



**CDGA Mid-Amateur Qualifying  
Kankakee Elks Country Club  
April 29, 2025**

**Notice to Players**

This information supplements the Local Rules and Terms of the Competition for 2025 CDGA Championships.  
Rules and definitions as published on local course scorecards shall not be used.

**Rulings** – If you are in need of assistance with a ruling, please find a rules official on course or call a CDGA staff member at (630) 685-2405.

**Tees** – All competitors will play from the **CDGA Tee Markers**.

**Out of Bounds** is defined by the course-side edge of white painted lines.

- Behind the putting green on hole 9, out of bounds is defined by the course-side edge of the paved cart path.

**Ground Under Repair** – Holes and mulched areas from recently removed trees are designated as ground under repair. Free relief is available under Rule 16.1b. The boundary is defined by the outside edge of the hole or mulched area.

**Immovable Obstructions** – Railroad ties and other curbing, including planted areas and worn turf immediately adjacent to cart paths is considered part of the cart path, and thus an immovable obstruction. Areas of turf, mulch or the like that are encircled by a road or path are deemed to be part of the path and thus, part of the same obstruction.

**Decision of ties** – The low-12 scores and ties will advance to the Championship.

- The CDGA reserves the right to add additional players, from any qualifier, to the Championship field after the conclusion of all qualifiers for the stated Championship.



# Local Rules and Terms of the Competition

## For 2025 CDGA Championships



The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and The R&A govern play. These Local Rules and Terms of the Competition are in effect at all CDGA and State championships and qualifying rounds. See applicable championship or qualifying round Notice to Players and Entry Application for modifications or additions to these Local Rules and Terms of the Competition. Complete text of Rules and Local Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 2023. ***Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty.***

### Local Rules

**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 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** – [Model Local Rule F-7](#) as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

**Immovable Obstructions** – Include plastic bumpers on roads and paths, and mats secured to the ground with spikes when the bumpers or mats cover cables.

**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 objects when closely attached to trees and boundary objects, 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.

**Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Greens** – [Model Local Rule F-5.2](#) as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

**Footwear** – [Model Local Rule G-7](#) as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures as well as the CDGA Championship Policies is in effect.

**List of Conforming Driver Heads** – [Model Local Rule G-1](#) as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

**List of Conforming Golf Balls** – [Model Local Rule G-3](#) as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

**Missing Player or Marker Certification** – [Model Local Rule I-1](#) as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

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

**Stopping and Resuming Play** – [Model Local Rule J-1](#) as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

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 might result in disqualification.

An immediate suspension will be signaled by one prolonged airhorn note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive airhorn notes. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short airhorn notes.

**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](#).

**Prohibiting Use of Motorized Transportation** – [Model Local Rule G-6](#) as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect at ONLY the Championship of the CDGA Amateur Championship and Illinois State Amateur Championship.

During a round players or caddies must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized or later approved by the Committee.

**Exception:** Motorized transportation is permissible in all other CDGA/Illinois State championships and qualifiers.

**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** – Local Rule as prescribed in the CDGA Championship Policies is in effect. Committee Procedure 5I as permitted by [Rule 1.2b](#). Penalty Structure:

First Breach – Warning or Committee sanction

Second Breach – General Penalty

Third Breach or any serious misconduct – Disqualification

### Terms of the Competition

**Alcohol, Marijuana, and Controlled Substance Policy** – As noted in the CDGA Championship Policies – During the round or any delay should a player or caddie consume, be under the influence of, or have in his/her possession any alcohol, marijuana or controlled substance, the player will be disqualified from that tournament. In the event the Committee determines serious misconduct has occurred, the player and/or caddie will also be suspended from all CDGA events for a minimum of 12 months. The player may appeal any such suspension to the CDGA Championship Policy Committee.

**Communication Devices** – As noted in the CDGA Championship Policies – During the round these devices carried by either a player or his/her caddie should be kept in silent mode. Use of these devices should be limited to emergencies or specifically-permitted golf purposes, such as checking leaderboards, requesting a ruling, or scoring/accessing CDGA Tournament App. Players will be subject to penalty if their usage of such a device distracts other players.



## CDGA Pace of Play Policy

In accordance with Committee Procedures 5H and Rule 5.6b

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**The policy applies for all CDGA conducted Championship and Qualifiers (CDGA, State & USGA)**

**Pace of Play** – Players are expected to maintain a prompt pace of play at all times by maintaining position relative to the group in front of them or completing each hole within the allotted time par. Players in violation of this policy may be subject to penalty. Please review the following details:

**Definition of “Time Par”** – Time par is the time by which each group is expected to complete each hole on the course. A Raguzzi sheet with each group’s time par for each hole will be available in the scoring app.

### **Definition of “Out of Position”**

- The **first group** to tee off on each nine will be considered out of position if at any time they complete a hole in excess of time par.
- Any **subsequent group** will be considered out of position if they finish a hole in excess of time par **AND** they reach the teeing area of a par-4 or par-5 hole that is clear of all play or a par-3 hole that is clear of all play and all players in the preceding group have played from the next teeing area.

### **When a Group is Out of Position**

- When a group is observed to be out of position, it will receive a **warning** from a CDGA Rover or Staff Member.
- A warned group is expected to make up time on each hole until it has regained position. A warned group that does not make progress towards regaining position may be **timed**.

### **Definition of “Bad Time”**

- Players are expected to play a stroke within 40 seconds. When a group is being timed, any player taking longer than 40 seconds to play a stroke will receive a bad time.
- Timing will begin when a player has had reasonable opportunity to reach their ball, it is their turn to play and they can play without interference or distraction.
- On the putting green, a player is also allowed a reasonable time to lift, clean and replace their ball, repair their ball mark and remove loose impediments from their line of play before timing begins. Time spent reading the green will count towards their time to play the next stroke.

### **When a Group is Being Timed**

- When a group has been notified by a CDGA Rover or Staff Member that they are being timed, each stroke from each individual player will be timed until the group has regained position, or has made satisfactory progress in the opinion of the Committee.
- Groups will be notified when they are no longer being timed.
- Players who receive a bad time will be subject to the following penalty structure:
  - **First Breach:** Verbal warning
  - **Second Breach:** One-stroke penalty
  - **Third Breach:** Additional two-stroke penalty
  - **Fourth Breach:** Disqualification

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