USGA Rules Certification in 2018-2019

In Fall 2018 and Winter 2019, the USGA will offer individuals the opportunity to become certified on the new Rules of Golf at two levels by taking an exam at a PGA/USGA Workshop or through a local Allied Golf Association (AGA).

The two certification levels are as follows:

➢ “Expert” Rules Certification
   To earn this level of certification in 2018-2019, an individual must:
   • On the 100-question primary exam offered at a PGA/USGA Workshop,
     o Achieve 90 out of 100 or higher in Fall 2018; or
     o Achieve 90 out of 100 or higher in Winter 2019

   To be eligible to officiate at USGA Open championships and the Men’s Amateur and Women’s Amateur championships in 2019, all officials must earn this level of certification on the new Rules of Golf.

➢ “Advanced” Rules Certification
   To earn this level of certification in 2018-2019, an individual must:
   • On the 100-question primary exam offered at a PGA/USGA Workshop,
     o Achieve 75 out of 100 or higher in Fall 2018; or
     o Achieve 75 out of 100 or higher in Winter 2019; or
   • On the 80-question advanced exam offered at a PGA/USGA Workshop or through a local AGA,
     o Achieve 70 out of 80 or higher in Fall 2018; or
     o Achieve 70 out of 80 or higher in Winter 2019

   To be eligible to officiate at USGA amateur championships (excluding the Men’s Amateur and Women’s Amateur championships) in 2019, all officials must earn this level of certification on the new Rules of Golf.

Individuals seeking certification for 2019 are permitted to take each exam (100-question primary exam and 80-question advanced exam) once during Fall 2018 and once during Winter 2019.

Certification earned in 2018-2019 on the new Rules is valid for four years.

Stay tuned for further information on the launch of an integrated Rules certification program in late 2019, which will seek to recognize “Novice” and “Player” certification levels and leverage digital learning technology.