



# 2024 AMENDMENTS MEMORANDUM

Several amendments to the Metropolitan Golf Associations (MGA) Championships will go into effect Jan. 1, 2024. The following is a summary of the key changes:

## **LOCAL RULES ADOPTED FOR ALL MGA/WGA/LIGA CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- **Model Local Rule F-5.2:** *Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Green.*

“Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 16.1.

The player has an extra option to take relief when such immovable obstructions are on or close to the putting green and on the line of play:

Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is:

On the line of play, and is:

- On or within two club-lengths of the putting green, and
- Within two club-lengths of the ball.

**"This Local Rule only applies when both the ball and the obstruction are in part of the general area cut to fairway height or less."**

- **Model Local Rule L-1:** *Modification of Penalty Under Rule 3.3b(2) for Missing Player or Marker Certification.*
- **Model Local Rule G-9:** *Replacing Cub That is Broken or Significantly Damaged.*
- The One Ball Rule will NOT be in effect at any MGA administered events.

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### **Ike and Met Amateur Championship Alternates Policy**

- Beginning in 2024, the MGA will identify a list of alternates for the Ike and Met Amateur Championships for all players who miss qualifying by 1 stroke at their respective sites. Additional Championship specific information can be found at the links below.

Click [here](#) for the Ike Championship alternates policy

Click [here](#) for the Met Amateur Championship alternates policy

### **US Amateur Exemption**

- The US Amateur will now have two qualifying stages, a local and final qualifier. Both qualifying rounds are 18 holes of stroke play.
- The winner of the 2024 Met Amateur will be exempt into the 2024 US Amateur Championship
- The quarterfinalist at the 2024 Met Amateur will be exempt from local qualifying for the US Amateur in 2025.

**Rule 25** – Players who would like to utilize Rule 25 must provide the MGA Championship department with all necessary paperwork as referenced in the registration portal.

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## Entry Fee Changes

- Ike entry fee increased from \$150 to **\$160**.
- Met Amateur entry fee increased from \$150 to **\$160**.
- MGA Senior Amateur Championship increased from \$150 to **\$160**.
- All Mid-Amateur entry fees will increased from \$175 to **\$200** (MGA/WGA/LIGA).
- Long Island Women's Amateur Stroke Play entry fee increased from \$150 to **\$165**.
- Richardson Memorial Championship entry fee increased from \$175 to **\$200**.

## WGA/LIGA - EClub Eligibility

- **LIGA eligibility:** Amateur members of MGA Member Clubs on Long Island, members of the MGA eClub – Long Island or USGA/MGA GC who reside on Long Island, and members of the MGA eClub – New York City or USGA/MGA GC who reside in Brooklyn, Staten Island, Queens, or Manhattan\* with an individual up-to-date Handicap Index based on ratings for men not exceeding 4.0 under the USGA Rules of Handicapping.
- **WGA eligibility:** Amateur members of MGA Member Clubs in the nine county area, members of the MGA eClub – Hudson Valley, MGA eClub – Connecticut, or USGA/MGA GC who reside in the nine county area, and members of the MGA eClub – New York City or USGA/MGA GC who reside in the Bronx, or Manhattan\* with an individual up-to-date Handicap Index based on ratings for men not exceeding 4.0 under the USGA Rules of Handicapping.

\*MGA eClub - NYC or USGA/MGA GC members who reside in Manhattan may play in either LIGA or WGA events, not both.

## USGA Eligibility Updates

Below are the following changes to the new handicap eligibility for USGA Events.

- US Open changed from 1.4 to **0.4**
- US Senior Open changed from 3.4 to **2.4**
- US Junior changed from 4.4 to **2.4**
- US Amateur changed from 2.4 to **0.4**
- US Senior Amateur changed from 7.4 to **5.4**
- US Mid-Amateur changed from 3.4 to **2.4**
- US Amateur Four-Ball change from 5.4 to **2.4**

This memo is not intended to be an exhaustive list of every MGA change for 2024, but rather a summary of key changes. For further information or should you have any questions regarding the 2024 amendments, please contact the MGA

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