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## Is it Open?

It wasn't, but it is now. Oakland Hills groundskeeper Ted Woehrl was ready to fly the U.S. Open flags in March, but the weather wasn't right just yet. Glad to report the snow's been cleared and the tournament should go off as scheduled.

## What fans should expect at Oakland Hills facilities

### PARKING

A ticket entitles the holder to free parking on the Oakland Hills Country Club North Course on a space-available, first-come, first-served basis.

However, weather conditions may force the club to prohibit parking on the North Course. In the event of rainy weather, the club assumes no responsibility for providing additional parking.

Entrance to the North Course parking lot is off Maple Road, between Telegraph and Lahser roads. Signs along the street will mark the entrance.

### SPECIAL FACILITIES

- Bleacher seats are available at spectator locations in the practice-green area, 10th green, 12th green, 16th green and 18th green.

- Numerous leaderboards for up-to-the-minute standings of the leaders will be on the course.

- More than 80 modern comfort stations will be on the grounds.

- A first-aid headquarters will be available.

- Daily sheets will be available showing which golfers are paired together. A course map and spectator tips also will be available.

### SUGGESTIONS

- Wear shoes that are comfortable for walking and standing.

- Cameras, radios, coolers, step ladders and folding chairs are not permitted on the course during championship rounds. Cameras will be allowed during practice rounds.

- Wear hat and use suntan lotion to help prevent sunburn. It would be advisable to wear shirts at all times.

- No spikes are allowed in the clubhouse.

- If you plan to do a lot of walking on a hot day, drink plenty of water to prevent dehydration.

### ENVIRONMENT

- Trash containers will be all over the Oakland Hills Country Club course and grounds.

### WEATHER

- Check forecasts for conditions and dress accordingly.

- In case of lightning: A) Seek shelter and avoid isolated trees; B) Seek low ground and depressed areas, avoiding hill-tops and high, open spaces; C) Do not hold metal umbrellas or metal spikes.

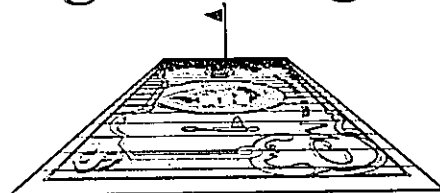


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