



U.S. Women's Open Qualifying Springfield Golf & Country Club May 6, 2026

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 36 holes of stroke play. Two (2) 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.

DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICES: The use of distance-measuring devices (DMD) to measure distance only (Rule 4.3) is permitted in all USGA qualifying rounds.

OUT OF BOUNDS: Out of bounds is defined by the line between the course-side points, of ground level, of white stakes and fence posts.

PENALTY AREA - DROPPING ZONE – HOLE #11: If a ball is in or it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found is in the red penalty area, the player may:

- i. Proceed under Rule 17.1d; or
- ii. As an additional option, drop a ball, under penalty of one stroke in the dropping zone provided (circle on most forward tee).

ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS - DROPPING ZONES – HOLE #12 & #15: If a player has interference of any of the following or it is virtually known or virtually certain that a ball lies in the area, the player is entitled to relief under Rule 16.1 and may proceed under the rule or as an additional option, use the Dropping Zone.

- Hole #12: Woodchips between the maintenance road and the townhouses, left of the putting green.
- Hole #15: Pollination garden behind the putting green

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREEN: Model Local Rule F-5 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 immovable obstruction lie in an area cut to fairway height or less.** There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.

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 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, the player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. If the ball comes to rest in another aeration hole the player may take relief again under this Local Rule. For a ball on the putting green, the player may take relief under Rule 16.1d. But 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, on the player's line of play.

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.

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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