

## POLICY STATEMENT

### SAFETY AND SECURITY AT AGA EVENTS

For the purpose of maintaining a safe and secure environment at AGA sponsored events, the AGA and local organizers of AGA sponsored events reserve the right to bar or remove anyone from the event when there is reasonable cause to believe such person(s) may constitute a significant risk of injury or harm to others at the event, or whose conduct is or is likely to be excessively disruptive to the proper conduct of the event. Any person with concerns or questions about this policy, or with special safety or security needs, should contact the AGA ([operations@usgo.org](mailto:operations@usgo.org)) or local organizers before an event begins to discuss their concerns.

Examples of circumstances that indicating a significant risk of injury or harm to others include, but are not limited to, person(s): being listed on the federal sex offender list; having a known history of violence toward others or acting violently or threatening violence at prior AGA events; being subject to court orders restricting access to any persons attending the event; or engaging in illegal or grossly unethical conduct at prior events.

Whenever possible, the event organizers will make an assessment of the risk in consultation with AGA officials ([operations@usgo.org](mailto:operations@usgo.org), [president@usgo.org](mailto:president@usgo.org)). To address the issue responsibly, the event organizers should attempt to discuss the matter in advance of the event with the persons directly involved. Such discussions should respect, as much as possible in the circumstances, the privacy of the persons involved. If after such discussion, the event organizers still deem the risk to be significant and unacceptable, they shall inform the person(s) involved of that determination and implement appropriate measures. Persons denied participation in an AGA event under this policy will receive a full refund of fees paid minus any accrued charges for services already provided.

Persons denied entry to AGA events may seek a review of such decisions by writing to [operations@usgo.org](mailto:operations@usgo.org) or [president@usgo.org](mailto:president@usgo.org) providing full details of reasons why such a determination may be considered incorrect and seeking a reversal of the decision.

Nothing in this policy restricts local organizers from acting independently on their own authority as they may deem fit, but such actions are independent of the AGA and this policy.