



2016 CWGA Championships

Local Rules & Conditions of Competition

The United States Golf Association Rules of Golf shall govern play. This Hard Card and any site specific Notice to Competitors are supplements to The Rules of Golf. The Committee, whose decision is final, shall settle all questions/disputes.

LOCAL RULES

Unless otherwise noted, penalty for breach of a Local Rule is two strokes or loss of hole.

Note: Local Rules established by the host course do not apply.

Out of Bounds (Rule 27): Defined by white lines or inside points of stakes and boundary fence posts at ground level. When both OB stakes and boundary fences are present, the stakes identify OB and the inside points of boundary fence posts at ground level define the OB margin.

Water Hazards (Rule 26): Water hazards are defined by yellow lines and identified by yellow stakes. Lateral water hazards are defined by red lines and identified by red stakes.

Ground Under Repair (Rule 25): Defined by white lines and/or roped areas. French drains are Ground Under Repair. Relief is mandatory from all flower beds. Sod Seams of Cut Turf: Through the green, seams of cut turf (not the turf itself) are deemed to be ground under repair. However, interference by a seam with the player's stance is deemed not to be, of itself, interference. If the ball lies in or touches the seam or the seam interferes with the area of intended swing, relief is available. All seams within the cut turf area are considered the same seam.

Obstructions (Rule 24): All Roads and Paths (and extensions thereof) - shall be played as obstructions. Integral Parts of the Course include tree basins, cables, rods, wires, or wrappings (when closely attached to trees), railroad ties, bridges crossing water hazards, and walls/pilings located in hazards. Staked Trees - free relief for interference from the stakes and/or supporting wires, not the tree itself.

Ball Deflected by Power Line: If a ball strikes a power line, the player must cancel the stroke, abandon the ball, and replay the stroke with another ball as near as possible to the spot from which the original ball was played in accordance with Rule 20-5.

Embedded Ball: Relief through the green as explained in Appendix 1 of the Rules of Golf.

Doubt as to Procedure (Rule 3-3): In stroke play only, when a competitor is doubtful of her rights or procedure, she may, without penalty, play a second ball. The competitor should, before taking further action, announce her decision to invoke this Rule and the ball with which she will score if the Rules permit. The competitor must report the facts to the Committee before returning her scorecard. Failure to inform the Committee will result in Disqualification.

Pace of Play (Rule 6-7): It is the player's responsibility to play without undue delay (see separate CWGA Pace of Play Policies on website).

Suspension of Play: A Dangerous Situation is signaled by one prolonged note of air horn or siren; players must discontinue play immediately (see Incident Weather Evacuation Plan distributed at the Registration area). All practice areas are closed during dangerous situation suspensions. All other suspensions of play are signaled by three consecutive notes of air horn or siren, repeated; players in between the play of two holes shall not begin play of the next hole; players in the process of playing a hole, may complete play of that hole only. For all suspensions, play is resumed by two short notes of air horn or siren, repeated. Failure to follow these suspension/resumption procedures will result in Disqualification.

Rulings: Players must only get rulings from a CWGA Rules Official. Do not accept rulings from forecaddies (spotters), rangers, or other golf course personnel. All claims or disputes must be brought before the Committee in charge of the competition (see scoreboard for a listing of the Rules Officials and the Committee for the event).

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

Unless otherwise noted, penalty for breach of a Condition of Competition is Disqualification.

Attire: Players must abide by the CWGA Dress Code.

Registration: Players must check in at the Registration area each day prior to play. In team events, only one player is required to check in.

Footwear: All players and caddies must wear spikeless shoes. Shoes with traditionally designed spikes, regardless of composition (i.e., ceramic, plastic, etc.), or spikes, regardless of design, comprised either entirely or partially of metal, when such metal comes in contact with the surface of the course, are prohibited. Players may not play barefoot. Penalty for breach is Disqualification.

Code of Conduct: See separate CWGA Code of Conduct document on website.

Spectator Policy: See separate Championship Policies and Procedures document on website.

Equipment: Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I, Part B, 1a and 1b are in effect.

Cell Phone Etiquette: If the use of a mobile phone consistently disregards the etiquette guidelines (outlined in the Rules of Golf), the offending player will be issued a warning. **If the player repeatedly distracts or offends an opponent or fellow competitor by using a cell phone the player will be Disqualified under Rule 33-7.**

Distance-Measuring Devices: For all CWGA Championships, 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 that is designed 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 penalty is two strokes or loss of hole. For a subsequent offense, the penalty is disqualification.

Scoring: In stroke play, scorecards must be returned as soon as possible after the completion of the round with both the competitor's and the marker's signatures. In team events, it is not necessary for both partners to sign the scorecard. In match play, players must return to the clubhouse immediately after their match is concluded and must report the results of the match to the Committee as soon as possible. **Any player or team who leaves the golf facility without turning in their scorecard to the Committee will be Disqualified.** A scorecard is considered to be returned when the player has left the official scoring tent (or area).

Score Posting: Tournament scores will be automatically adjusted for Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) and posted for all players by the CWGA prior to the next handicap revision.

Course Handicap Adjustments: The committee may, in exceptional individual cases, modify a player's Course Handicap before or between rounds of the competition.

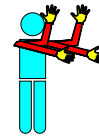
Play-off to Determine Match Play Field: In the event of a tie for the last spot in the Championship Flight after 18 holes of stroke play qualifying, there will be a hole-by-hole play-off immediately after the round. All announcements regarding the play-off will be made at the scoreboard. All other ties in stroke play when seeding for match play will be decided by Handicap Index.

Ties: Generally, ties for overall Low Gross (Championship Flight only) in stroke play events are decided by a hole-by-hole play-off immediately after completion of regulation play. All other ties split prize money. If the standing in a match is all square after 18 holes (or 36 Holes), the stipulated round is deemed to extend on a hole-by-hole basis beginning on the hole that the match began on until a winner is determined. Refer to Prize Distribution sheet posted at the scoreboard for specific tie breaking procedures and prize information for each event.

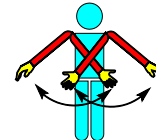
Close of Competition: The competition is deemed to have closed when the symbolic prize for the event has been presented, or if no ceremony, when the Committee has approved all scores or results.

APPROVED HAND SIGNALS

Ball is Out of Bounds
Swinging Arms Towards the OB Area



Ball is in Play and/or Findable
Baseball "Safe" Signal



Location of Ball Unknown
Shrug of Shoulders

