



Local Rules and Terms of the Competition

For 2019 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 2019.

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, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts.

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. For grass-covered trenching, see Temporary Lines and Cables. Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-22.

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 immovable obstruction, such area is part of the obstruction.

Relief from Seams of Cut Turf – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-7.

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.

Stakes and Support for Wire Trees – Are immovable obstructions, unless otherwise provided for in the Notice to Players.

Wood Chips and Mulch – Are loose impediments.

Integral Objects – Include cables, rods, wires and wrappings when closely attached to trees, unless otherwise provided for in the Notice to Players.

List of Conforming Driver Heads – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-1.

Ball Played from Outside Relief Area When Taking Back-On-the-Line

Relief – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule E-12 in effect.

Terms of the Competition

Alcohol Policy – During the round or any delay should a player or caddie be consuming alcohol, be under the influence of alcohol, and or have alcohol in his/her possession, the player will be subject to disqualification should the Committee determine serious misconduct has occurred. The player and/or caddie will also be suspended from all CDGA events for a minimum period of 12 months. The player may appeal this decision to the CDGA Tournament Policy Committee.

Portable Communication Devices – 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 or requesting a ruling. Players will be subject to penalty if their usage of such a device distracts other players.

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. The result of a match is final when the Committee has approved the result as posted on the public scoreboard.

List of Conforming Golf Balls – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-3.

Footwear – Spikes having single or multiple points designed to penetrate deeply into the surface of the ground (regardless of whether made of metal, ceramic, plastic or other materials are strictly prohibited. Penalty for breach of Local Rule, see Rule 4.3. Model Local Rule G-7.

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

Stopping and Resuming Play – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule J-1.

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 – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect in all stages of the CDGA Amateur Championship and Illinois State Amateur Championship (this includes qualifying). Model Local Rule G-6.

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/State run championships and qualifiers.

Replacement of Broken or Significantly Damaged Club – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-9 is in effect.