

71st U.S. SENIOR AMATEUR QUALIFYING
FREMONT GOLF CLUB, FREMONT, NEBR. ■ JULY 21, 2026

NOTICE TO PLAYERS – DRAFT VERSION (4/16/26)

(This information supplements the Championship Entry & The Local Rules and Terms of the Competition for 2026 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. Defined by the nearest inside edge of perimeter fence posts and white stakes.
 - b. White stakes along the right side of hole #13 are out of bounds during play of that hole only.
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. Artificially surfaced roads and paths including those surfaced with crushed rock, gravel and asphalt.
 - ii. Rubber mats adjacent to cart paths.
 - iii. Railroad tracks and rock beds bordering the tracks.
 - iv. Young trees identified by an orange stake.
 - 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.
11. **Movable Obstructions:**
 - a. White stakes used to define out of bounds along the right of hole #13 are deemed to be movable obstructions during play of any other hole.
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 #9 – Yellow Penalty Area – DZ located in the fairway.
 - ii. Hole #10 – Red Penalty Area - DZ located behind the green.
 - iii. Hole #11 – Red Penalty Area Behind the Green – The player may drop on the closer of the two DZ's located behind the green.
13. **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 during play of hole #5, the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made (Rule 14.6).
14. **Final Decisions on Any Disputed Points:** Made by Craig Ames, Juliana Botero & Warren Whitted.