



Local Rules and Terms of the Competition

FOR 2025 NSAA GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and the R&A Rules Limited govern play. These Local Rules and Terms of the Competition are in effect at all NSAA Championships. See applicable Championship Notice to Players and NSAA Golf Manual for modifications or additions to these Local Rules and Terms of the Competition. Complete text of the Rules and Local Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 2023. If a player in a team competition breaches a Rule that results in disqualification, the effect will be to disqualify the player for that round only. Exception: NSAA serious misconduct, in which it is up to the Championship Rules Committee.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty.

Out of Bounds – Defined by the line between the course-side points of white stakes and fence posts at ground level.

Penalty Areas – When a penalty area is defined on only one side, it extends to infinity. When a penalty area is connected to the out of bounds edge, the penalty area extends to and coincides with out of bounds.

Ground Under Repair – Defined by white lines. French drains, which are trenches filled with rocks or stones, are ground under repair.

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 immovable obstruction, such an area is part of the obstruction.

Animal Near Ball - Model Local Rule E-13 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

Relief from Seams of Cut Turf – If a player's ball lies in or touches a seam of cut turf or a seam interferes with the player's area of intended swing: (a) Ball in General Area - The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. (b) Ball on Putting Green - The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d. But interference does not exist if the seam only interferes with the player's stance. All seams within the area of cut turf are treated as the same seam in taking relief.

White-Lined Areas Tying Into Artificially-Surfaced Roads and Paths – White-lined areas of ground under repair and the artificially surfaced roads, paths or other identified obstructions that they are connected to are a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.

Wood Chips and Mulch – Are loose impediments.

Integral Objects – Include cables, rods, wires and wrappings when closely attached to trees, and artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas or in or adjacent to bunkers, and bunker liners. An exposed bunker liner may be treated as ground under repair, but interference does not exist if the liner interferes only with the player's stance.

Temporary Immovable Obstructions – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-23.

List of Conforming Driver Heads – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-1.

List of Conforming Golf Balls – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-3.

Prohibiting Use of Certain Types of Shoes – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-7.

Prohibiting Use of Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices – Rule 4.3a(4) is modified in this way: During a round, a player must not use an electronic device (i.e. cell phone, personal audio or video devices) for the purpose of talking, texting, listening to or watching content of any nature. Model Local Rule G-8.

Missing Player or Marker Certification - Model Local Rule L-1 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

Use of Caddie Prohibited – Rule 10.3a is modified in this way: A player must not have a caddie during the round.

Transportation – During a round, a player must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized or later approved by the Committee (a player making a stroke from where the previous stroke was made is always authorized). The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which there is a breach of this Local Rule. If the breach occurs between the play of two holes, it applies to the next hole.

Advice – See separate player and coach memorandum on people who may give advice.

Pace of Play – See separate player memorandum for pace of play policy.

Stopping and Resuming Play – An immediate suspension will be signaled by one prolonged airhorn note. All other suspensions will be signaled by three consecutive airhorn notes. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short airhorn notes. See Rule 5.7b. All practice areas are closed during an immediate suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to stop practicing; failure to stop practicing might result in disqualification.

Practice – Prior to and after a round in stroke play, a player may practice on the designated practice areas. Rule 5.2b covering practice in stroke play is modified in this way: A player may not practice on the competition course before or between rounds. Penalty for breach of Local Rule, see Rule 5.2.

When Competition is Final – The competition is final 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.

Code of Conduct – Rule 1.2b covering code of conduct is modified in this way: Any player that engages in conduct detrimental to the integrity and image of the game of golf and/or public confidence in the NSAA is subject to penalty. Such conduct may include, but is not limited to, intentional damage to the golf course or the player's equipment; club throwing; verbal or physical abuse of spectators, officials, volunteers, or staff; blatant or excessive profanity; disorderly behavior; failure to abide by club rules or any other unbecoming conduct.

Penalty for Breach of Code of Conduct: First breach - **Warning**; Second breach - **General Penalty** for the hole during which the breach occurs. If the breach occurs between the play of two holes, it applies to the next hole. Third breach or any serious misconduct - **Disqualification**