



USGA



**U.S. Open Local Qualifying
Illini Country Club
May 13, 2024**

Notice to Players

This information supplements the Local Rules and Terms of the Competition for 2024 USGA Championships. Rules and definitions as published on local course scorecards shall not be used.

Rulings – There are a limited number of rules officials. If you are needing assistance with a ruling, please find a rules official on course or use the phone number published in the CDGA Scoring App.

Tees – All competitors will play from the **USGA Tee Markers**.

Obstructions – Railroad ties and other curbing, including planted areas and worn turf immediately adjacent to cart paths is considered part of the cart path, and thus an immovable obstruction. Areas of turf, mulch or the like that are encircled by a road or path are deemed to be part of the path and thus, part of the same obstruction.

Out of Bounds: Defined by the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts.

- Left of the creek wall on #10 is O.B.

Decision of ties - The Low 5 scores will advance to the U.S. Open Sectional Qualifying Round. If there is a tie for the final qualifying position and two alternate positions, play will proceed on a sudden victory basis. Playoff holes will be 10,11,9 and repeat.



Local Rules and Terms of the Competition

FOR 2024 USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and R&A Rules Limited govern play. These Local Rules and Terms of the Competition are in effect at all USGA championships and qualifying rounds. See applicable championship or qualifying round notice to players and entry application for modifications or additions to these Local Rules and Terms of the Competition. Complete text of the Rules and Local Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 2023.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty.

Out of Bounds — Defined by the line between the course-side points of white stakes and fence posts at ground level.

Penalty Areas — When a penalty area is defined on only one side, it extends to infinity. When a penalty area is connected to the out-of-bounds edge, the penalty area extends to and coincides with out of bounds.

Ground Under Repair — Defined by white lines. French drains are ground under repair. For grass-covered trenching, see Temporary Power Lines and Cables.

Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage, including areas where spectators or other traffic has combined with wet conditions to affect materially the ground surface, but only when so declared by an authorized member of the Committee. When immediately adjacent to an immovable obstruction, such an area is part of that obstruction.

Animal Near Ball — Model Local Rule E-13 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

Relief from Seams of Cut Turf — Model Local Rule F-7 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

Immovable Obstructions — Include plastic bumpers on roads and paths, and mats secured to the ground with spikes when the bumpers or mats cover cables.

White-Lined Areas Tying Into Artificially Surfaced Roads and Paths — White-lined areas of ground under repair and the artificially surfaced roads, paths or other identified obstructions that they are connected to are a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.

Wood Chips and Mulch — Are loose impediments.

Integral Objects — Include objects when closely attached to trees and boundary objects, and artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas or in or adjacent to bunkers, and bunker liners.

An exposed bunker liner may be treated as ground under repair, but interference does not exist if the liner interferes only with the player's stance.

Temporary Power Lines and Cables — Model Local Rule F-22 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

Temporary Immovable Obstructions — Model Local Rule F-23 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

List of Conforming Driver Heads — Model Local Rule G-1 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

Groove and Punch Mark Specifications — Model Local Rule G-2 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect, except as modified by the applicable championship entry application.

List of Conforming Golf Balls — Model Local Rule G-3 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

Prohibiting Use of Motorized Transportation — Model Local Rule G-6 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect and includes the exception that always authorizes riding when a player is operating under penalty of stroke and distance.

Missing Player or Marker Certification — Model Local Rule L-1 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

Pace of Play — See separate memorandum to players for pace of play policy, when applicable.

Stopping and Resuming Play — Model Local Rule J-1 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

All practice areas are closed during an immediate suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to stop practicing; failure to stop practicing might result in disqualification.

An immediate suspension will be signaled by one prolonged airhorn note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive airhorn notes. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short airhorn notes.

Practice — Prior to and after a round in stroke play, a player may practice on the designated practice areas. Rule 5.2b covering practice in stroke play is modified in this way: A player may not practice on the competition course before or between rounds. Penalty for breach of Local Rule, see Rule 5.2.

When Competition Is Final — The competition is final when the trophy has been presented to the winner or, in the absence of a prize ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the Committee.



CDGA Pace of Play Policy

In accordance with Committee Procedures 5H and Rule 5.6b

(This information supplements the Local Rules and Terms of the Competition for CDGA Championships card.)

The policy applies for all CDGA conducted Championship and Qualifiers (CDGA, State & USGA)

PACE OF PLAY - A player shall be subject to penalty for unduly delaying play and/or not playing in accordance with CDGA Pace of Play Guidelines. The highlights are listed below:

- If a group is out of position, the group will be notified and timed. A group is out of position when a par 4 or par 5 hole is open before the group reaches the teeing area.
- Players have 40 seconds to play a stroke. Any time over 40 seconds is a “bad time.”
- The timing will start when the player has had sufficient time to reach the ball, and it is the player’s turn to play and is able to play without interference or distraction. Time taken to determine distance and select a club will count as time taken for the next stroke. On the putting green timing will begin when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace the ball, repair damage that interferes with the line of play and move loose impediments. Time spent looking at the line of play from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.
- Timing ceases when a group is back in position and players will be advised.

Penalties for failure to comply with the policy

- Penalty for first breach: Verbal warning
- Penalty for second breach: One-stroke penalty
- Penalty for third breach: Two-stroke penalty applied in addition to penalty from the second breach
- Penalty for fourth breach: Disqualification

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