

## U.S. Open Local Qualifying

Lakeside Country Club | Houston, TX

May 17, 2021



### Notice to Players

Play is governed by the 2019 Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and R&A, its Clarifications, 2021 United States Golf Association Local Rules and Terms of the Competition ('Hard Card') and where applicable, the following Local Rules. All Local Rules listed on the Lakeside Country Club scorecards, notice boards, or posted on the course are **not** in effect for this qualifying. Unless otherwise noted, penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty.

1. **Format:** 18 holes of individual stroke play qualifying. *Qualifying Spots 8; Alternate Positions 2.*
2. **Tees:** Qualifying play will be contested from the **White Rectangular** USGA tee markers.
3. **Transportation:** Players and their caddies **must walk at all times** during the qualifying round, unless authorized by a Rules Committee member. A push/pull cart may be used to transport clubs.
4. **Distance Measuring Devices:** Under Rule 4.3a, Distance Measuring Devices (DMD) are permitted at all USGA qualifying events, including Opens. DMDs may be used to measure distance only, all other functions must be turned off. *See page 7 of Player Packet for details.*
5. **Procedure for Ties:** Ties for qualifying spots and alternate positions will be decided by a sudden death, hole-by-hole, playoff immediately after all scores have been verified.
6. **Scoring:** Players must attest scores in the USGA scoring area immediately following their round. All scores are final once the player leaves the scoring area.
7. **Out of Bounds:** Per the USGA Hard Card, the nearest inside point at ground level of white stakes and property fence posts.
8. **Integral Object:** The rock wall within the penalty area on hole 4 is an integral object of the course. Free relief under Rule 16 is not available.
9. **Sod Seams:** See USGA Hard Card for details. Free relief only if a sod seam interferes with the lie of the ball or area of the intended swing. *Note: the relief area from a sod seam not on a putting green must be in the general area.*
10. **No Play Zones (NPZ):** Are identified by white-tipped green stakes on holes 2, 4, 7, 11 and 12. These areas are considered NPZ, and play is prohibited from within these areas. Players must continue play under Rule 16.1b. If a player knows or is virtually certain their ball is lost in a NPZ, you may take relief without penalty under Rule 16.1b.
11. **Ground Under Repair (GUR):** All planted flower beds are considered GUR. Relief under Rule 16 is mandatory. Pine straw and mulch surrounding shrubs or trees are not considered GUR.
12. **Drop Zones:** a) On holes 4, 13 and 18 there are drop zones to use as an additional relief option under Rule 17; b) if a player has cart path interference behind hole 4 (between the blue stakes), the only relief under Rule 16 is the mandatory drop zone.
13. **Doubt as to procedure:** If you are uncertain about the right procedure while playing a hole, and a referee is not immediately available, you may complete the hole with two balls under Rule 20.1c(3). The player must report the facts to a Rules Committee member before returning their scorecard or player is subject to **disqualification**.
14. **Pace of Play:** Play should be played at a prompt pace under Rule 5.6b. The USGA check-point pace of play policy will be used for this qualifying. If a group takes more than the allotted time to complete 9 or 18 holes, the group will be subject to penalty. *See page 5 of Player Packet for details.*