

CONDITIONS

PRACTICE BETWEEN HOLES – (Stroke Play Only) A player must not play any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the last hole played. If a practice stroke is played on or near the putting green of the last hole played, the player shall incur a penalty of two strokes at the next hole, except that in the case of the last hole of the round, he incurs the penalty at that hole.

TRANSPORTATION – Only two golf carts will be allowed per group (unless otherwise noted on the Entry Form).

- A player and a caddie may ride together in the same cart; however, each player in that group is entitled to ½ the cart.
- Only players and/or caddies are allowed in a cart.
- A player may carry his own bag (unless otherwise noted on the Entry Form).
- All golf cart drivers must have a valid driver's license and be at least 18 years old.

SUSPENSION OF PLAY – Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect. All practice areas are closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open.

CLOSE OF COMPETITION – The competition is deemed to be closed when all scores have been a.) Posted on the official scoreboard and b.) Approved by the Committee. In the event of a play-off, the competition shall be deemed to be closed when the play-off scores have been approved by the Committee.

ADVICE TO TEAM MEMBERS – During an NCPGA Pro Series event where an individual and team event is taking place concurrently, partners may exchange advice if only one partner is playing in the individual competition.

LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS – Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVERS – Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

PACE OF PLAY – A player shall be subject to penalty if he unduly delays play. The NCPGA Pace of Play regulation is in effect.



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LOCAL RULES & CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

All NCPGA Tournaments shall be governed by the Rules of Golf, the NCPGA Tournament Rules & Regulations, and the following Local Rules & Conditions supplied by the Committee at the tournament site. Any other Local Rules posted at the competition course, including those on the back of the course scorecard, are not in effect. The following provisions may be subject to change by the NCPGA Tournament Committee. Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for a breach of a Local Rule or Condition is:

Match Play – Loss of Hole

Stroke Play – Two Strokes

LOCAL RULES

OUT OF BOUNDS – Defined by inside points, at ground level, of large white stakes and fence posts. NOTE: When the inside edge of a road or curb defines out of bounds, a ball that crosses such a boundary is out of bounds even though it may lie on another part of the course.

WATER AND LATERAL WATER HAZARD STAKES AND LINES – When a lateral water hazard is defined on only one side, 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.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR - The following are deemed ground under repair:

- Area completely encircled with white lines.
- French drains filled with exposed stones.
- Except in a hazard, sod seams (not the sod itself) through the green, for lie of ball or area of intended swing ONLY. All seams within the cut turf area are considered the same seam.

AERATION HOLES – Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect. For the purpose of applying this local rule, all aeration holes are considered the same condition.

OBSTRUCTIONS – White lined areas tying into the artificially-surfaced roads and paths have the same status as the roads and paths, that of obstructions.

Landscaped garden areas completely encircled by an obstruction are part of the obstruction.

WOOD CHIPS & MULCH – Are loose impediments, unless otherwise provided for in the Notice to Competitors/Players.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS NEAR PUTTING GREEN: If a ball lies off the putting green but not in a hazard, and an immovable obstruction on or within two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club-lengths of the ball intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may take relief as follows: The ball must be lifted and dropped at the nearest point of relief where the ball lay that (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids intervention, and (c) is not in a hazard or on a putting green. The ball may be cleaned when lifted. Relief is also available if the player's ball lies on the putting green and an immovable obstruction within two club-lengths of the putting green intervenes on his line of putt. The player may take relief as follows: The ball must be lifted and placed at the nearest point of relief where the ball lay that (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids intervention and (c) is not in a hazard. The ball may be cleaned when lifted.

EMBEDDED BALL THROUGH THE GREEN – Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect. Page 142-3.

DISTANCE-MEASURING A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule **14-3**." See Appendix IV, pg. 181

INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE – Includes cables, rods, wires or wrappings when closely attached to trees; artificial walls,

pilings and liners when located in bunkers and hazards, unless otherwise provided for in Notice to Competitors/Players.

ELEVATED POWER LINES – If a ball strikes a permanent elevated power line or cable, the stroke is cancelled and the player MUST play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was played in accordance with Rule 20-5.

CONDUCT – Any conduct deemed unprofessional towards the host professional, golf course, or the NCPGA shall be dealt with according to the NCPGA Tournament Rules & Regulations and/or the Code of Ethics of the PGA of America.

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ACCIDENTAL MOVEMENT OF A BALL ON THE PUTTING GREEN

Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows:

When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1. This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental. Note: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.

GROOVE AND PUNCH MARK SPECIFICATIONS – Decision 4-1/1

The player's clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf that are effective from January 1, 2010 Appendix II, 5c page 157-158.

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