

LOCAL RULES AND CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION FOR OGA AND OJG CHAMPIONSHIPS AND EVENTS

The *Rules of Golf* govern play. See applicable Notice to Players, Entry Application, and OJG Code of Conduct for additional Local Rules and Conditions. Complete text of Rules and Appendix I may be found in the current *Rules of Golf*.

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, THE PENALTY FOR BREACH OF A LOCAL RULE OR CONDITION IS:
MATCH PLAY – LOSS OF HOLE; STROKE PLAY – TWO STROKES

SECTION A: LOCAL RULES

- 1. OUT OF BOUNDS** – Defined by the nearest inside points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts. Rule 27-1 Additionally, a ball which crosses a public 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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 caddies or equipment. (NOTE: Full text of Local Rule available at [Http://www.usga.org/2017LocalRule](http://www.usga.org/2017LocalRule)).
- 4. WRONG SCORE FOR A 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 and there is no additional penalty. (NOTE: Full Text of Local Rule available at <http://usga.org/2018LocalRule>).
- 5. GROUND UNDER REPAIR** – Defined by white lines. Fire ant hills, and french drains are deemed to be ground under repair.
- 6. SOD SEAMS** – The Local Rule for Seams of Cut Turf as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.
- 7. WHITE-LINED AREAS TYING INTO ARTIFICIALLY SURFACED ROADS AND PATHS** – have the same status as the roads and paths, that of obstructions.
- 8. EMBEDDED BALL THROUGH THE GREEN** – Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.
- 9. INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE** – Include cables, rods, wires or wrappings when closely attached to trees; artificial walls and pilings when located in hazards, unless otherwise provided for in Notice to Players
- 10. DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES** – In OGA Championships, OGA Qualifiers, OGA Tour events and OJGA events 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.
- 11. ENVIRONMENTALLY-SENSITIVE AREAS** – Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I shall be in effect.

SECTION B: CONDITIONS

- 1. LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS** – Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect. Exception, in OJGA events, Pee-Wees and Intermediate divisions are not required to play a ball on the conforming list.
- 2. LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS** – Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.
- 3. TIME OF STARTING / OFFICIAL TIME** – A player is deemed to be at the starting area when they are within the roped off area. If a site requires different conditions, the starting area will be defined in the Notice to Players. If a player has previously checked in with the starter he is still required to be at the starting area at the starting time scheduled by the Committee. The Official Time is defined by the clock located at the tee where a player is scheduled to begin the stipulated round. Exception: For OGA Tour events, see the Notice to Players.

4. **SCORING AREA** – A player has deemed to have officially returned his/her score cards when he/she leaves the scoring area. At OGA Adult Championships the scoring area is defined by ropes, stanchions, or in their absence, the outside edge of the scoring tent. At OJGA and OGA Tour events, no official scoring area exists and the scorecard is deemed to have been officially returned when it has been dropped in the “scoring box” by the player even if he has not left the immediate area. If all events, if a site requires different conditions, the scoring area will be defined in the Notice to Players.

5. **PACE OF PLAY** – The OGA Pace of Play Guidelines are in effect at all Adult Championships. For OJGA Tournaments, players will be notified in advance and/or at the Tournament when The OGA Pace of Play Guidelines are in effect. At OGA Tour events all scorecards must be returned within 5 hours. If a player returns a scorecard after 5 hours he may forfeit his right to both prizes and points so earned in the event.

6. **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 revocation of entry.

Note: A suspension for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged air horn or siren blast. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three short air horn or siren blasts, repeated. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short air horn or siren blasts, repeated.

7. **ELECTRONIC DEVICES** – Players should ensure that any electronic device taken on the course does not distract other players. Refer to OGA and OJGA Code of Conduct Policy.

8. **DRESS CODE** – All players and caddies must adhere to the OGA or OJGA and Host Club Dress Code through the Close of Competition. Any player or their caddie in violation of this Dress Code will not be permitted to start the competition. Player violation of the Dress Code during the competition may result in revoking of the player’s entry if the violation is not corrected without.

9. **FOOTWEAR** – Shoes with traditionally-designed spikes (regardless of composition) or spikes, regardless of design, where metal may come into contact with the course are prohibited during a stipulated round. Penalty for breach of this condition: Disqualification.

10. **NO SHOW/WITHDRAW** – A player failing to appear for an OGA Adult Championship without prior notification to tournament officials will be suspended for one (1) year from the date of the infraction. A player who starts and withdraws prior to the close of the competition and has not turned in his score card personally to a tournament official will result in the same one-year suspension as a no show. Please see the OJGA Code of Conduct and the OJGA Withdrawal Policy for additional junior golf guidelines.

11. **AUTOMOTIVE TRANSPORTATION** – Unless prohibited in the Entry Application, during OGA Adult Championships, players are permitted to use motorized transportation. During OJGA events, the optional condition as prescribed in Appendix 1 is in effect prohibiting automotive transportation. During all OGA Tour events, motorized transportation is permitted. In all events, spectator Carts are not allowed except for individuals with a permanent or temporary *DMV disabled person placard*.

12. **TIES** – In stroke play events, in the event of a tie for champion in any division, a hole-by-hole play-off is used to determine the champion. However, in Oregon Junior Golf events, where this is not practicable, and OGA Tour events, matching scorecards is used per the USGA recommended method. Should this method still result in a tie, the champion will be determined by lot. Additionally, in Oregon Junior Golf events, all ties not for champion where a trophy is awarded are decided by matching scorecards.

13. **CLOSE OF COMPETITION/MATCH OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED** – The competition shall be deemed to have closed when the trophy or, in absence of a trophy, when the prize has been presented to the winner at the awards ceremony. In the absence of an awards ceremony, the competition is closed when all scores have been approved by the Committee. The result of a match has been “officially announced” when the Committee has approved the result as posted on the public scoreboard.