

# USGA MID-AMATEUR/WOMEN'S MID-AMATEUR



**Sectional Qualifying**  
**Dellwood Country Club**  
**29 East Highway 96, Dellwood, MN 55110**  
**Tuesday, August 6, 2019**

## **Local Rules and Information Sheet**

**TEES:** MEN: *Blue USGA* MARKERS WOMEN: *White USGA* MARKERS

**QUALIFIERS:** MEN: 4 WOMEN: 1 ALTERNATES: 2 (Both)

**FORMAT:** 18 holes, stroke play.

**TIES & PLAYOFFS:** In the event of a tie for the final qualifying spot and/or any alternate position, a hole-by-hole playoff will be conducted immediately following play.

*Rules are governed by the USGA Rules of Golf, the USGA Rules Card and the following local rules. Disregard any and all local rules printed on the local card.*

**PACE OF PLAY:** The Pace of Play Policy posted on the Qualifying website will be in effect. Hole completion times are indicated on the official scorecards.

**DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES:** that measure distance-only are permitted during all phases of the Championship.

**USGA GROOVES POLICY:** The player's clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf that are effective from January 1, 2010.

**BALL PLAYED FROM OUTSIDE RELIEF AREA WHEN TAKING BACK-ON-THE-LINE RELIEF:** Model Local Rule E-12 is in effect. (see details right)

**REPLACEMENT OF BROKEN OR SIGNIFICANTLY DAMAGED CLUB:** Model Local Rule G-9 is in effect. (see details right)

**PENALTY AREAS:** When both stakes and lines are used to mark a penalty area, the stakes identify while the lines define the area.

**GROUND UNDER REPAIR:** In addition to areas circled by white paint, the following are considered ground under repair. (NOTE: When an area of GUR is surrounded by a cart path, the entire area is to be considered as one obstruction.)

- (1) All cultivated flower and shrubbery beds – **Mandatory Relief**
- (2) Rock Garden behind #9 green. A Drop Zone has been provided as an additional option for relief.

**OUT OF BOUNDS:** Boundaries are defined by the following:

- (1) White stakes and/or white lines
  - (2) When playing Hole #5, the 4<sup>th</sup> fairway and anything to the player's right of it.
- NOTE: Any ball going out of bounds and coming to rest on another part of the course is still out of bounds.

**DROPPING ZONES:** Dropping Zones (DZ) have been established as additional relief options in the following locations:

- (1) Hole #7 – Red Penalty Area right of the fairway
- (2) Hole #9 – Rock garden behind the putting green

**EVACUATION PLAN:** In the event play is suspended for a dangerous situation, please return immediately to the Clubhouse.

**SCORING AREA:** Will be in the Clubhouse area.

**RULES COMMITTEE:** Doug Hoffmann (Chair), David Senner & Kathryn Sartain.

## **MODEL LOCAL RULES**

### **E-12: BALL PLAYED FROM OUTSIDE RELIEF AREA WHEN TAKING BACK-ON-THE-LINE RELIEF**

"When taking Back-On-the-Line relief, there is no additional penalty if a player plays a ball that was dropped in the relief area required by the relevant Rule (Rule 16.1c(2), 17.1d(2), 19.2b or 19.3b) but came to rest outside the relief area, so long as the ball, when played, is within one club-length of where it first touched the ground when *dropped*."

This exemption from penalty applies even if the ball is played from nearer the hole than the reference point (but not if played from nearer the hole than the spot of the original ball or the estimated point where the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area).

This Local Rule does not change the procedure for taking Back-On-the-Line relief under a relevant Rule. This means that the reference point and relief area are not changed by this Local Rule and that Rule 14.3c(2) can be applied by a player who drops a ball in the right way and it comes to rest outside the relief area, whether this occurs on the first or second drop." (Added 4/2019)

### **G-9: REPLACEMENT OF BROKEN OR SIGNIFICANTLY DAMAGED CLUB**

"Rule 4.1b(3) is modified in this way:

If a player's club is "broken or significantly damaged" during the round by the player or caddie, except in cases of abuse, the player may replace the club with any club under Rule 4.1b(4).

When replacing a club, the player must immediately take the broken or significantly damaged club out of play, using the procedure in Rule 4.1c(1).

For the purposes of this Local Rule:

- A club is "broken or significantly damaged" when:
  - the shaft breaks into pieces, splinters or is bent (but not when the shaft is only dented)
  - the club face impact area is visibly deformed (but not when the club face is only scratched)
  - the clubhead is visibly and significantly deformed
  - the clubhead is detached or loose from the shaft, or
  - the grip is loose.

Exception: A club face or clubhead is not "broken or significantly damaged" solely because it is cracked.

Penalty for Breach of Local Rule – See Rule 4.1b." (Added 4/2019)

