

Notice to Competitors

(This information supplements the Local Rules and Conditions of Competition for USGA Championships)

1. PLAY will commence from the USGA Tee Markers.

2. THE ONE BALL RULE IS IN EFFECT

3. THE USE OF DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES IS PERMITTED

4. REPLACEMENT OF BROKEN OR SIGNIFICANTLY DAMAGED CLUB: Model Local Rule G-9 is in effect.

5. WALKWAYS COVERED BY MULCH OR WOOD CHIPS are integral objects. Other areas covered by mulch or wood chips are not integral objects. In either case, the mulch and wood chips are loose impediments.

6. FLOWER BEDS THAT ARE NOT IN PENALTY AREAS – If a ball comes to rest in a flower bed, or if a flower bed interferes with a player's stance or area of his intended swing, the ball **must be lifted**, without penalty, **and dropped** in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Rule 16 (Abnormal Course Conditions). The ball may be cleaned when lifted under this local rule. **(Flower Beds Must Have Flowers in Them).**

7. THE YELLOW PENALTY AREA located on hole #4, is deemed to be a red penalty area during the play of any other hole.

8. HOLE #4: If a ball is in yellow penalty area fronting the putting green, including when it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found came to rest in the penalty area, the player has these relief options, each for one penalty stroke:

- Take relief under Rule 17.1, or

- As an extra option, drop the original or another ball in the dropping zone located short of the penalty area. The dropping zone is a relief area under rule 14.3. The drop zone will be labeled "USGA DZ".

9. HOLE #16 – The Committee has deemed the cart path and grassy area behind the putting green and between the blue painted dots, to be an integral object. A player may play the ball as it lies or proceed under Rule 19 (Ball Unplayable). As an additional option, a player may use the nearest Drop Zone located behind the putting green for a ball unplayable.

10. A BALL which crosses a 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 course.

11. ADJACENT IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS are deemed to be one obstruction.

12. SCORING AREA: Is defined by the painted lines around the scoring tents. The scoring tents are temporary immovable obstructions, and the painted lines define the TIO. Relief is available on either side of the TIO, in accordance with the rules.

13. OUT OF BOUNDS is defined by inside points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts and public roads.

14. PLAYOFFS: Playoffs for qualifying spots and alternates will begin immediately following the conclusion of the qualifying round. Any playoff announcement will be made at the clubhouse.