when the player has physical interference only. When taking relief on the other side, the player may not take relief using the procedures in Rule 16.1.
 - ii. Multiple TIOs adjacent to each other are treated as a single TIO.
15. **Final Decisions on Any Disputed Points:** Made by Craig Ames, Juliana Botero and Kyle Nuss.

Bottled Water Coolers located on 1 tee, 4 tee, 7 tee, 10 tee, 13 tee and 16 tee.

Bathrooms are in the clubhouse and in the on-course comfort stations near 5 tee and 16 tee.