



# 2026 Sunnehanna Amateur

## June 17 to 20, 2026

### NOTICE TO PLAYERS

(This information supplements the USGA Rules of Golf effective January 1, 2023, and the Local Rules and Terms of the Competition for the Elite Amateur Golf Series.)

**FORMAT:** 72 holes of stroke play, unless shortened by the Committee due to unforeseen circumstances, with a cut to the low 60 players and ties after 54 holes. Play will be conducted from the Gold Tournament Tees.

**PRIZES:** Trophies will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers. In the event of a tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place, duplicate trophies will be awarded.

**PLAYOFF:** Should two or more competitors tie for the Championship, the tie shall be settled by a three-hole aggregate score playoff (holes #1, #2, and #7). In case of a tie after the conclusion of three holes, the playoff shall continue beginning on hole 8 and continuing through holes #9, #10, etc. as sudden death until a winner has been determined. The Committee reserves the right to substitute other holes for the playoff. Should inclement weather prevent a playoff, the winner will be determined by matching scorecards (best score in the last round, last nine, last six, last three, and finally the 18<sup>th</sup> hole). All announcements regarding the playoff will be made promptly after the completion of the final round – participating players **must** be available at that time.

**OUT OF BOUNDS:** White lines and/or the inside points of white stakes at ground level define out of bounds. The parking lot between holes #17 and #18 and the adjacent cottage are out of bounds as defined by white stakes or a white line on the ground. The traffic circle near the clubhouse and Pro Shop is out of bounds as defined by the inside edge of the road.

A ball coming to rest on or beyond a road is out of bounds, even if it comes to rest on another part of the course that is in bounds for other holes (MLR A-5).

**ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS and NO PLAY ZONES:**

- a. The practice bunker between holes #1 and #8 is *Ground Under Repair* and is part of the General Area. Relief is available under Rule 16.1.
- b. Ground Under Repair is defined by white lines.
- c. No Play Zones are defined by Blue Stakes and Blue Lines. If a player's ball lies in a No Play Zone or if it interferes with the player's stance or the area of his intended swing, the player **must** take complete and free relief under Rule 16.1b. Abnormal Course Condition (ACC) No Play Zones include:
  - a. The sod farm and tennis courts behind the 9<sup>th</sup> green and left of the 18<sup>th</sup> fairway, are separate No Play Zones,
  - b. The ornamental bushes next to/behind the 16<sup>th</sup> teeing area.
- d. Free relief is not available from paint dots and lines not used for course marking, such as blue paint dots used to indicate the fronts and backs of putting greens.

**WRONG GREEN:** The practice greens behind the holes #1, #8 and #18 are Wrong Greens. Relief is Mandatory under Rule 13.1f.

**DOUBT AS TO A RULE OR PROCEDURE:** If a player is doubtful of his rights or the correct procedure, he may play two balls in accordance with the restrictions provided by Rule 20.1c(3).

**RED PENALTY AREAS:** Identified by red stakes and the edges are defined by red lines. See Rule 17. Such areas are located on holes #4, #5, #7, #8, and #10. The Red Penalty Area behind the 9<sup>th</sup> green and to the right of hole #10 is defined solely by a stake(s).

**TIOs - Temporary Immovable Obstructions (MLR F-23):** TIOs include, but are not limited to, leaderboards; the fan behind the 10<sup>th</sup> green; championship tee signs; temporary restrooms; evacuation vehicles/carts (when not readily moveable), display BMW vehicles, fixed TV cameras, and hospitality tents. Special relief procedures:

- a. Either side relief: If a player is allowed relief under the TIO Local Rule, relief on either side is available.
- b. Multiple closely situated TIOs are treated as a single TIO.
- c. The player may take relief when there is: [1] physical interference; [2] line of sight interference; or [3] both physical and line of sight interference.

**STARTING AREA:** The Starting Area is defined by stakes, roping and/or blue dots.

**SCORING:** Upon completion of the round, players are to proceed to the scoring area located in the Sunroom adjacent to the Ballroom. A player's scorecard is returned when it has been given to the scoring official, and the player has left the scoring area.

**PACE OF PLAY:** Players are expected to finish their rounds in 4 hours and 32 minutes. See separate Pace of Play Policy memorandum to players for pace of play policy.

**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 the Committee has approved all scores.

**FINAL DECISIONS** on any disputed points will be made by Bill Fallon, Marion Dantzler, John Yerger, and Terry Teasdale.