



**Illinois State Mid-Amateur Qualifying
Whisper Creek Golf Club
July 31st, 2024**

Notice to Players

This information supplements the Local Rules and Terms of the Competition for 2024 CDGA Championships. Rules and definitions as published on local course scorecards shall not be used.

Rulings – There are a limited number of rules officials. If you are needing assistance with a ruling, please find a rules official on course, use the phone number published in the CDGA Scoring App.

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

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.

Out of Bounds – Defined by a white painted line or course side edges of roads. Driving range is to be played as in bounds.

Penalty Areas – All penalty areas are to be played as **RED**, and are defined by a red painted line.

Bunkers (IMPORTANT) – Certain bunkers have been encircled with a white painted line and will be played as **Ground Under Repair**. Any unmarked bunkers are to be played as normal. Ground Under Repair marked bunkers can be found on **holes 6, 9, 11, 12, and 15**.

- The bunker behind hole 9's green is a part of the penalty area and to **NOT** be played as Ground Under Repair.

Decision of ties – The Low 10 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 2024 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, 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.

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.

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 L-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: 1) Motorized transportation is permissible in all other CDGA/State run 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

(This information supplements the Local Rules and Terms of the Competition for CDGA Championships card.)

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

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. A group is out of position when a par 4 or par 5 hole is open before the group reaches the teeing area.
- Players have 40 seconds to play a stroke. Any time over 40 seconds is a “bad time.”
- The timing will start when the player has had sufficient time to reach the ball, and it is the player’s turn to play and is able to play without interference or distraction. Time taken to determine distance and select a club will count as time taken for the next stroke. On the putting green timing will begin when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace the ball, repair damage that interferes with the line of play and move loose impediments. Time spent looking at the line of play from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.
- Timing ceases when a group is back in position and players will be advised.

Penalties for failure to comply with the policy

- Penalty for first breach: Verbal warning
- Penalty for second breach: One-stroke penalty
- Penalty for third breach: Two-stroke penalty applied in addition to penalty from the second breach
- Penalty for fourth breach: Disqualification

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