

78th U.S. JUNIOR AMATEUR QUALIFYING
BEATRICE COUNTRY CLUB, BEATRICE, NEBRASKA
WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2026

NOTICE TO PLAYERS – DRAFT VERSION (3/13/26)

(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 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.
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.
 - b. Defined by the pool fence between white stakes near the clubhouse.
8. **Ground Under Repair** includes but is not limited to:
 - a. Decorative flower beds.
 - b. Mulch tree basins.
9. **Immovable Obstructions:**
 - a. Include but are not limited to:
 - i. All artificially surfaced roads and paths, including any adjacent curbing.
 - ii. Birdhouses and their posts.
 - iii. Staked trees (including wire and mulched tree wells associated with 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. Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Greens - Model Local Rule F-5.2 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. This Local Rule only applies when both the ball and the obstruction are in part of the general area cut to fairway height or less.
10. **No Play Zone:** Turf nursery located right of Hole #18 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.
11. **Penalty Areas:**
 - a. The Yellow Penalty Area on Hole #15 plays as a Red Penalty Area during play of another hole.
 - b. 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 #1 Yellow Penalty Area – DZ located near the yellow penalty area.
 - ii. Hole #5 Yellow or Red Penalty Area – DZ located on the forward tee.
 - iii. Hole #6 Red Penalty Area – DZ located on the forward tee.
 - iv. Hole #7 Red Penalty Area – DZ located on the white tee.
12. **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.
13. **Final Decisions on Any Disputed Points:** Made by Craig Ames, Juliana Botero and Bob Planansky.