



119TH US OPEN LOCAL QUALIFYING #2

Chaska Town Course

3000 Town Course Drive, Chaska, MN 55318

Monday, May 13, 2019

Local Rules and Information Sheet

TEES: *USGA* MARKERS **FORMAT:** 18 holes, stroke play.

QUALIFIERS: 4 **ALTERNATES:** 2

TIES & PLAYOFFS: In the event of a tie for the final qualifying spot and/or any alternate position, a hole-by-hole playoff will be conducted immediately following play.

Rules are governed by the USGA Rules of Golf, the USGA Rules Card and the following local rules. Disregard any and all local rules printed on the local card.

PACE OF PLAY: The Pace of Play Policy posted on the Qualifying website will be in effect. Hole completion times are indicated on the official scorecards.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES: Are prohibited during all phases of the Championship. Penalty for breach – First offense: **TWO STROKES**; Second offense:

DISQUALIFICATION.

USGA GROOVES POLICY: The player's clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf that are effective from January 1, 2010.

BALL PLAYED FROM OUTSIDE RELIEF AREA WHEN TAKING BACK-ON-THE-LINE RELIEF: Model Local Rule E-12 is in effect.

REPLACEMENT OF BROKEN OR SIGNIFICANTLY DAMAGED CLUB: Model Local Rule G-9 is in effect.

OUT OF BOUNDS: Boundaries are defined by the following:

1. White stakes and/or lines connecting the stakes (NOTE: If both stakes and lines are present, the stakes identify the boundary while the lines define it.
2. Inside edge of curbing of all public roads bordering the course (NOTE: A ball going out of bounds and coming to rest on another part of the course is still out of bounds.)

PENALTY AREAS: When both stakes and lines are used to mark a penalty area, the stakes identify while the lines define the area.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR: In addition to areas circled with white lines, the following are considered GUR:

- (1) All cultivated flower and shrubbery beds – **NO PLAY ZONE**
- (2) Aerification holes – **lie of ball or area of intended swing only.** (MLR E-4)
- (3) Unmarked newly sodded areas – ball in sod seam; **lie of ball or area of intended swing only.**

OBSTRUCTIONS: Exposed drain pipes in bunkers are immovable obstructions from which relief is available as follows:

- (1) **Free Relief:** The ball must be dropped in the bunker in the Relief Area, or
- (2) **One-Stroke Penalty:** The player may take "Back on the Line" relief behind the bunker.

EVACUATION PLAN: In the event play is suspended for a dangerous situation, please return immediately to the Clubhouse.

SCORING AREA: Weather permitting, the scoring area is located on the back side of the clubhouse.

DRINKING WATER & BATHROOMS: Are indicated by a **W** and a **B**.

RULES COMMITTEE: Doug Hoffmann (Chair), Bob Boldus and Bruce Addleman.

MODEL LOCAL RULES

E-12: BALL PLAYED FROM OUTSIDE RELIEF AREA WHEN TAKING BACK-ON-THE-LINE RELIEF

"When taking Back-On-the-Line relief, there is no additional penalty if a player plays a ball that was dropped in the relief area required by the relevant Rule (Rule 16.1c(2), 17.1d(2), 19.2b or 19.3b) but came to rest outside the relief area, so long as the ball, when played, is within one club-length of where it first touched the ground when *dropped*."

This exemption from penalty applies even if the ball is played from nearer the hole than the reference point (but not if played from nearer the hole than the spot of the original ball or the estimated point where the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area).

This Local Rule does not change the procedure for taking Back-On-the-Line relief under a relevant Rule. This means that the reference point and relief area are not changed by this Local Rule and that Rule 14.3c(2) can be applied by a player who drops a ball in the right way and it comes to rest outside the relief area, whether this occurs on the first or second drop." (Added 4/2019)

G-9: REPLACEMENT OF BROKEN OR SIGNIFICANTLY DAMAGED CLUB

"Rule 4.1b(3) is modified in this way:

If a player's club is "broken or significantly damaged" during the round by the player or caddie, except in cases of abuse, the player may replace the club with any club under Rule 4.1b(4).

When replacing a club, the player must immediately take the broken or significantly damaged club out of play, using the procedure in Rule 4.1c(1).

For the purposes of this Local Rule:

- A club is "broken or significantly damaged" when:
 - the shaft breaks into pieces, splinters or is bent (but not when the shaft is only dented)
 - the club face impact area is visibly deformed (but not when the club face is only scratched)
 - the clubhead is visibly and significantly deformed
 - the clubhead is detached or loose from the shaft, or
 - the grip is loose.

Exception: A club face or clubhead is not "broken or significantly damaged" solely because it is cracked.

Penalty for Breach of Local Rule – See Rule 4.1b." (Added 4/2019)

