



# Local Rules and Conditions of the Competition

## For 2018 CDGA Championships

The Rules of the United States Golf Association govern play. See applicable Championship or Qualifying round Notice to Players and Entry Application for additional Local Rules and Conditions. Complete text of Rules and Appendix I may be found in the Rules of Golf, effective January 2016.

**Unless otherwise noted in the Rules of Golf, 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 or boundary fence posts or by a white painted line. Rule 27-1b

**WATER AND LATERAL WATER HAZARD STAKES AND LINES** - When a water hazard or 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. French drains are deemed to be ground under repair. Rule 25-1

Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage, including areas where carts 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 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.

**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>).

### 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.

**PACE OF PLAY** - A player shall be subject to penalty for unduly delaying play and/or not playing in accordance with CDGA Pace of Play Guidelines. The highlights are listed below:

- If a group is out of position, the group will be notified and timed
- Players have 40 seconds to play a stroke. Any time over 40 seconds is a "bad time"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> "bad time" will result in a warning
- 3<sup>rd</sup> "bad time" will result in loss of hole in Match Play or a two-stroke penalty in Stroke Play

**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 area will be asked to cease doing so; failure to comply may result in a revocation of entry.

Note: A suspension for a dangerous situation shall be signaled by one prolonged air horn, or siren note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive air horn notes, repeated.

**WHITE LINED AREAS TYING INTO ARTIFICIALLY SURFACED ROADS AND PATHS** - Have the same status as roads and paths, that of obstructions.

**WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH** - Are loose impediments, unless otherwise provided for in Notice to Competitors/Players.

**INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE** - Include cables, rods, wires or wrappings when closely attached to trees, unless otherwise provided for in the Notice to Competitors/Players.

**STAKES AND SUPPORT WIRE FOR TREES** - Are immovable obstructions governed by Rule 24-2.

**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>).

**DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES** - The local rule allowing distance measuring devices will be in effect for this competition. 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, for which the general penalty applies for the first offense and disqualification for any subsequent offense.

Resumption of play will be signaled by two short airhorn notes, repeated.

**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.

**TRANSPORTATION** - In all stages of the CDGA Amateur Championship and Illinois State Amateur Championship (this includes qualifying), players shall walk at all times during a stipulated round. Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect. Players or Caddies must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorized by the Committee. Exception: Riding Carts are permissible in all other CDGA run championships and qualifiers.

**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 the 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 scoreboard