

NOTICE TO PLAYERS

45th U.S. Mid-Amateur Qualifying • Bretton Woods Recreation Center • August 17, 2026

This information supplements the *Local Rules* and *Terms of the Competition* for 2026 USGA Championships printed on the reverse side of this page.
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 30 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 three (3) qualifying spots and two (2) alternate positions available at this qualifier.

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 to determine final places. 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/split rail fences/property fences & roadway/curb edges at ground level or any combination thereof. A ball that crosses a public road defined as out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that road is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course, this also includes:

- On **Nos. 17 & 18** the driving range is out of bounds and is defined by white stakes.

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.

Relief from Aeration Holes Only on Putting Green - Model Local Rule E-4:

If a player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole on the Putting Green, the player may take relief under Rule 16.1d. Interference does not exist if the aeration hole only interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing or, on the putting green, the player's line of play.

Relief from Verticut Lines in the General Area - Model Local Rule E-4:

Behind the Putting Green on No. 3 only, if a player's ball lies in or touches verticut lines in the General Area, the player may take relief under 16.1d. If the ball comes to rest in another verticut line, the player may take relief again under this Local Rule.

Yellow Penalty Area on No. 9

When playing **No. 8** the yellow penalty area on **No. 9** is to be played as a red penalty area.

Drop Zone

If a player's ball is in the yellow penalty area in front of the **No. 9** green, including when it is known or virtually certain to be in that penalty area, even though not found, the player has these relief options, each for one penalty stroke:

- The player may take relief under Rule 17.1 or
- As an extra option, the player may drop the original ball or another ball in the dropping zone on the forwardmost teeing area defined by orange stakes. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3 and located approximately 114 yards from the middle of the green.

Temporary Immovable Obstructions

Model Local Rule F-23 is in effect for the following temporary immovable obstructions (TIOs):

- USGA/MSGGA Pop-Up Tents
- Turf Fans

Integral Part of the Course

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
- Dirt and sand roads and paths

Immovable Obstructions

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

- The cart path and large culvert on No. 4 is considered one obstruction and marked by white paint
- The solar panel and surrounding bushes on No. 13 are considered one obstruction
- The rock filled drain right of No. 18 green
- Stakes/wires supporting new trees

Scorecards

Immediately upon completion of play, each player is to return their scorecard to the scoring area located in the upstairs restaurant. A scorecard is considered returned 15 minutes from the time it has been entered and saved in the electronic scoring system.