

LOCAL RULES AND CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION FOR 2018 NSAA GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS & EVENTS



The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and the R&A govern play. See applicable Notice to Players and Current NSAA Golf Manual for additional Local Rules and Conditions. Complete text of Rules and Appendix I may be found in the current Rules of Golf, effective January 2016.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for 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 white stakes and fence posts. Rule 27-1b.

Water and Lateral Water Hazard Stakes and Lines – When a water hazard or a lateral water hazard is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend to infinity. When a water hazard or a lateral water hazard is bounded by out of bounds, the hazard margin extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line.

Ground Under Repair – Defined by white lines. Fire ant hills, sod-covered trenching for temporary cables and French drains are deemed to be ground under repair. Rule 25-1. (Note: For a player whose ball is in a water hazard and is affected by a fire ant hill—see Decision 1-4/10.)

Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage, including areas where spectators or other traffic has combined with wet conditions to affect materially the ground surface, but only when so declared by an authorized member of the Committee. When immediately adjacent to an obstruction, such an area is part of the obstruction.

Embedded Ball Through the Green – Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

Seams of Cut Turf (Sod Seams) – The Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

Turf Plugs on the Putting Green – May be repaired even if they are not 4 1/4 inches.

White-Lined Areas Tying Into Artificially-Surfaced Roads and Paths – Have the same status as the roads and paths, that of obstructions.

CONDITIONS

List of Conforming Driver Heads – Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

List of Conforming Golf Balls – Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

Footwear – Shoes with traditionally-designed spikes (regardless of composition, i.e., ceramic, plastic, etc.) or spikes, regardless of design, comprised either entirely or partially of metal (if such metal may come in contact with the course) are prohibited during the stipulated round. Penalty for breach of this condition: disqualification.

Pace of Play – See separate memorandum to players for pace of play guidelines, when applicable.

Electronic Devices – Guideline as prescribed in current NSAA Golf Manual is in effect.

Coaches and Advice – Guideline as prescribed in current NSAA Golf Manual is in effect.

Practice – Prior to and after his round in stroke play, a player may practice on the designated practice areas. Rule 7-1b applies to other practice in stroke play, and Rule 7-1a covers practice before the round in match play.

Wood Chips and Mulch – Are loose impediments, unless otherwise provided for in Notice to Players.

Integral Parts of the Course – Include cables, rods, wires and wrappings when closely attached to trees; artificial walls and pilings when located in hazards, unless otherwise provided for in Notice to Players.

Temporary Immovable Obstructions – Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

Distance Measuring Devices – 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. Note: Mobile phones are prohibited.

Accidental Movement of a Ball on a Putting Green – 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 equipment. (NOTE: Full text of Local Rule available at <http://www.usga.org/2017LocalRule>).

Wrong Score for Hole in Stroke Play – If a competitor returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken due to failure to include a penalty stroke that the player did not know he had incurred, the player is not disqualified. The penalty for the applicable Rule is applied, but there is no additional penalty. (NOTE: Full text of Local Rule available at <http://usga.org/2018LocalRule>).

Transportation – Players must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorized by the Committee. Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

Discontinuance 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. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to cease doing so; failure to comply may result in disqualification.

Note: A suspension for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged airhorn note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive airhorn notes, repeated. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short airhorn notes, repeated.

Close of Competition – The competition is deemed to have closed when the trophy has been presented to the winner or, in the absence of a prize ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the Committee.

The result of a match is considered to have been “officially announced” when the Committee has approved the result as posted on the public scoreboard.