

## PRACTICE AREAS

The practice range at the U.S. Amateur is a vital component to a successful championship. The following components should assist with the planning of this function.

### PRACTICE RANGE

The Host Club and the USGA will mutually review and determine the area that will be utilized as the practice range. In most cases, the Host Club's existing facility will be sufficient, but the length and width of the facility will be determining factors.

The length of the facility should be such that all practice golf shots are contained, including practice tee shots with drivers. Please note that some players in the field will be able to hit tee shots in excess of 325 yards. If the length of the facility will not contain those practice tee shots, some alterations may be needed including possible netting and/or fencing.

A Host Club should be prepared, in advance, to save a portion of their practice range to provide a pristine area for players. The average minimum space needed for the practice range is a 300'x75' area. This 300' width would provide 30 hitting stations, each placed three yards apart. If there is no Stroke Play Co-Host, extra hitting stations would be utilized.

The total hitting area should be 75' in depth. The first day the practice range opens to players (Friday), the players should begin practicing at the rear end of the total length and then move forward by three yards each day. As the championship continues into the later stages of match play, moving forward may or may not be necessary. If needed, a single rope can be placed to determine the front line for the day, thus players would stay behind the rope while practicing.

The Host Club and the USGA will also review the target areas on the practice range itself. Targets should be placed to give a wide range of distances. Targets should resemble course conditions as much as possible. As such, we recommend using the same color flags and flagsticks.

### PRACTICE SHORT GAME AREA

The Host Club and the USGA will mutually review and determine an area that can be used to practice short game shots such as chipping, pitching and bunker shots. The short game practice area should resemble course conditions as much as possible. As such, the green(s) should be a championship speed and firmness and we recommend using the same color flag(s) and flagstick(s).

### PRACTICE PUTTING GREEN

The Host Club and the USGA will mutually review and determine a practice putting green. The practice putting green should resemble course conditions as much as possible. As such, the green should be a championship speed and firmness and we recommend painting the holes (if time permits). While several holes should be cut into the practice putting green, we do not want to use any flag sticks or any mini variation of the kind.