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U.S. Open Local Qualifying
Keswick Golf Club
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NOTICE TO PLAYERS

(This information supplements the Championship entry and the Standard Local Rules and Terms of Competition for 2026 USGA Championships)

TEE MARKERS/FORMAT: All play will be from the USGA tee markers. Qualifying and alternate spots will be determined over 18 holes of stroke play. Five (5) qualifying and two (2) alternate spots are available. A playoff for the final spot(s) and alternate spots will take place shortly after the last group finishes.

TRANSPORTATION: Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-6: Players must walk at all times during the round. Caddies may ride in golf carts.

OUT OF BOUNDS: In addition to the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of brown stakes with white tops, and white stakes, out of bounds is also defined by:

- Hole #2 – the course side edge of the white painted line (right of green);
- Hole # 5 – the wooden split rail fence;
- Hole #7 & #12 – the course side edge of the road only between the white stakes with white dots underneath;
- Hole #12 – Internal Out of Bounds: During the play of hole #12, the edge of the fairway on hole #15 defines Out of Bounds.

INTEGRAL OBJECTS (no free relief): All railroad ties (e.g. surrounding bunkers and the walls on hole #9 & #14) are integral objects. The ball must be played as it lies or penalty relief may be taken.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR: In addition to any areas circled in white paint, areas of bare dirt immediately surrounding drains or sprinkler heads are deemed ground under repair. Consult a referee with any questions.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS:

- Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Green: MLR F-5.2 is in effect. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an Immovable Obstruction is on the line of play and is within two club-lengths of the Putting Green and within two club-lengths of the ball. **Relief under this Local Rule is only allowed when both the ball and the Immovable Obstruction lie in an area cut to fairway height or less.**
- Immovable Obstructions within or adjacent to each other, including but not limited to sprinkler heads near putting greens, are considered to be a single obstruction. Consult a referee with questions.
- Relief for Ball in Penalty Area: Model Local Rule F-24 is in effect. Relief from interference by sprinkler heads and utility boxes within one club-length of the edge of the penalty area is allowed Under Rule 16.1b, but only when the ball touches or lies on the obstruction or the obstruction interferes with the area of intended swing.
- Consult a referee with questions.

TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS: Model Local Rule F-23 is in effect. Temporary immovable obstructions include air-circulation fans near putting greens and all starting and scoring tents. Relief procedure may be taken on either side of the TIO.

RELIEF FROM AERATION HOLES: Model Local Rule E-4 is in effect. If a player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole in the general area or putting green, relieve is available under Rule 16.

USGA LOCAL RULES AND TERMS OF THE COMPETITION: To access the USGA Local Rules and Terms of the Competition, please scan the QR code below.



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