



2017 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): When a water or lateral water hazard is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend to infinity. When a water or 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 (Rule 25): Defined by white lines and/or roped areas. French drains are ground under repair.

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, unless otherwise noted in the Notice to Competitors. *Staked Trees* - free relief for interference from the stakes and/or supporting wires, not the tree itself.

Stones in Bunkers: Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions. Rule 24-1.

Wood Chips and Mulch: Wood chips and mulch are loose impediments.

Ball Deflected by Power Line: If a ball strikes an elevated 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.

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, their partner, their opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in rules 18-1, 18-3 and 20-1.

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

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. All claims or disputes must be brought before the Committee in charge of the competition.

Attire: Players must abide by the CWGA Dress Code. See separate Championship Policies document on website.

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: Metal spikes are prohibited. Players may not play barefoot. Penalty for breach is Disqualification.

Code of Conduct: See separate Championship Policies document on website.

Spectator Policy: See separate Championship Policies document on website.

Equipment: Conditions 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 (Rule 33-7).**

Distance-Measuring Devices: 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 as soon as practicable.

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 or Senior Championship Flight after 18 holes of stroke play qualifying, there will be a hole-by-hole play-off immediately after the round. All other ties in stroke play when seeding for match play will be decided by Handicap Index.

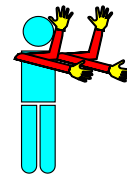
Ties: Generally, ties for overall Low Gross (Championship Flight only) in stroke play events are decided by a hole-by-hole play-off immediately after completion of regulation play. At The Committees discretion, ties may also be broken by matching scorecards as recommended in Appendix 1. All other ties 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 usually beginning on the hole that the match began on until a winner is determined.

Close of Competition: The result of each match is deemed to be officially announced when the result has been posted on the public scoreboard. 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.

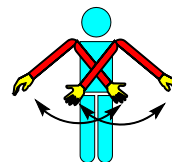
Official Time: The official clock is with the starter.

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

