

126th U.S. OPEN LOCAL QUALIFYING
OMAHA COUNTRY CLUB • WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026

NOTICE TO PLAYERS – FINAL VERSION (03/02/26)

(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.
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 play-off to determine the final qualifiers and the 1st and 2nd alternates. *The play-off rotation is hole 18 and hole 17, repeated.*
5. **Scoring Areas:** 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.
6. **Out of Bounds:** In addition to being defined by the nearest course-side points of fence posts and white stakes at ground level, out of bounds is also defined by:
 - a. Course-side edge of white dots and white lines.
 - b. The split rail fence that runs parallel to Country Club Drive along the right of hole #1.
7. **Integral Objects:**
 - a. Tree tags.
8. **Other Clarifications:**
 - a. Model Local Rule F-5 is **not** in effect. This Local Rule provides relief in some cases when an immovable obstruction close to the putting green is on the line of play.
 - b. Free relief is not available from paint dots and lines not used for course marking, such as blue paint dots used to indicate the fronts and backs of putting greens.
 - c. 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.
9. **Ground Under Repair:**
 - a. Decorative Flower and Plant Beds.
10. **Immovable Obstructions** include but are not limited to:
 - a. Decorative plantings encircled by a cart path and mulch and decorative plantings adjacent to permanent structures are treated as part of that immovable obstruction.
 - b. Immovable obstructions within or adjacent to each other are to be treated as a single obstruction.
 - c. The indoor practice facility including the parking lot and split rail fence right of hole #1 is deemed to be one single immovable obstruction.
11. **Loose Impediments:** Wood chips, pine straw and mulch are loose impediments.
12. **Temporary Immovable Obstructions (TIOs):** Model Local Rule F-23 is in effect.
13. **Final Decisions on Any Disputed Points:** Made by Justin Ahrens, Craig Ames and Juliana Botero.

ON-COURSE BOTTLED WATER LOCATIONS

Bottled Water Coolers located near 1 tee (club cooler), 4 tee/8 tee, 10 tee (club cooler), 13 tee & 16 tee in addition to Course Bars.

BATHROOM LOCATIONS

Bathrooms are located in the clubhouse and in the on-course comfort stations near 4 tee/8 tee and near 14 green/18 tee.

RULES COMMITTEE CONTACTS

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