

LOCAL RULES

The Rules and Decisions of the USGA govern play, as modified by the following Local Rules and Conditions, and any additional "Notice to Competitors" provided for this competition by the Tournament Committee. Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is Two Strokes.

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USGA Rules shall govern all play unless otherwise noted.

Caddies - Either the caddie or the player may be in the cart but not both at the same time.

Tees - Gray Tournament Tee Markers.

Laser Range Finders and GPS Devices that measure distance are legal. However devices that gauge or measure other conditions that might affect a player's play (e.g., wind or slope) are not permitted. **Penalty – Disqualification.** (Decision 14-3/0.5)

Water Hazards and Lateral Water Hazards – Rule 26. Yellow lines and Yellow stakes define Water Hazards. Red lines and Red stakes define Lateral Water Hazards. **Please note:** Lines define the boundary edge of the hazard and stakes merely identify the type of hazard.

Holes 2, 3, 4, 13, and 14 – The water-side edge of the stone wall defines the lateral water hazard where not marked with a red line. Hazard Lines tie into the Water-side edge of the stone wall.

Should a player's ball come to rest in a bunker where a stone wall is present, and the stone wall interferes with the player's swing (such as #14), the stone wall shall be treated as an *immovable obstruction*.

When a lateral hazard is defined on one side only, it is deemed to extend to infinity. When water hazards and lateral water hazards are bounded by out of bounds, the hazard margin extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line.

Immovable Obstructions – Rule 24

- Worn-Out Areas tying into cart paths are part of the obstruction, whether defined by white lines or not.
- Flagstone and Concrete Flumes, Spillways and Walkways are *immovable obstructions*. If continuous with a cart path, they are considered part of the path.
- Bird houses and the supporting structures
- The Golf Operations Building and surrounding platform and structures, and the clubhouse.
- Green Encroachment Liners (Pale Green or aqua colored plastic liners around edges of green)

Out of Bounds – Rule 27: Defined by white stakes and by the golf course edge or curb of public roads and paved access roads. Note: a ball which crosses a road defined as out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that road is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course.

Ground Under Repair – Rule 25: Defined by white lines. Fire ant hills and newly installed french drains are deemed to be ground under repair (Note: For a ball in a water hazard affected by a fire ant hill, relief is provided by Decision 1-4/10).

Embedded Ball Rule is IN Effect (through the green)

The ONE BALL RULE IS IN EFFECT!!! Also, please note that only conforming golf balls, as outlined by the Note to Rule 5-1 and Appendix 1 in the USGA's Rules of Golf, will be allowed to be used.

Stones in Bunkers are *movable obstructions*. Relief without penalty is provided by Rule 24-1.

Newly Laid Sod – Except in a hazard, if the ball lies in or touches a sod seam or the seam interferes with the area of intended swing, the player may, without penalty, lift the ball and clean it. The player must drop the ball as near as possible to where it originally lay, which is not nearer the hole, avoids interference by the seam, and is not in a hazard or on a putting green. All seams within the sodded area are considered the same seam.

B. Conditions of Competition

Time of Starting – Note to Rule 6-3a is in effect. If the player arrives at his starting time, ready to play, within five minutes after his starting time, in the absence of circumstances that warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes. Penalty for lateness beyond five minutes is disqualification.

Suspension of Play Due to Dangerous Situation – Optional Condition in Appendix I page 109 is in effect. When play is suspended by the Committee for a dangerous situation, as noted by one prolonged siren blast, if the players in a group are between the play of two holes, they must not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play, as noted by three short consecutive siren blasts. If they are in the process of playing a hole, they must discontinue play **immediately** and not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If a player fails to discontinue play immediately, that player is disqualified unless circumstances warrant waiving the penalty as provided in Rule 33-7.

Note: All practice areas shall be closed during a suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open.

Metal Spikes are prohibited. **Penalty – Disqualification**

How to Decide Ties – Ties for the Overall Championship shall be played off once the Final Round has been completed. The playoff will be conducted on Hole 18. Hole 18 is to be replayed until there is a Champion. Should competitors be tied for the Mid-Am Championship, those competitors shall be named Co-Champions of the Mid-Am Division, where-by all golf shop credit will be equally split. Should competitors be tied for the Daily Medalist award or placement within the top 15 of the event (Top 10 for Mid-Ams), a scorecard playoff will be used to determine placement. The scorecard playoff will begin with the scores on Hole 18, followed by the scores on holes 16-18, then scores on holes 13-18, then scores on holes 10-18 and so forth until a placement order can be determined.

Pace of Play – Groups are expected to keep a 4 hour, 20 minute pace. Groups are expected to keep pace with the group in front of them. Should a group fall behind the allotted pace or not keep pace with the group in front of them, that group is deemed to be “out of position”. For any group “out of position”, the committee reserves right to notify the group that they are out of position and begin timing the group and/or the players with in the group, until the group gets back in position. This notification is considered a warning. Each player will be given 45 seconds to play the next shot beginning from when the group arrives at the next position of play and in accordance with the order of play outlined in Rule 10-2. Should a player not play within the 45 seconds given to play the shot, that player is considered to have had a “bad time”. A penalty of 1 shot shall be assessed for the 1st “bad time”. A penalty of disqualification shall be enforced for a 2nd “bad time”. Be aware that the committee reserves the right to apply all penalties in a case by case manner.

The maximum allowable time for the completion of each hole is 11 minutes for a Par 3, 13 minutes for a Par 4, 15 Minutes for a Par 5.

Final decisions regarding the administration, application and assessment of penalty strokes of this pace of play policy always lay with the committee.

Cell phones and pagers are not permitted for contestants during tournament play. All cell phones are to be off during play. Should a contestant be determined to be in violation of this rule, a warning will be issued by the Tournament Committee. Should a contestant be in violation a second time at ANY TIME IN THE EVENT GOING FORWARD, the committee has the right to penalize the player 1 shot for each violation.

Disputes - If a dispute arises on the golf course and a marshal is not available, please play a second ball, notify your score marker which ball you are intending to score with for your official score and settle the incident after the round in the Scorer's Area with the Rules Committee afterward the round.

Scorecards - must be turned into the Scorer's Area immediately following play. Immediately is defined as within the time period it takes for the group following the player in question to leave the putting surface of the last hole of competition for that stipulated round.

Close of Competition – The competition shall be deemed to have closed when all scores have been approved by the Rules Committee. In the event of a playoff, the competition shall be deemed to have closed when the playoff scores have been approved by the Rules Committee.