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2026 U.S. Junior Amateur Qualifying Elizabeth Manor Golf & Country Club June 26, 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 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.

CADDIES: Caddies are not required. If you have a caddie, they must walk or use a push/pull cart. Caddies must not be a parent, step parent, or guardian.

OUT OF BOUNDS: In addition to the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts, out of bounds is also defined by the course side edge of all asphalt surfaces. A ball which comes to rest on or across a public road defined as out of bounds is out of bounds even though it may lie on another part of the course.

DROPPING ZONE: *Hole #9:* If a ball is in or it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found is in the penalty area, the player may:

- proceed under Rule 17.1d; or
- as an additional option, drop the original ball or another ball, under penalty of one stroke, anywhere in the dropping zone provided.
- The dropping zone will be identified by a VSGA sign. The entire forward tee will act as the dropping zone.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS:

- Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Green: Model Local Rule 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 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 for Ball in Penalty Area: Relief under Model Local Rule F-24 may be available for interference of an immovable obstruction (sprinkler head, drain pipe, etc.) within one club-length of the edge of a penalty area, 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.

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.

POWER LINES: If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a power line (or tower or a wire or pole supporting a power line) during the play of the hole, the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made.

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.

