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U.S. Senior Women's Open Qualifying
Mount Vernon Country Club
July 16, 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 BLUE** tee markers. Qualifying and alternate spots will be determined over 18 holes of stroke play. Four (4) 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 (DMDs) to measure distance only (Rule 4.3) is permitted in all USGA qualifying rounds.

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:

- On Hole #18 on the left of the hole, past the last white stake, the grass edge defines out of bounds. Two white dots define where OB crosses the cart path behind the putting green.
- The maintenance building to the right of hole #18 is out of bounds, marked by white stakes and fence posts.

DROPPING ZONE – Hole #16: If during play of Hole #16, a ball is in or it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found lies in the Yellow 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.

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.
- Model Local Rule F-23 is in effect for starting tents. Relief procedure may be taken on either side of the TIO.
- 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.

SCORING: The digital scorecard used via the Golf Genius app is the unofficial scorecard. The official scorecard is the paper scorecard which needs to be verified in the scoring area (located on the back patio, outside the pro shop).

RULES QUESTIONS: If you have any rules questions, please call Amanda Kelley at 757-273-4652.

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.



