

U.S. WOMEN'S AMATEUR FOUR-BALL QUALIFYING
The Clubs of Prestonwood (Creek Course), Dallas, Texas
October 20, 2021



NOTICE TO PLAYERS

(This information supplements the Local Rules and Terms of the Competition for 2021 USGA Championships – see reverse side.)

1. **Format/Ties:** 18 holes of four-ball stroke play. Three (3) Qualifiers and two (2) Alternates. A tie for the last Qualifier spot or Alternate spot will be decided by a hole-by-hole, sudden-death playoff beginning after all scores have been posted.
2. **Tees:** Play will be from the USGA tee markers.
3. **Out of Bounds:** is defined by the line between the course-side points of white stakes, fence posts, and walls at ground level.
 - a. **Internal Out of Bounds** – During play of holes #6 and #9, the boundary of the left side of the hole is defined by white stakes. On hole #6, the stakes are left of the cart path that's left of the hole (between holes #3 and #6). On hole #9, the stakes are left of the creek (between holes #1 and #9). The white stakes are treated as boundary objects (no relief) during the play of holes #6 and #9. For all other holes, these stakes are immovable obstructions (free relief).
 - b. **Clubhouse Area** – behind #9 and #18 putting greens, OB is defined by the course-side edge of cart path curbing and the white stakes around the clubhouse.
 - c. **Driving Range & Adjacent Practice Green** – the entire practice area between holes #16 and #18 is OB and boundary is defined by white stakes and lines.
4. **Penalty Areas:**
 - a. **Dropping Zones – Holes #2, #8, #9, #10, #16:** While playing the below listed holes, if a player is allowed relief from the yellow penalty area, the player may drop a ball in the designated dropping zone (marked "DZ") as an additional relief option for one penalty stroke. Model Local Rule E-1.1 applies:
 - (i) on **hole #2** located just past the bridge, left of the cart path
 - (ii) on **hole #8** located between the teeing area and the creek
 - (iii) on **hole #9** located at the end of the fairway
 - (iv) on **hole #10** located at the end of the fairway
 - (v) on **hole #16** located at the end of the fairway
 - b. **Yellow Penalty Area Played as Red Penalty Area** – When playing **hole #1**, the yellow penalty area on hole #10 is to be played as a red penalty area. When playing **hole #8**, the yellow penalty area on hole #2 (left of hole, past bridge) is to be played as a red penalty area.
5. **Wrong Putting Green:** The practice putting green near #10 teeing area is a wrong putting green and relief must be taken in accordance with Rule 13.1f.
6. **Ground Under Repair: Edging Grooves Near Putting Greens** – The edging grooves around putting greens are GUR. If a player's ball lies in or touches a groove or a groove interferes with the area of intended swing, the player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b (for ball in General Area) or under Rule 16.1d (for ball on Putting Green). But interference does not exist if the edging groove only interferes with the player's stance.
7. **Immovable Obstructions:**
 - a. Include, but are not limited to, artificially surfaced cart paths, stone-bordered flower beds and tree wells and retaining walls located outside of penalty areas.
 - b. Immovable Obstructions **Within or Adjacent to Each Other**, such as artificially surfaced paths, curbing, walls, steps, drains, permanent structures, etc., are considered a single obstruction. Landscaped areas within or adjacent to such an obstruction is also part of that obstruction.
8. **Doubt as to Procedure:** If doubt as to procedure arises and a Referee is not readily available, in order to avoid delay, players are encouraged to play a second ball in accordance with rule 20.1c(3). The player must report the facts to the Committee before her scorecard is returned, even if she scores the same with both balls. The player is disqualified if she fails to do so.

9. **Pace of Play:** Guidelines for this Qualifier have been distributed to each player. Players failing to play in accordance with the Guidelines will be subject to penalty and possible disqualification.
10. **Competition Committee:** Chris Meadows, Bill Hanley, Ron Harper, Sandy Dalehite, Ken Anderson, Chuck Flowers, Richard Bargon, Eddie Myers.



Local Rules and Terms of the Competition

FOR 2021 USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and R&A Rules Limited govern play. These Local Rules and Terms of the Competition are in effect at all USGA championships and qualifying rounds. See applicable championship or qualifying round Notice to Players and Entry Application for modifications or additions to these Local Rules and Terms of the Competition. Complete text of the Rules and Local Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 2019.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty.

Out of Bounds — Defined by the line between the course-side points of white stakes and fence posts at ground level.

Penalty Areas — When a penalty area is defined on only one side, it extends to infinity. When a penalty area is connected to the out-of-bounds edge, the penalty area extends to and coincides with out of bounds.

Ground Under Repair — Defined by white lines. French drains are ground under repair. For grass-covered trenching, see Temporary Power Lines and Cables.

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 so declared by an authorized member of the Committee. When immediately adjacent to an immovable obstruction, such an area is part of that obstruction.

Relief from Seams of Cut Turf — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-7.

Immovable Obstructions — Include plastic bumpers on roads and paths, and mats secured to the ground with spikes when the bumpers or mats cover cables.

White-Lined Areas Tying Into Artificially Surfaced Roads and Paths — White-lined areas of ground under repair and the artificially surfaced roads, paths or other identified obstructions that they are connected to are a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.

Wood Chips and Mulch — Are loose impediments.

Integral Objects — Include cables, rods, wires and wrappings when closely attached to trees, and artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas or in or adjacent to bunkers, and bunker liners.

An exposed bunker liner may be treated as ground under repair, but interference does not exist if the liner interferes only with the player's stance.

Temporary Power Lines and Cables — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-22.

Temporary Immovable Obstructions — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-23.

List of Conforming Driver Heads — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-1.

Groove and Punch Mark Specifications — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect, except as modified by the applicable championship Entry Application. Model Local Rule G-2.

List of Conforming Golf Balls — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-3.

One Ball Rule — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-4.

Broken or Significantly Damaged Club — Local Rule as prescribed in the Clarifications to the 2019 Rules of Golf is in effect. Model Local Rule G-9.

Back-On-the-Line Relief — Local Rule as prescribed in the Clarifications to the 2019 Rules of Golf is in effect. Model Local Rule E-12.

Limiting When Stroke Made From Putting Green Must Be Replayed Under Exception 2 to Rule 11.1b — Local Rule as prescribed in the Clarifications to the 2019 Rules of Golf is in effect. Model Local Rule D-7.

Pace of Play — See separate memorandum to players for pace of play policy, when applicable.

Stopping and Resuming Play — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule J-1.

All practice areas are closed during an immediate suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to stop practicing; failure to stop practicing might result in disqualification.

An immediate suspension will be signaled by one prolonged airhorn note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive airhorn notes. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short airhorn notes.

Practice — Prior to and after a round in stroke play, a player may practice on the designated practice areas. Rule 5.2b covering practice in stroke play is modified in this way: A player may not practice on the competition course before or between rounds. Penalty for breach of Local Rule, see Rule 5.2.

Prohibiting Use of Motorized Transportation — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-6.

When Competition Is Final — The competition is final when the trophy has been presented to the winner or, in the absence of a prize ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the Committee.