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## USGA Rules App

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Ever find yourself on the course and stumble into a question about a golf rule? To honor the integrity of the game, and possibly avoid an argument, make use of the USGA Rules App on your smartphone and get instant access to the answers.

The app features the 2012-2015 edition of "The Rules of Golf". It includes a word and phrase search, is simple to navigate, and is the only Rules of Golf app approved by the USGA. Get answers to these and many other questions:

- When is a ball considered lost?
- Can you stand out of bounds when making a stroke?
- How do you proceed when a ball has landed close to a dangerous situation, like a rattlesnake or a beehive?



You can even e-mail the USGA with a specific question or send a link to your friends about a rule or decision. Now's a good time to set up the app and get familiar with it so that you're ready to go when you need it. Playing by the rules is not only fair, but can be fun! (*Search "USGA" in the Apple or Android Stores.*)

If you have questions or need help with your MSGA account, you can contact Emily at [golf@montana.net](mailto:golf@montana.net).

## National Golf News

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While the playing season in Montana might be on hold, our winter newsletters will keep you up to date on news from the USGA, updates from here in

Montana and plenty of golf-related links to keep you satiated during the winter break.

Of course, hopefully you can get some swings in at a warmer locale. If you're a snowbird or on a golfing vacation, send us a photo, a Facebook message or tweet us. We love to see MSGA Members staying active.

With Thanksgiving passed, we want to thank you for your membership and continued support. Happy Holidays!

## STASIA COLLINS APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF USGA WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

FAR HILLS, N.J. (Nov. 20, 2014) – The USGA has announced the appointment of Stasia Collins, of Baltimore, Md., to serve a one-year term as chairman of the USGA Women's Committee in 2015.

Collins takes over as Women's Com-  
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Cup Match has long served to stimulate friendly rivalry among women golfers. Robin will undoubtedly carry on this fine tradition."

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mittee chairman after serving as vice chairman for the past two years.

Women's Committee members are appointed annually by the USGA Executive Committee. The Women's Committee advises the Executive Committee in matters relating to women's golf. Its principal responsibility is to oversee the administration of the women's and girls' championships conducted by the USGA.

Collins served as president of the Maryland State Golf Association Women's Division from 2006-2007. Her husband Richard currently serves as president of this Association. They are the first husband-wife duo to hold those titles.



Stasia Collins (Photo Courtesy of the USGA)

Collins earned a Bachelor of Arts in business administration from Michigan State University and a Master of Business Administration from Loyola (Md.) University. Concurrent with her golf responsibilities, Collins has spent her career in medical sales, management, and marketing. She competed in the 2009 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship and has worked as a Rules official at nearly 40 USGA championships.

### ROBIN BURKE NAMED 2016 USA CURTIS CUP TEAM CAPTAIN

Far Hills, N.J. (Dec. 2, 2014) – The USGA announced today that Robin Burke, of Houston, Texas, has been selected as captain of the 2016 USA Curtis Cup Team. The 39th Match will be conducted June 10-12 at Dun Laoghaire Golf Club near Dublin, Ireland.

The Curtis Cup Match is an eight-female team competition between the USA and Great Britain and Ireland (GB&I). The biennial contest dates to 1932 and is conducted by the USGA and the Ladies Golf Union (LGU). The USA won the most recent playing of the Curtis Cup Match, defeating GB&I, 13-7, at St. Louis (Mo.) Country Club in June 2014. The USA holds an overall 28-7-3 Match record.

"To captain the 2016 Curtis Cup Team and represent the United States of America and the USGA in Europe where the game began is an honor and a privilege," said Burke. "When I was selected to play on the 1998 Curtis Cup Team, it was the most gratifying experience in my golf career. My captain, Barbara McIntire, made a huge impression on my game and in the way I conduct myself both in and out of golf. She is a great player and person."

"We are very happy to add Robin to the impressive list of Curtis Cup players who have gone on to serve as captain," said Dot Paluck, chairman of the USGA Women's Committee. "As inscribed on the trophy, the Curtis

Burke is married to two-time major champion and World Golf Hall of Fame member Jack Burke Jr. The Burkes own Houston's famed Champions Golf Club, where Robin Burke serves as vice president. The club has hosted numerous professional and amateur events, including the 1967 Ryder Cup (won by the USA), the 1969 U.S. Open Championship (won



Robin Burke (Photo Courtesy of the USGA)

by Orville Moody), the 1993 U.S. Amateur Championship (won by John Harris), the 1998 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship (won by Derby Grimes) and five PGA Tour Championships.

"My husband played on five Ryder Cup Teams, was a Ryder Cup captain twice and an assistant captain to Hal Sutton in 2004," said Burke. "Hopefully, this new responsibility will provide me equal talking time over dinner! I am excited about calling my friend Ellen Port and seeing if she kept good notes. I look forward to taking it all in."



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