

Radio Communications

USGA Radios

The USGA uses two-way radios for communication between staff and rules officials during the championship. The USGA uses Creative Communications as their main vendor. Creative Communications will ship radios to the Host Club directly. These radios should be stored until a Creative Communications Representative arrives onsite. That representative will set up the radio system, test the full system and remain onsite to monitor and troubleshoot as necessary. If applicable, that representative will transport radios to the Co-Host.

During set up, the Bearcom will likely need access to the Host Club's (and Co-Host's if applicable) clubhouse and roof to install repeaters. The USGA requests that someone from the Host Club assist in this unpacking and installation of the repeaters so that after the championship, this person can take down the antennas and repeaters and deliver to the USGA office. These repeaters will require a power source.

The USGA will use several different channels for the communication system. If the Host Club and Co-Host are separate properties, the channels are:

- Channel 1 – Rules
- Channel 2 – Private
- Channel 3 – Open
- Channel 4 – Scoring

The USGA orders 50 radios and the appropriate supplies. A USGA radio will be issued to key club staff including the superintendent, the general manager, championship staff and the general chair as necessary.

Host Club Radios

The Host Club will likely need to use two-way radios for communication between volunteer committees and key staff (Host Club and Championship) during the championship. As mentioned above, the USGA uses Creative Communications as their main vendor. Creative Communications will offer preferred USGA pricing to Host Clubs directly if the Host Club would like to use them. That same Creative Communications representative would set up the Host Club radio system, test the full system and remain onsite to monitor and troubleshoot as necessary.

The USGA will assist Host Clubs with developing a list of individuals and groups who would need radio communications including general volunteer chairs, marshals, evacuation volunteers, medical committee, etc.

If the Host Club has enough radios currently in place (roughly 50 depending on the size of the volunteer committee) they will be able to utilize their own for the championship.