

# PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR GOLF BAG



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## LOCAL RULES AND CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

Play is governed by the *Rules of Golf* of the United States Golf Association and supplemented by the following *Tournament Rules and Conditions of Competition*.

Unless otherwise noted, penalty for breach of any rule listed herein is: Match Play — Loss of Hole; Stroke Play — Two strokes.

### 1. Out of Bounds. (Rule 27-1)

Defined by the nearest inside points of white stakes, walls, perimeter roads or fence posts at ground level. A white line on the ground defining out of bounds is itself out of bounds.

When the inside edge of a road or curb defines out of bounds, a ball that crosses such boundary is out of bounds even though it may lie on another part of the course.

### 2. Integral Parts of the Course. (Rule 33-2)

- I. Wrappings, wires, cables and other objects when closely attached to trees.
- II. Artificial walls and/or pilings when located within water hazards and bunkers.

### 3. Elevated Telephone and Power Lines. (Rule 20-5)

If a player's ball strikes an elevated telephone or power line, the stroke must be canceled and the player shall play a ball, without penalty, as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was played.

### 4. Roads and Paths. (Rule 24-2)

Roads and paths that are artificially surfaced are obstructions. White lined areas tying into them are part of the obstructions, not ground under repair.

### 5. Stones in bunkers; Are deemed movable obstructions (Appendix 1)

### 6. Lifting an Embedded Ball. (Appendix I)

Anywhere "through the green", a ball which is embedded in its own pitch-mark in the ground, except in loose sand, may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to the spot where it originally lay but no nearer to hole.

### 7. Spectator Policy.

A Competitor may be subject to penalty for interaction with spectators. See "Spectator Policy" in the SCPGA Junior Tour Handbook.

### 8. Abnormal Ground Conditions; Ground Under Repair. (Rule 25) Defined by white lines, and also includes whether or not marked:

- A. French drains filled with stones.
- B. Grass covered cable trenches even though unmarked
- C. Seams of cut turf. (Rule 25-1 Appendix I Part a.)
- D. Fire ant mounds or beds
- E. For a ball in a Water Hazard, relief for fire ant mounds or beds is provided in accordance with Decision 1-4/10

### 9. Water Hazards and Lateral Water Hazards. (Rule 26)

Water Hazards are defined by Yellow lines and Lateral Water Hazards are defined by Red lines.

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 lateral water hazard is bounded by out of bounds, the hazard margin extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line.

### 10. Distance Measuring Devices. (Rule 14-3)

A Competitor may use a device that measures or gauges distance that is not located on a communication device. The device cannot be used to measure conditions that might affect a player's play such as gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc. See "Use of Distance Measuring Devices" in the SCPGA Junior Tour Handbook.

Penalty for breach: Disqualification.

### 11. Doubt as to Procedure; Second Ball. (Rule 3-3)

When a player is in doubt as to his rights or procedure and no Rules Official is nearby, he may play a second ball. Regardless of the player scoring the same with both balls, he must report the facts to the Committee before signing and returning his scorecard.

Penalty for failure to report when required: Disqualification

### 12. Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Green. (Ex. Sprinklers) (Rule 26)

If a ball lies through the green 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 to 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.

### 13. Specifications of Clubs and the Ball. (Appendix 1)

Please refer to the following USGA lists with questions on conforming equipment:

- A. Conforming Driver Heads
- B. Groove and Punch Mark Specifications
- C. Conforming Golf Balls

Penalty for breach: Disqualification.

### 14. Time of Starting. (Rule 6-3)

All players in a group must be present at the proper tee ready to play at their scheduled time or, when starting times fall behind, when the Starter calls the first player in the group to play. A player is late when he is not present, ready to play, when the first player is called to play away. If the player arrives at his starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after his starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the first hole in match play or two strokes at the first hole in stroke play. Otherwise, the penalty for breach of this Rule is disqualification. The official time is with the starter. Clocks located on golf course property are unofficial.

### 15. Scorecards. (Rule 6-6b)

After completion of play, each player should check his score for each hole and settle any doubtful points with the Committee. All players must sign and attest their scorecards in the presence of the Committee and turn in their scorecards to the Committee as soon as possible.

Penalty for breach: Disqualification.

### 16. Pace of Play. (Rule 6-7)

It is the responsibility of all players to play without undue delay. Rules officials will assist, monitor and time groups that are out of position, and when necessary issue warnings or penalties. See "Pace of Play Policy" in the SCPGA Junior Tour Handbook for more information.

### 17. Practice. (Note 2 to Rule 7)

Between the play of two holes, a player must not make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole last played and must not test the surface of the putting green of the hole last played by rolling a ball.

### 18. Conduct.

Objectionable conduct:

- Use of alcohol, tobacco products, or drugs
  - Club throwing/Obscene or vulgar language/motions
  - Littering/Defacing or destroying host club or fellow competitor property
  - Abuse of SCPGA staff, volunteers host club staff, or PGA Members
  - Other actions deemed inappropriate by the Committee
- Penalty for objectionable conduct: Disqualification (Rule 33-7) and possible loss of playing privileges on the SCPGA Junior Tour

### 19. Scoring Area.

The scoring area may include but is not limited to trailers, tents, rooms or other designated areas. A player's score card has been returned to the Committee when the player has exited the defined scoring area.

### 20. Suspending and Resuming Play. (Rule 6-8)

- A. Suspension for a dangerous situation: One long prolonged blast on air horn.
- B. Other types of suspensions (i.e. darkness): Three consecutive blast
- C. Resumption of play: Two blasts
- D. When play has been suspended for a dangerous situation, all practice facilities are deemed to be closed until declared open by the Committee.

### 21. Competition closed:

A SCPGA Junior Tour competition is deemed to be closed when a SCPGA staff has posted all scores on the Official Scoreboard and approved by the Committee.

### 22. Accidental Movement of a Ball on a 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.