

NOTICE TO PLAYERS

2026 U.S. Open Local Qualifying • Turf Valley – Original Course • May 6, 2026

This information supplements the *Local Rules* and *Conditions of Competition* for 2026 USGA Local Rules and Terms of Competition, Pace of Play Guidelines/Procedures, and event entry form. Posted course local rules do not apply.

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

Teeing Ground

White USGA markers define the teeing ground.

Pace of Play

Pace of Play is set at **4 hours and 32 minutes**. When a group is out of position at any time, the group is subject to monitoring and timing per the Pace of Play Policy. See the MSGA Pace of Play Guidelines for full description.

Ties & Play-off

There are seven (7) qualifying spots and two (2) alternate positions. 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. All announcements regarding the playoff will be made at the public scoreboard upon completion of the qualifying round.

ADDENDUM TO LOCAL RULES

Transportation

Automotive transportation is prohibited for players and their caddies unless approved by the Committee.

Out of Bounds

Out of bounds is defined by the nearest inside points, at ground level, of white stakes/white lines/property fence at ground level or any combination thereof and includes:

- Nos. 9-12 – Course-side of the edge of the road

Note: A ball that crosses the road behind a putting green is out of bounds even if it comes to rest on another part of the course.

Internal Out of Bounds (MLR A-4.1)

During play of No. 9, play down No. 1, defined by the edge of the cart path closest to No. 9 is out of bounds. The cart path is a boundary object (no free relief) during the play of No. 9. For all other holes, this is an immovable obstruction (free relief).

Provisional Ball for Ball in a Penalty Area (MLR B-3)

If a player does not know whether their ball is in the **red penalty area on the left of No. 2**, the player may play a provisional ball under Rule 18.3. In deciding when that provisional ball becomes the player's ball in play or if must or may be abandoned, Rules 18.3c(2) and 18.3c(3) apply except that:

- When the **original ball is found in the penalty area** within the three-minute search time, the player may choose either to continue play with the original ball as it lies in the penalty area or continue play with the provisional ball in which case the original ball must not be played.
- When the **original ball is not found** within the three-minute search time or is known or virtually certain to be in the penalty area, the provisional ball becomes the player's ball in play.

Integral Part of the Course

The following are considered an integral part of the course, relief without penalty is not available:

- Stacked stones and retaining walls in penalty areas
- Rock outcroppings

Ground Under Repair

Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage, including areas where spectators or other traffic have combined with wet conditions to affect materially the ground surface, but only when declared by a Rules rover.

Immovable Obstructions

The following are considered abnormal course conditions and a player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b:

- Flower beds and drains encircled by or adjacent to cart paths are deemed to be a part of the obstruction
- Bird houses attached to posts
- All artificially surfaced roads and paths, including any adjacent curbing or rocks, and are considered a single obstruction
- Pavilion (including surrounding mulched area) to right of No. 9 putting green
- Gazebo (including surrounding mulched area) to left of No. 7 teeing area
- Wires, plastic links, and stakes supporting new trees

Scorecards

Immediately upon the completion of his round, the player shall return his scorecard to the scoring locations near Nos. 9 & 18. A scorecard is considered returned 15 minutes from the time it has been entered and saved in the electronic scoring system.