

USDGC™

Competition Book

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1
248 ft
P
A
R **3**

2014 STATISTICS

Open Flight

Birdie	53%
Par	43%
Bogey	4%

Performance

Birdie	25%
Par	60%
Bogey	14%

Hazard area play from lie with one throw penalty.

Hole Specific Rules: Street on left and beyond is OB. Mandatory left near tee. Drop zone is tee pad. Roped or painted area flanking target are Hazard. Beyond rope far to the right is OB.



2014 STATISTICS

Open Flight

Birdie	35%
Par	51%
Bogey	13%

Performance

Birdie	10%
Par	51%
Bogey	32%
More	7%

2

629 ft

**P
A
R** **4**

Hole Specific Rules: Street on left and areas beyond are OB. Parking lot is OB. Beyond fence on right is OB. Discs landing on the other side of the fence may not be retrieved. On top of building played from drop spot behind (tee side) of building. Roped area on right is Hazard.

Hazard area play from lie with one throw penalty.



Maine

OB

HAZARD

OB

OB

3

389 ft

PAR 3

2014 STATISTICS

Open Flight

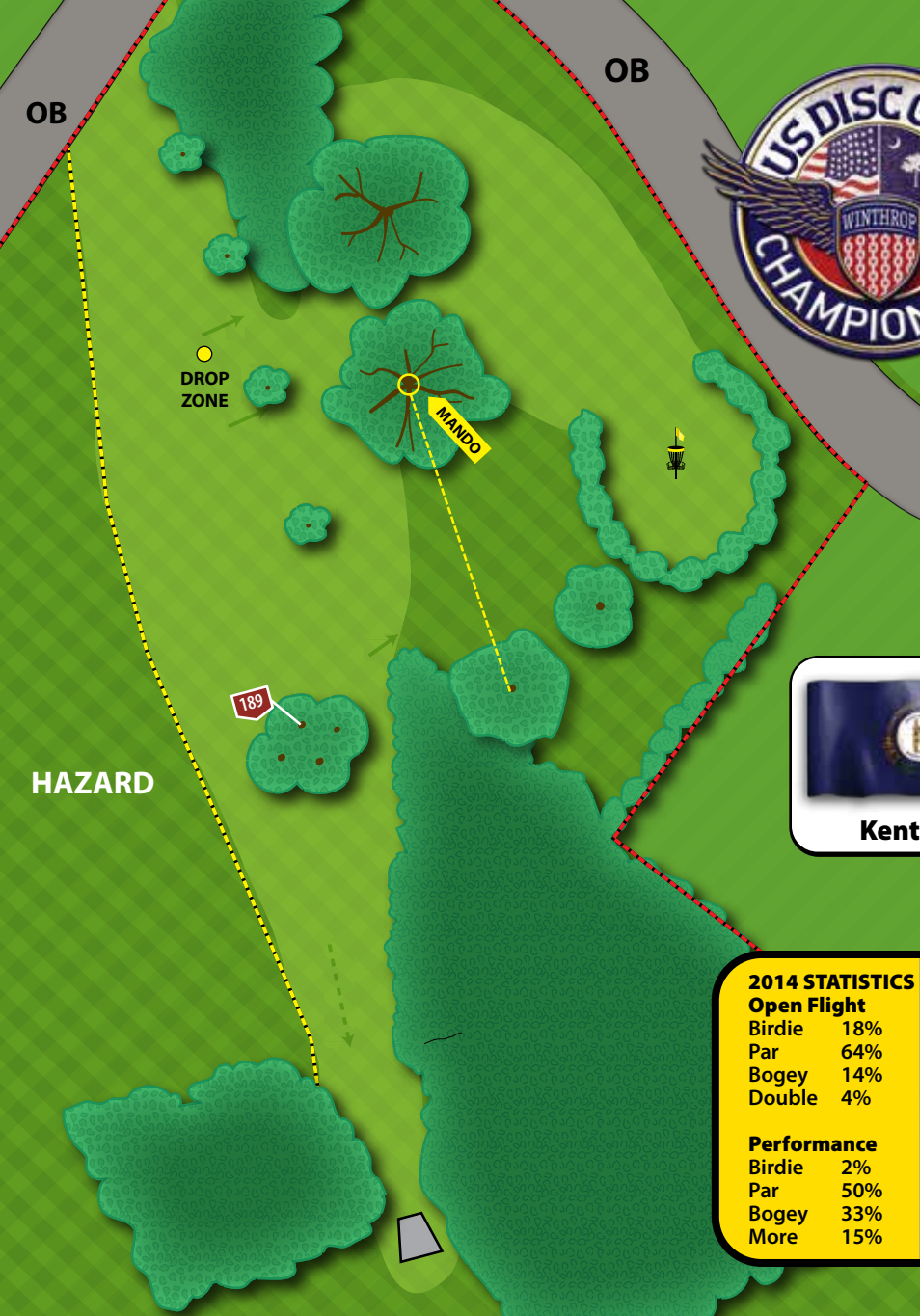
Ace	1
Birdie	47%
Par	39%
Bogey	13%

Performance

Birdie	21%
Par	43%
Bogey	32%
More	4%

Hazard area play from lie with one throw penalty.

Hole Specific Rules: Roped area on left is Hazard. Street is OB. Shots thrown from the teeing area that come to rest short of the street are OB. Roped area on right around house is OB.



Kentucky

2014 STATISTICS

Open Flight

Birdie	18%
Par	64%
Bogey	14%
Double	4%

Performance

Birdie	2%
Par	50%
Bogey	33%
More	15%

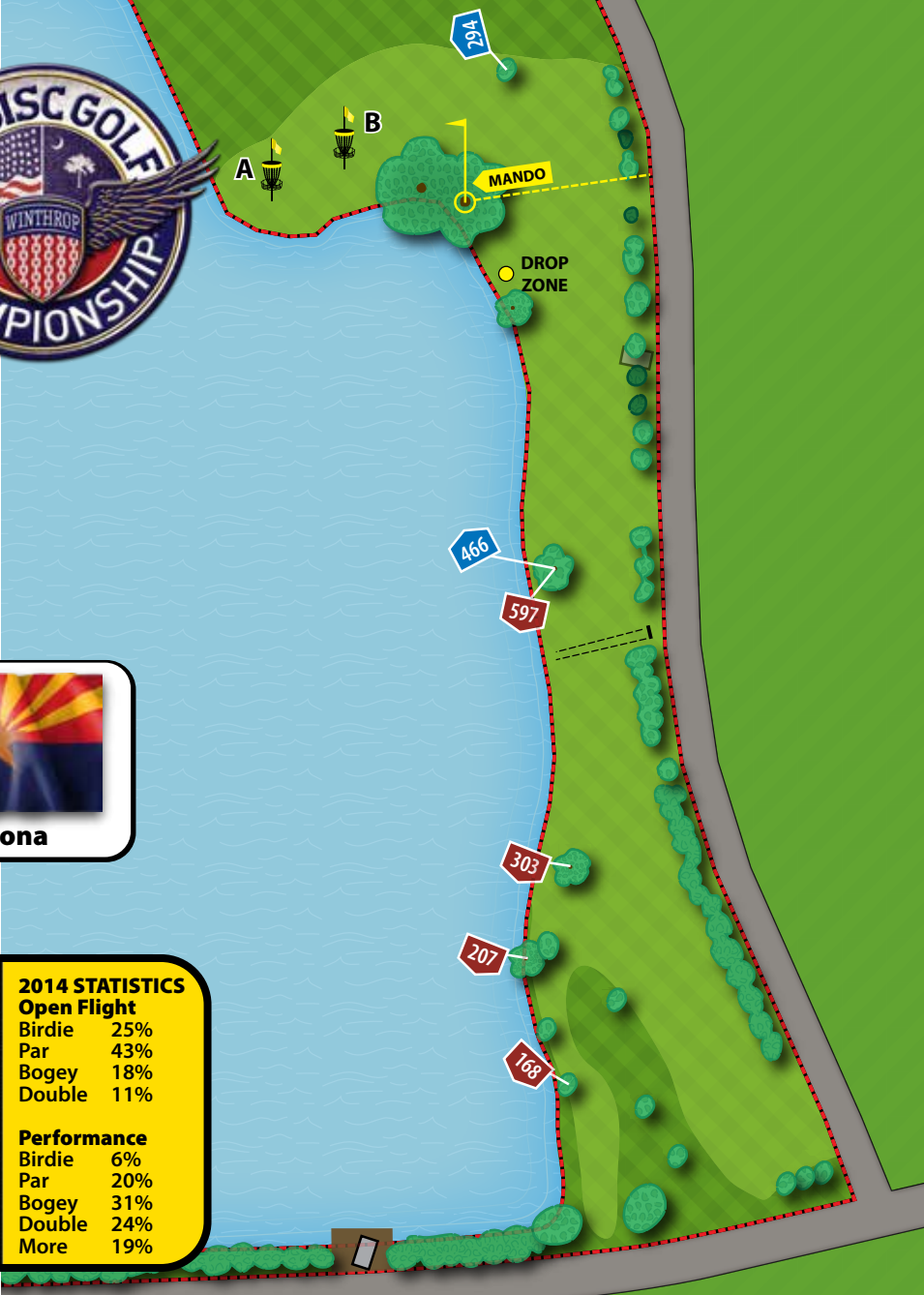
4

448 ft

**P
A
R
4**

Hole Specific Rules: The street, all areas beyond the street, and the fenced maintenance area behind the green are OB. Roped area on left is Hazard. Mandatory left at large oak tree. Drop zone marked in fairway. To complete this mandatory, the disc must also clearly pass below some portion of the trees when crossing the mandatory line to the correct side.

**MANDATORY
Must pass left
of Mando tree,
but not over
the trees.**



5
A 1083 ft
B 1078 ft
P A R 5

2014 STATISTICS
Open Flight

Birdie 25%
 Par 43%
 Bogey 18%
 Double 11%

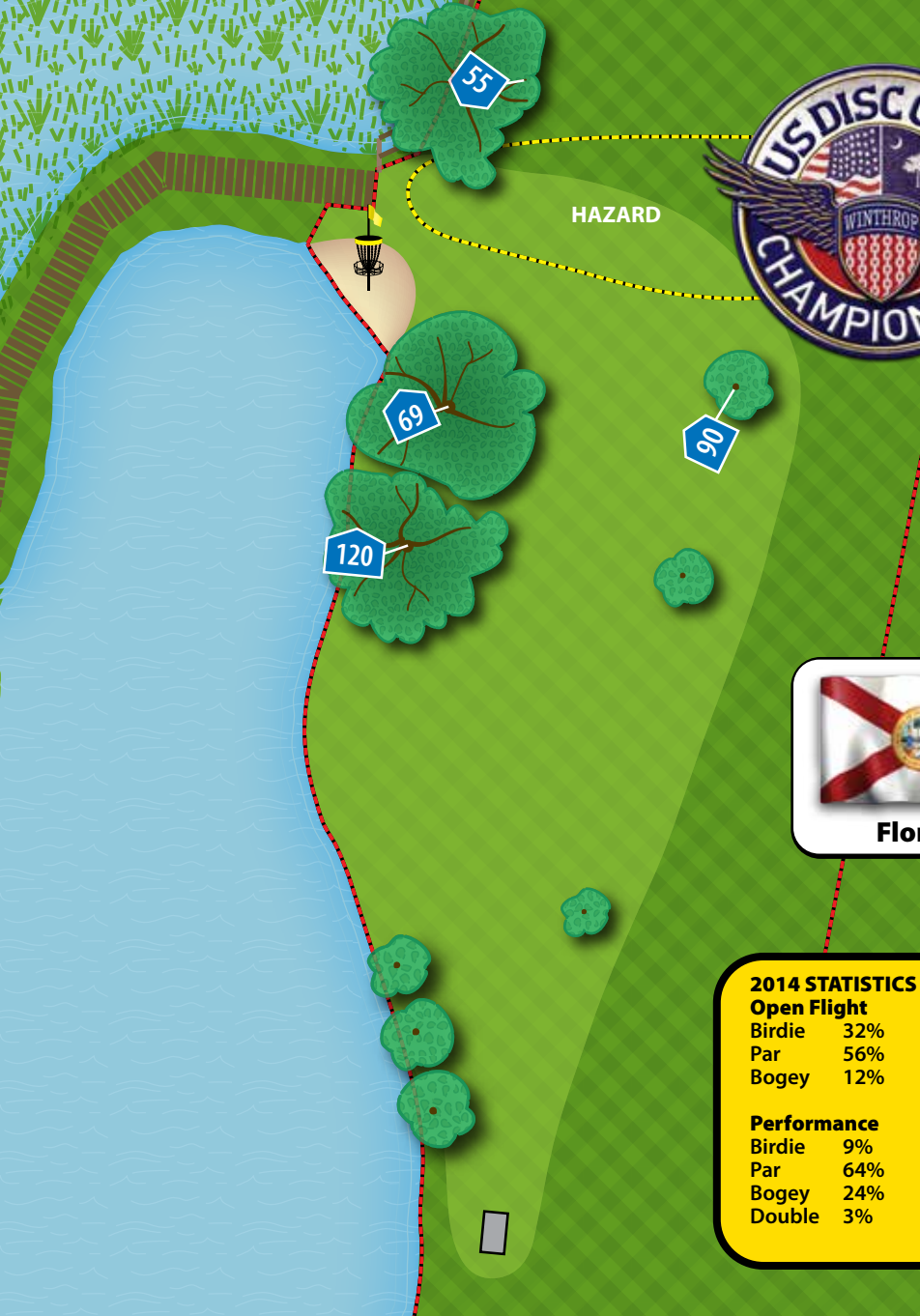
Performance

Birdie 6%
 Par 20%
 Bogey 31%
 Double 24%
 More 19%

**Mando -
 Left of Mando
 pole at corner of
 lake.**

Hole Specific Rules: Winthrop Lake, the street on right, all areas beyond the street on right, and the parking area beyond the green (adjacent to Hole 6) are OB. Shore in places marked with string or rope. Mandatory left of tall pole with flag at corner of lake. Drop zone marked in fairway.

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A	A	A	B	B	A



2014 STATISTICS

Open Flight

Birdie	32%
Par	56%
Bogey	12%

Performance

Birdie	9%
Par	64%
Bogey	24%
Double	3%

6

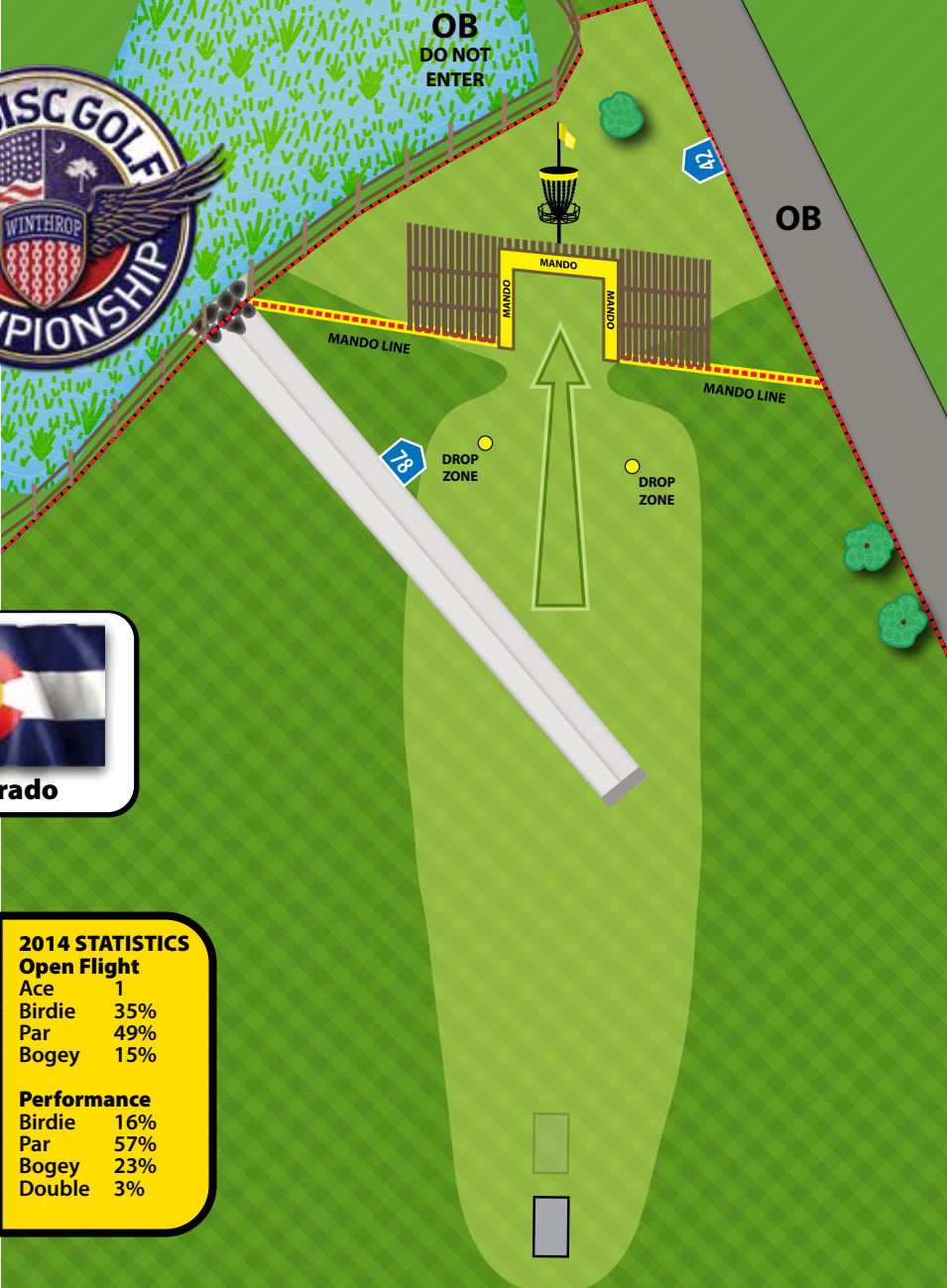
371 ft

**P
A
R** **3**

Hole Specific Rules: Winthrop Lake, the parking area on right, and wetlands area behind the green are OB. Roped area near green is Hazard. On green, the lake OB line is defined by board edging; Discs landing in the wetlands area may not be retrieved.

Hazard area play from lie with one throw penalty.

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7

284 ft

P
A
R 3

2014 STATISTICS

Open Flight
Ace 1
Birdie 35%
Par 49%
Bogey 15%

Performance
Birdie 16%
Par 57%
Bogey 23%
Double 3%

Triple Mando - To complete the hole, a shot must pass through the triple mando.

Hole Specific Rules: The concrete culvert is in bounds up to where the Mandatory line is crossed. It is neither OB nor Hazard. The street, all areas beyond the street, and the wetlands area are OB. Discs landing in the wetlands area may not be retrieved. The entrance to the green is a triple mandatory. To complete the mandatory, the disc must pass between the two marked vertical posts and below the marked top post. Throws that miss the mandatory may be played from either of the two drop zones with a one-throw penalty. If after passing the mandatory correctly the disc establishes a position such that the bamboo wall prevents the player from taking a legal stance behind the marker, the player may relocate the lie up to one meter away from and perpendicular to the mandatory line even if the direction takes the lie closer to the target.



2014 STATISTICS

Open Flight

- Birdie 29%
- Par 59%
- Bogey 9%
- More 2%

Performance

- Birdie 8%
- Par 48%
- Bogey 30%
- More 14%

8

A 667 ft

B 627 ft

P

A

R

4

Hole Specific Rules: All areas beyond red stakes/rope and fence on left are OB. Beyond rope on right side is Hazard. Baseball field on right is OB. Discs landing in the baseball stadium may not be retrieved. Mandatory left of foul pole at corner of baseball field. Drop Zone for missed mandatory marked near mandatory. Distances listed are to the A pin.

MANDATORY
Left of foul ball pole.

US Doubles	Mon. Qualifier	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
A	A	A	B	B	A



9
575 ft
P
A
R **4**

2014 STATISTICS
Open Flight

Birdie 43%
 Par 29%
 Bogey 18%
 Worse 11%

Performance

Birdie 15%
 Par 33%
 Bogey 22%
 Double 14%
 More 17%

MANDO

OB

Baseball Field (OB)

287

284

DROP ZONE

327

240

Hole Specific Rules: In bounds is fairway between two ropes. All other areas including ball field are OB. OB options limited to previous lie or drop zone. Discs landing in the baseball stadium may not be retrieved. Mandatory right near tee. The tee is the Drop Zone for missed mandatory. Any drive coming to rest OB has the option of throwing from the previous lie or proceeding to the Drop Zone.

OB options limited to Drop Zone or previous lie.



Virginia

2014 STATISTICS	
Open Flight	
Eagle	8%
Birdie	44%
Par	31%
Over	16%
Performance	
Birdie	30%
Par	34%
Bogey	19%
Double	9%
More	8%

10
554 ft
P
A
R
4

Hole Specific Rules: In bounds is fairway (right of the sidewalk and left of the ropes). All other areas including tennis court and sidewalks and beyond on left are OB. For the entire hole, OB options limited to previous lie or Drop Zone. Mandatory right near tee. Drop Zone for missed mandatory is tee.

OB options limited to Drop zone or previous lie.

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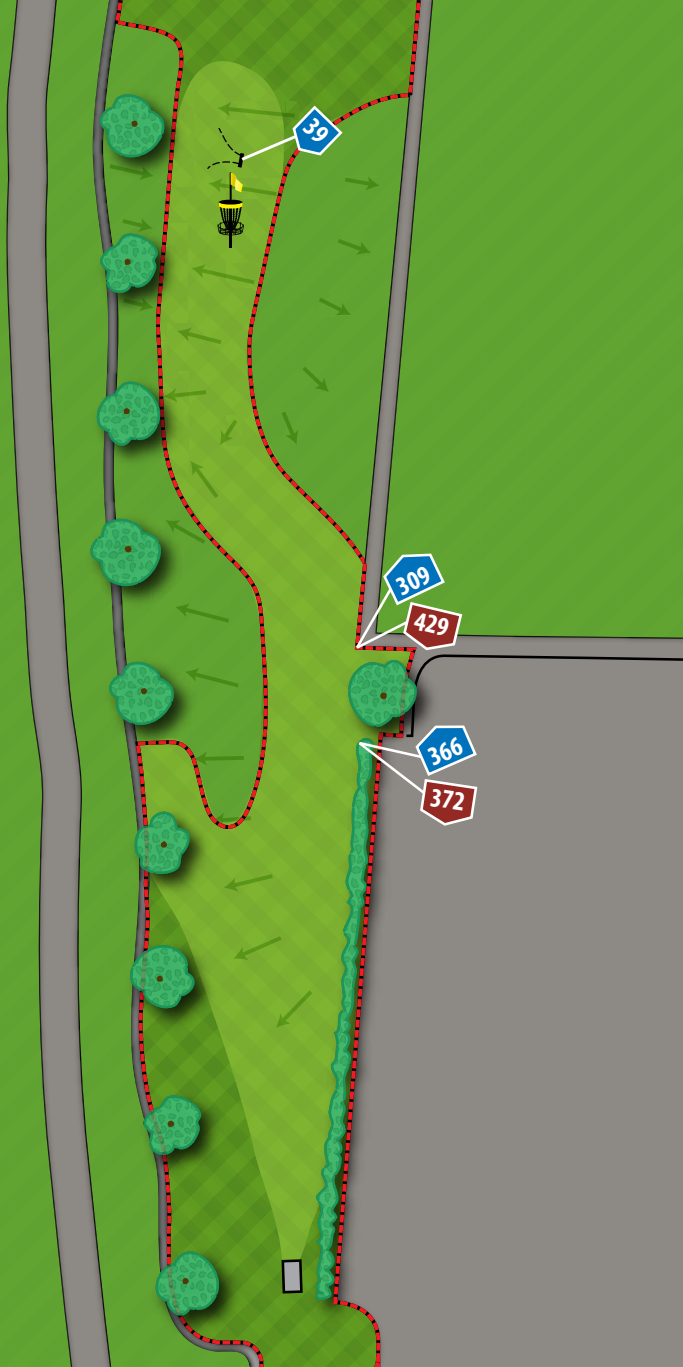
California

11
734 ft
P
A
R **4**

2014 STATISTICS

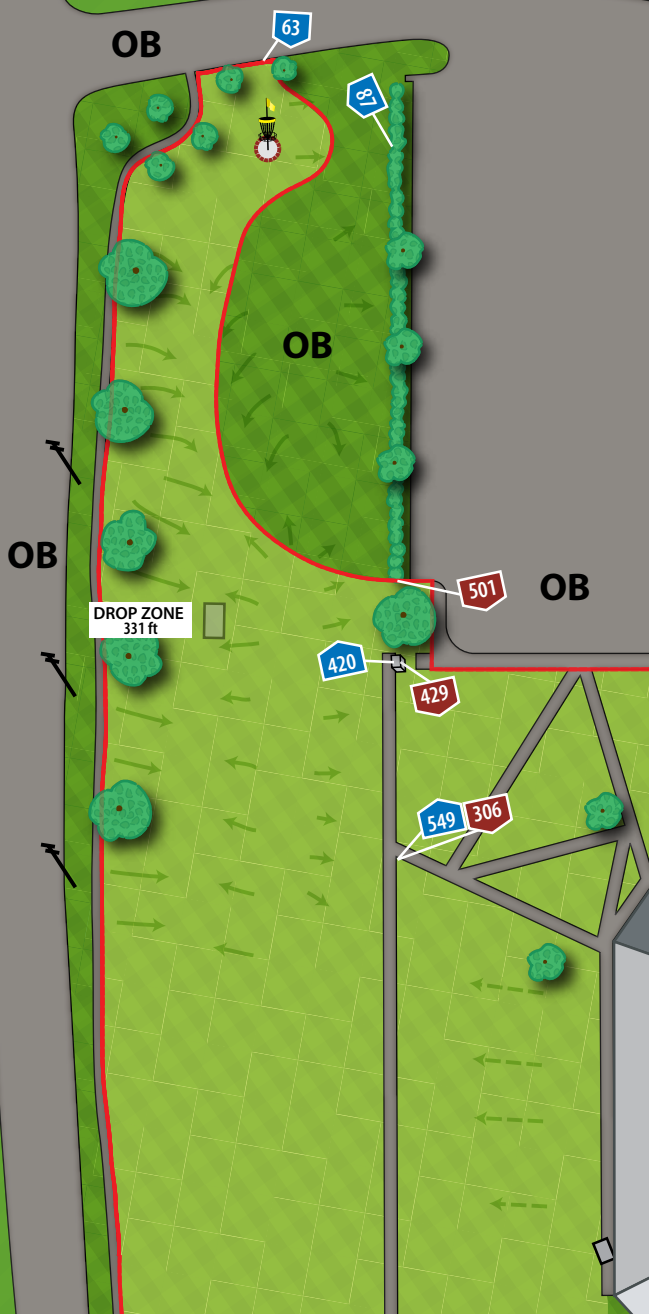
Open Flight
Birdie 10%
Par 40%
Bogey 36%
More 14%

Performance
Birdie 4%
Par 33%
Bogey 33%
Double 20%
More 10%



Normal OB
Rules apply.

Hole Specific Rules: The sidewalk on left and all areas behind the sidewalk on left are OB. Roped area on left is OB. On the right side of the fairway, the curb, sidewalk, pavement, roped areas and beyond are OB.



2014 STATISTICS	
Open Flight	
Birdie	18%
Par	54%
Bogey	14%
More	14%
Performance	
Birdie	2%
Par	40%
Bogey	33%
Double	14%
More	12%

12
901 ft
P
A
R
4

Hole Specific Rules: Red roped area around green of Hole 11 is OB. Sidewalk and beyond on left OB. Beyond rope on right OB. Center sidewalk between left rope and right rope where fairway naturally crosses the sidewalk is not OB. For the entire hole, OB options limited to previous lie or Drop Zone.

OB area on right is rethrow or Drop Zone only.

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13
A 888 ft
B 803 ft
P
A
R **5**

2014 STATISTICS

Open Flight

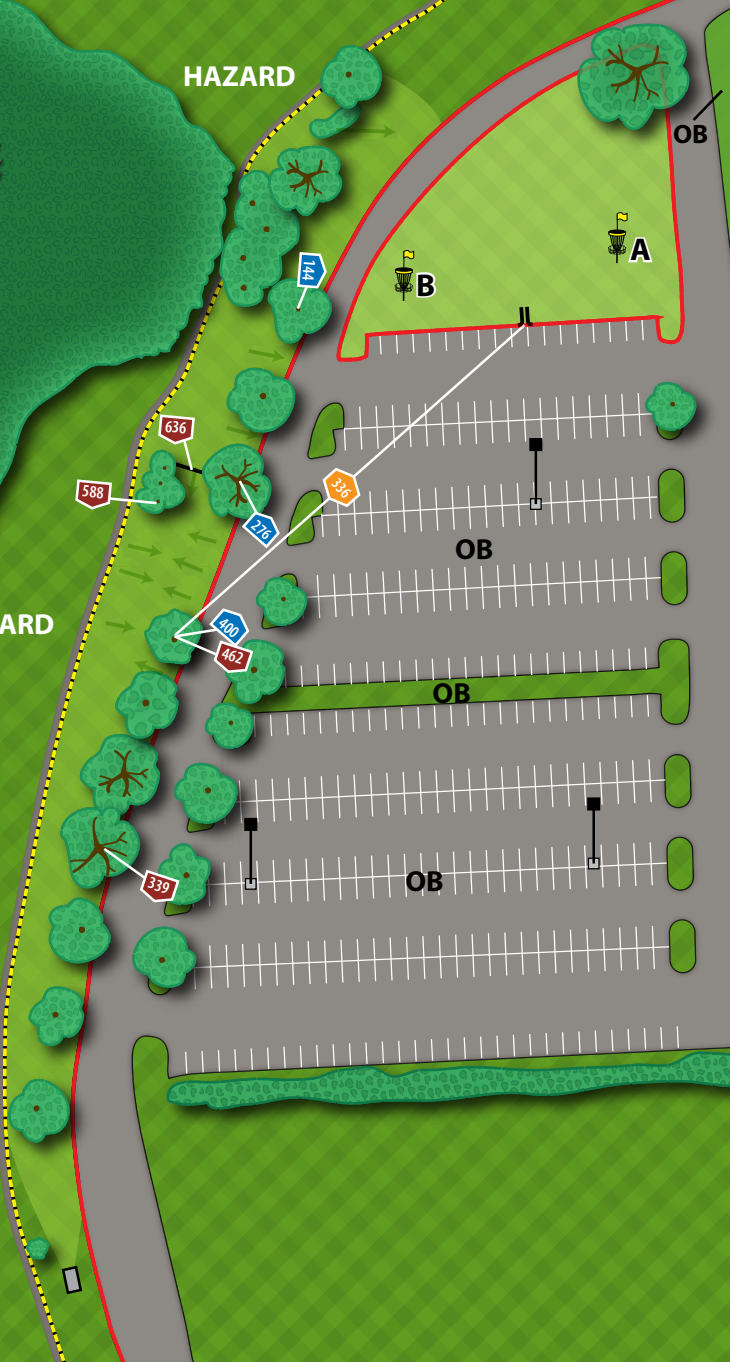
Eagle	1%
Birdie	26%
Par	31%
Over	43%

Performance

Birdie	9%
Par	23%
Bogey	20%
Double	15%
More	32%

HAZARD

HAZARD



Hazard on left:
Play from lie with
1-throw penalty

OB on right:
Previous lie only

Hole Specific Rules: The road, parking lot area and beyond, and grassy islands inside the parking area are OB. The sidewalk on left and all areas beyond the sidewalk on left are Hazard. Shots that land OB are limited to previous lie only. This includes shots from the tee and from the fairway. In order to advance, a shot must come to rest either in-bounds or in Hazard. Distances listed are to the A pin.

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A	A	A	B	B	A



2014 STATISTICS

Open Flight

Birdie	26%
Par	49%
Bogey	23%
Triple	2%

Performance

Birdie	8%
Par	48%
Bogey	34%
More	10%

14

413 ft

**P
A
R
3**

Hole Specific Rules: Road and beyond OB. Red roped sidewalk on right is OB. On coliseum roof is OB. Yellow roped area on left Hazard. Center sidewalk where fairway naturally crosses the sidewalk (between left rope and parking lot) is not OB.

Hazard area play from lie with one throw penalty.

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OB

OB

412

77

174

256

HAZARD

260

OB



Tennessee

15

539 ft

PAR 4

2014 STATISTICS

Open Flight	
Birdie	28%
Par	44%
Bogey	24%
Double	4%

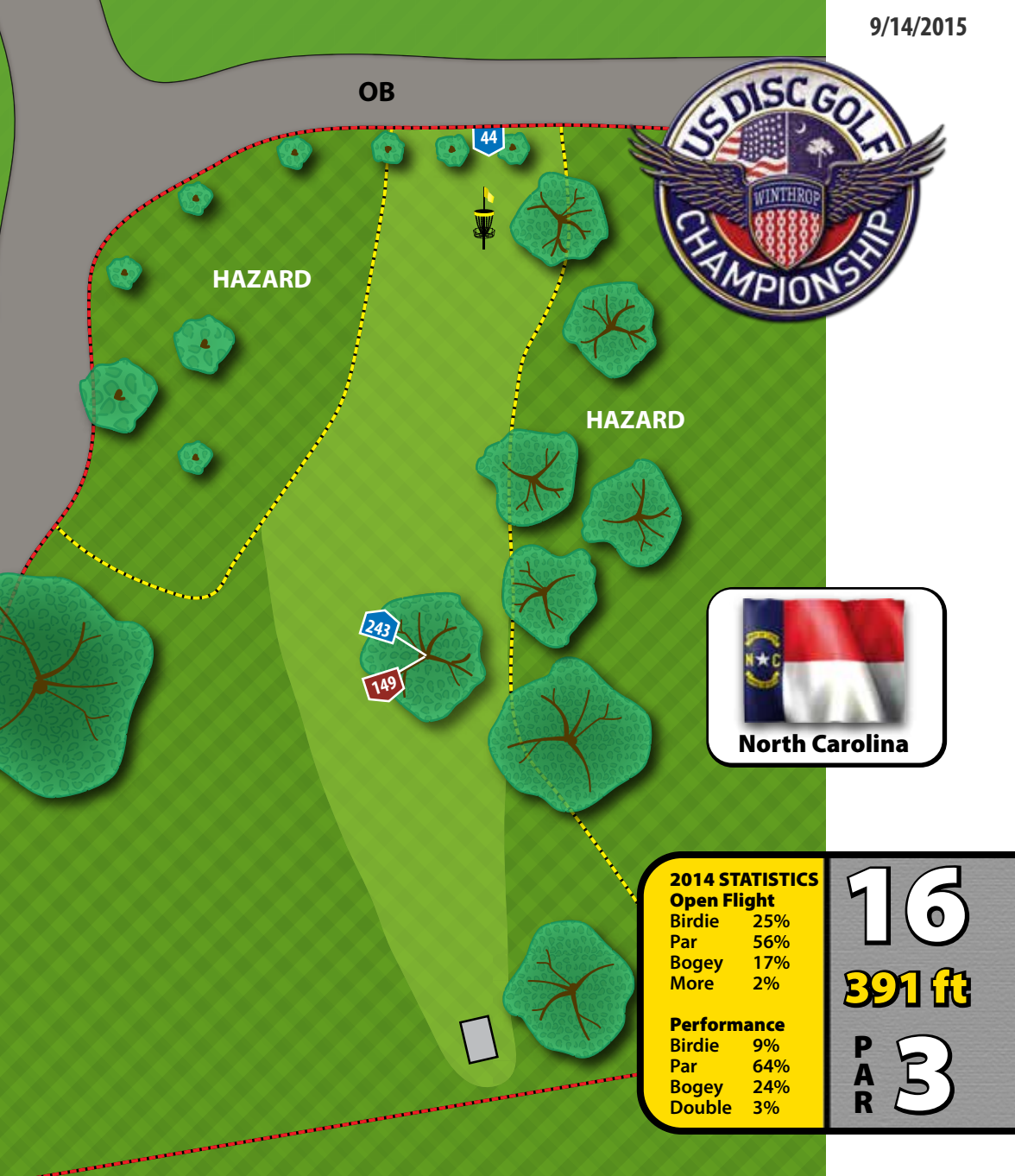
Performance	
Birdie	9%
Par	35%
Bogey	35%
More	21%

MANDO

MANDO

Hazard area play from lie with one throw penalty.

Hole Specific Rules: Mandatories right and left near tee. Drop Zone for both mandatories is tee. Left side roped area (including behind green) and beyond is OB. Right side roped area is Hazard. Beyond fence in baseball field is OB. Discs landing in the baseball field may not be retrieved.



OB

44

HAZARD

HAZARD

243

149



2014 STATISTICS

Open Flight

Birdie	25%
Par	56%
Bogey	17%
More	2%

Performance

Birdie	9%
Par	64%
Bogey	24%
Double	3%

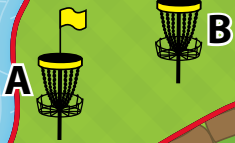
16
391 ft
P
A
R **3**

Hole Specific Rules: The street and all areas beyond the street are OB. The right side roped area is Hazard. Roped area on left Hazard.

Hazard area play from lie with one throw penalty.



DROP SPOT



OB



17
A 249 ft
B 254 ft
P A R 3

2014 STATISTICS

Open Flight

Birdie	27%
Par	40%
Bogey	10%
More	23%

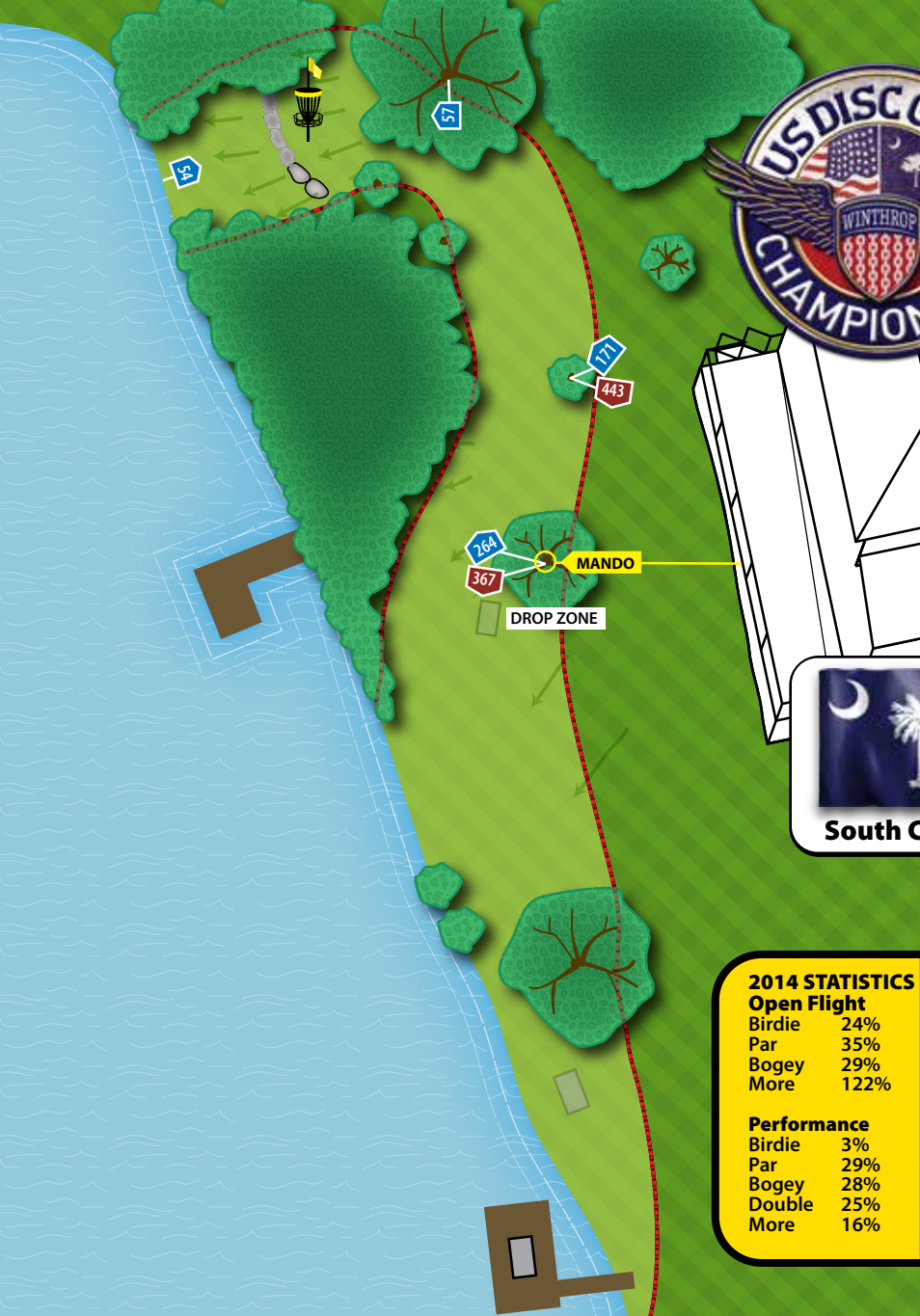
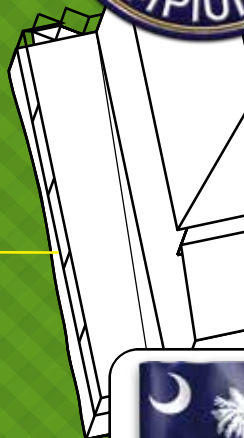
Performance

Birdie	14%
Par	31%
Bogey	14%
More	41%

OB limited to previous lie. Rethrow with penalty, even from the green.

Hole Specific Rules: In bounds limited to safe area near tee and inside pine bales. The lake and all other land, including bales themselves, are OB. For the entire hole, OB options limited to previous lie. Throws landing OB must throw again from the original lie with a one-throw penalty. This applies to all throws, even those from the green. Distances listed are to the A pin. After 5 total OB throws, player may take lie at drop spot on green.

US Doubles	Mon. Qualifier	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
A	A	A	B	B	A



2014 STATISTICS	
Open Flight	
Birdie	24%
Par	35%
Bogey	29%
More	122%
Performance	
Birdie	3%
Par	29%
Bogey	28%
Double	25%
More	16%

18
647 ft
P
A
R
4

Hole Specific Rules: The lake on left and all roped areas are OB. Mandatory left of tree on hill near stage. Drop zone for missed mandatory is located near mandatory. Drives that do not cross inbounds from the tee must retee with penalty. One player on platform at a time.

Normal OB rules apply.

Official Ground Rules for the 2015 USDGC

- 1.** Please carefully read Winthrop University Rules. Violators subject to penalty and disqualification. Please park in marked areas only, or prepare to be ticketed.
- 2.** Hazards are in-bounds penalty areas. Discs landing in a **Hazard** may be played from where the disc came to rest, or from the original lie, with a one-throw penalty. (For tee throws, the decision must be made before leaving the teeing area.) Hazard ropes and stakes are casual obstacles. Relief limited to relocating to the nearest lie which is no closer to the target, is on the line of play, and is not more than five meters from the original lie. The Hazard line is part of the Hazard.
- 3.** "OB" is used to represent the traditional out-of-bounds rules. Except as noted in the hole 9, 10, 12, and 17 specific rules, discs landing OB may be played either from where the disc was deemed last in bounds, or from the original lie, with a one-throw penalty. The stakes that support the rope/string are part of OB. Red ropes, string, and the stakes that support them are not casual obstacles.
- 4.** Throws that land OB on a hole where a player may choose to mark up to a meter in-bounds off the OB line with a one throw penalty, are not thereby subject to a second penalty if that marked lie happens to be within a Hazard area.
- 5.** All paved roads and parking lots are OB. Except as noted, all sidewalks are OB. Some roads and sidewalks are delineated by white lines to define the edges. Concrete curbing, where present, is the OB line. The concrete parking lot drains that extend inwards on Holes 11 and 13 are not part of curbing; they are in-bounds.
- 6.** Except as noted in the hole specific rules, all areas beyond paved roads and sidewalks are OB except where the fairways naturally cross the road or sidewalk.
- 7.** The Winthrop Wetlands area behind Holes 6 and 7 is OB and off limits. If you throw a disc in, you must leave it. Spotters may be able to retrieve discs later, but they are not allowed access to the wetlands without approval. Violators subject to penalty and disqualification.
- 8.** A throw that misses a mandatory and comes to rest OB or Hazard is played and penalized according to the mandatory rules. Note: Mandatory

lines extend into the OB and Hazard.

- 9.** Players may obtain relief from fire ant mounds in accordance with rule 803.01B. Players may also obtain relief from bees, wasps, hornets, and yellow jackets.
- 10.** All fences and areas beyond are OB. Discs may be retrieved after play has concluded for the day with permission of property owner. The fences themselves are also OB. If the disc comes to rest on "wrong" side of the fence, the disc is OB.
- 11.** Red rope marks OB areas; yellow rope marks Hazard areas. The lower rope/string near the ground is the official line for both Hazard and OB. If the rope/string appears to have been moved, consult an official.
- 12.** Pennant flags and green rope indicate crowd control. These crowd control ropes and flags, as well as the stakes that support them, are casual obstacles. Relief may be taken in accordance with rule 803.01B.
- 13.** The 2 meter rule is not in effect.
- 14.** Drop zones - On holes 9, 10, 12, and 17, the fairway drop zones are the only drop zone available for OB throws. All other drop zones are available only for missed mandatory. There are no drop zones for Hazard throws.
- 15. Scorekeeping:**
 - a)** After each hole, each member of the group records each player's score. At the end of the round, each player totals all of the scores on his or her card. Players must sign their own card and attest, by signing, the official score of the other players on their respective cards. The signing and attesting must be done in the presence of the scoring staff so there is no time delay between the attestation on the cards and the submission to the staff.
 - b)** If there is an error, only the player whose card is in error will receive the penalty prescribed in 805.02 H (2).
 - c)** Scorekeeping is an integral part of play. Each member of the group has a duty to the field for their scores as well as the scores of their group mates. Caddies can keep score, but only for the player for whom they caddy. Group scorekeepers will not be allowed as this defeats the cross checking mechanism. Because scorekeeping is such an integral part of the competition, players

who do not follow the procedure (including scoring, attesting, and submission in the scoring area) will be considered to have circumvented the rules and subject to a 2-throw penalty and possible disqualification.

Frequently Asked Questions - General

Question: What guideline should be used to make a call?

Answer: If it is clear, make the call; if it is not clear, don't call it. Regardless of the player, the circumstances, or the degree of infraction, make the call when the violation is clear. Do it every time. Never make a call if you are unsure. Follow this simple maxim and acrimony will be reduced, consistency increased, and fairness enhanced.

Question: Chain Link Fences – What is the ruling for a throw that flies over a chain link fence and comes to rest leaning against the OB side of the fence?

Answer: As a matter of USDGC policy, shots that come to rest leaning against the OB side of the fence are deemed not to have broken the in-bounds plane regardless of the flex or curve of the fence.

Question: The disc comes to rest above 2 meters, what is the ruling?

Answer: The "2-Meter Rule" is NOT in effect for the USDGC for the entire course. Discs that come to rest above the playing surface should be marked directly below in accordance with 802.02(C), with no penalty, unless they are suspended above OB.

Question: What happens if someone's putt or approach lands in the OB?

Answer: OB rule applies for all throws including putts.

Question: What happens if a player throws multiple discs into the OB? Can they be retrieved?

Answer: A player may retrieve OB throws (unless prohibited by the rules such as throws beyond fences or in the wetlands area) but the player is subject to Rule **804.01** (Excessive Time). This will be relaxed for a player who has thrown 5 consecutive throws into an OB. The player may also try to borrow a disc from a group mate, but only if the borrowed disc is distinct from those in play.

Question: What scorekeeping error(s) can incur

penalties?

Answer: The player is penalized only if there is an error with his or her official hole scores or official total score. The player will not be penalized if his or her score is incorrectly recorded on a groupmate's card. Hopefully, this will be caught in the scoring area prior to turning the card in.

Question: What if a player makes a mistake or decides not to follow the scoring procedure?

Answer: See above answer for error in player's official score. If a player inadvertently makes an error recording the score(s) of a group mate, the player will not be penalized. However, deliberate errors or refusal to follow the procedure will result in a 2-stroke penalty and potential disqualification. All members of the group are required to review the group scores together in the scoring trailer.

Question: What if a throw misses a mandatory and comes to rest in OB or Hazard?

Answer: Once the disc has missed the mandatory (a throw is considered to have missed the mandatory if it passes the incorrect side of the mandatory line from the direction of the tee, and comes to rest lying completely beyond that line) OB rules do not create further issues. Note: Mandatory lines extend into the OB and Hazard.

Question: Can a player ask staff, spectators, or another player to move or to move their equipment?

Answer: Players, staff, spectators and their equipment are not obstacles and a player can ask that they be moved.

Frequently Asked Questions – Hole Specific

Hole 2 – Question: How does one play a throw that lands on top of the utility building on the left?

Answer: Since this building is not OB and with the 2-meter rule not in effect, throws that comes to rest on its roof shall be played from drop spot behind (tee side) of building.

Hole 3 – Question: What is the ruling on a throw that comes to rest on the street or short of the street?

Answer: OB.

Question: What is the ruling on a throw that comes to rest in hole 4's fairway?

Answer: Hazard.

Hole 4 – Question: How does one play throws under, near, behind, the bricks and pavers near the target of Hole #4?

Answer: These are regular obstacles. Players must play according to the normal rules or proceed with optional relief or optional rethrow with penalty.

Question: A disc is seen going towards or into the Leland Cypress but can not be located. What is the call?

Answer: Lost Disc. Throw from previous lie with a 1-throw penalty.

Question: Can a player use the Hole 4 drop zone for OB throws from the tee or fairway?

Answer: No, the drop zone on this hole is to be used only for throws that miss the mandatory.

Hole 5 – Question: What happens if a disc hits a car or is hit by a car?

Answer: See **804.03.A** if the disc has not come to rest and hits a car. See **804.03.C** if the disc has come to rest and is subsequently moved.

Hole 7 – Question: Can a player reach through the bamboo fence to throw?

Answer: No. Discs must pass through the designated triple mandatory.

Question: From inside the bamboo fence, can a player hold onto the bamboo while attempting to throw?

Answer: Yes, but only if the bamboo is farther from the hole than the lie. Also, the player must demonstrate “full control of balance before advancing toward the hole” per **802.04(D)** if the lie is within 10 meters. Players are allowed 1 meter of relief perpendicular to the mandatory line closer to the target after having passed correctly through the mandatory.

Hole 8 – Question: Can a player use the Hole 8 drop zone for OB throws from the tee or fairway?

Answer: No, the drop zone on this hole can be used only for throws that miss the mandatory or go OB from the drop zone.

Question: What is the target location schedule for Hole 8?

Answer: US Doubles, Monday, Rounds 1 & 4: **A**. Rounds 2 & 3: **B**.

Holes 11, 12, 13, 14 – Question: What is the mark for a throw that comes to rest leaning against the curb?

Answer: Concrete curbs, where present, are out of bounds or part of the OB.

Hole 13 – Question: What is the target location schedule for Hole 13?

Answer: US Doubles, Monday, Rounds 1 & 4: **A**. Round 2 and 3: **B**.

Hole 14 – Question: Is any sidewalk in-bounds?

Answer: Yes, but only the portion of the sidewalk between the two ropes that connects the in-bounds upper grass area and the roped green.

Hole 15 – Question: What is the nature of the mandatories on Hole 15?

Answer: Both mandatories are single mandatories. The two do not create a double mandatory. Each mandatory has its own mandatory line. The tee is the drop zone for both mandatories, whether missed from the tee or shots subsequent to teeing off.

Hole 17 – Question: When can a player proceed to the drop zone?

Answer: After 5 TOTAL throws that are deemed OB, the player can go to the drop zone. That includes shots from the tee and subsequent in-bounds lies.

Question: What is the target location schedule for Hole 17?

Answer: US Doubles, Monday, Rounds 1 & 4: **A**. Rounds 2 & 3: **B**.

Question: What is the throwing order after a player throws OB?

Answer: The player who threw OB is still up until they successfully throw a disc in-bounds.

Hole 18 – Question: Is there a limit to the number of people allowed on the teeing platform?

Answer: Yes. Only one player at a time.

General Note: On roped holes, there are colored OB/Hazard stakes that are designed to offer a read on distance to target. Blue stakes are 400 ft. Orange stakes are 300 ft. White stakes are 200 ft. On hole 8, the stakes’ distances are to target position A.

One final note: Please respect the staff, spectators, and media who are here to help, witness, and document the tournament. Not all know the rules as well as the players, so be courteous and thank them for being there.

VTech



More beef. Less fade. More confidence. VTech allows for better shot shaping in calm or windy conditions. - Dave D

VROC

4|4|0|1

The VRoc is a convex rimmed Roc that's based on the San Marino Roc with more torque resistance and a smaller fade. It also tends to have longer range as a bonus. The VRoc is good to go for shot shaping Mid-Range duty right out of the box.

GStar
Champion
DX



GStar
Champion

WOMBAT

5|6|-1|0

The Wombat with VTech feels better in the hand, is easier to throw, and has more meat in the rim for extra torque resistance. Straight shots still go straight and turnovers stay turned with a gentle flat landing. Ideal for long gliding downhill shots.

GStar
Champion
XT
DX



WHALE

2|3|0|1

A meaty feeling putter in the hand, the Whale is designed for players looking for consistent flights regardless of how hard they throw. The Whale flies like a driver and lands like a putter. The Whale is easier to throw sidearm because of its superior torque resistance.



COLT

3|4|-1|1

The Colt is a straight shooter that can also perform well for slow turnover shots that don't come crashing back. The Colt is a sure-fire disc for wooded fairways and technical approaches. As with all VTech discs, it feels great in the hand.

XT
DX