

NOTICE TO PLAYERS

39th U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Qualifying • Winters Run Golf Club • June 29, 2026

This information supplements the *Local Rules* and *Terms of the Competition* for 2026 USGA Championships printed on the reverse side of this page and Entry Form. Posted course local rules do not apply.

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

Teeing Ground

USGA Blue tee markers defines the teeing area.

Pace of Play

Pace of Play is set at 4 hours and 31 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 Pace of Play Guidelines/Procedures for full description.

Ties & Playoff

There are two (2) qualifying spots and two (2) alternate positions. In the event of a tie for the last qualifying spot or an alternate position, immediately after the certification of scores there will be playoff. The starting time and hole of the playoff shall be announced at the scoreboard immediately after the Committee has verified the results.

ADDENDUM TO LOCAL RULES

Transportation

Automotive transportation is **prohibited** for players and caddies unless authorized by the Committee.

Out of Bounds

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

- Road between #9 and #18
- Parking lot

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 of No. 4 or No. 15**, 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.

Ground Under Repair

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

- Drainage lines
- Areas of removed trees

Faded white lines have no status and are not ground under repair.

Integral Objects

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

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

No Play Zone

The following areas are No Play Zones defined as Red Penalty Areas. Relief must be taken under 17.1 when a player has any interference as defined by Rule 17.1e:

- RPA on left side of #6, #10, #11 and #16.
- RPA in front of #7 teeing area.
- RPA on right side of #8, #12, #17, & #18.
- RPA in front of and left of #15 putting green.

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
- Maintenance area

Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Greens (Model Local Rule F-5.2)

Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 16.1. The player has an extra option to take relief when such immovable obstructions are on or close to the putting green and on the line of play. This Local Rules only applies when both the ball and the obstruction are in part of the general area cut to fairway height or less.

Scorecards

Immediately upon completion of stroke play qualifying, each player is to return their scorecard to the scoring area located on the patio behind the golf shop. A scorecard is considered returned 15 minutes after being accepted into the electronic scoring system.