



CGA Interclub

Notice to Players

2010-11 USGA Rules of Golf and the local rules on both sides of this sheet govern play at this CGA Interclub Match.

USGA MATCH PLAY RULES OF GOLF

RULE 2-4. CONCESSION of MATCH, HOLE or NEXT STROKE - A player may concede a match at any time prior to the start or conclusion of that match. A player may concede a hole at any time prior to the start or conclusion of that hole. A player may concede his opponent's next *stroke* at any time, provided the opponent's ball is at rest. The opponent is considered to have *holed* out with his next *stroke*, and the ball may be removed by either *Side*. A concession may not be declined or withdrawn.

- **RULE 2-5. DOUBT as to PROCEDURE; DISPUTES and CLAIMS** - In match play, the privilege of playing a second ball does not exist in Match Play. If a doubt or dispute arises between the players, a player may make a claim. If no duly authorized representative of the *Committee* is available within a reasonable time, the players must continue the match without delay. The *Committee* may consider a claim only if the player making the claim notifies his opponent (i) that he is making a claim, (ii) of the facts of the situation and (iii) that he wants a ruling. The claim must be made before any player in the match plays from the next *teeing ground* or, in the case of the last hole of the match, before all players in the match leave the *putting green*. The penalty for a breach of a *Rule* in match play is loss of hole except when otherwise provided.
- **RULE 2-6. GENERAL PENALTY** – The penalty for breach of a *Rule* in match play is loss of a hole except when otherwise noted.
- **RULE 30-3. BEST-BALL AND FOUR-BALL MATCH PLAY**
 - a. REPRESENTATION OF SIDE – A *side* may be represented by one *partner* for all or any part of a match; all *partners* need not be present. An absent *partner* may join a match between holes, but not during play of a hole.
 - b. ORDER OF PLAY – Balls belonging to the same *Side* may be played in the order the *Side* considers best.
 - c. WRONG BALL – If a player incurs the loss of hole penalty under Rule 15-3a for making a *stroke* at a *wrong ball*, he is disqualified for that hole, but his *partner* incurs no penalty even if the *wrong ball* belongs to him. If the *wrong ball* belongs to another player, its owner must place a ball on the spot from which the *wrong ball* was first played.
 - d. PENALTY TO SIDE - A *side* is penalized for a breach of any of the following by any *partner*:
 - Rule 4 - Clubs
 - Rule 6-4 - Caddie
 - Any Local Rule or Condition of Competition for which the penalty is an adjustment to the state of the match.
 - e. DISQUALIFICATION OF SIDE -
 - i. A side shall be disqualified for a breach of any of the following by any partner:
 - Rule 1-3 Agreement to Waive Rules.
 - Rule 4 Clubs.
 - Rule 5-1or 2 The Ball.
 - Rule 6-2a Handicap (playing off higher handicap).
 - Rule 6-4 Caddie.
 - Rule 6-7 Undue Delay; Slow Play (repeated offense).
 - Rule 14-3 Artificial Devices and Unusual Equipment.
 - Rule 33-7 Disqualification Penalty Imposed by Committee.
 - ii. A side shall be disqualified for a breach of any of the following Rules by all partners:
 - Rule 6-3 Time of Starting and Groups.
 - Rule 6-8 Discontinuance of Play.
 - iii. In all other cases where a breach of a Rule would result in disqualification, the player is disqualified for that hole only.
 - f. EFFECT OF OTHER PENALTIES - If a player's breach of a Rule assists his partner's play or adversely affects an opponent's play, the partner incurs the applicable penalty in addition to any penalty incurred by the player. In all other cases where a player incurs a penalty for breach of a Rule, the penalty does not apply to his partner. Where the penalty is stated to be loss of hole, the effect shall be to disqualify the player for that hole only.

- **DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES** – Local rule allowing the use of devices that measure or gauge distance only is in effect. Rule 14-3, Note and Appendix I on page 116 of the 2010-11 USGA Rules of Golf.
- **ONE-BALL RULE IS NOT IN EFFECT.** The ball the player plays must be named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the United States Golf Association.
- **CONFORMING DRIVER HEAD** - The driver the player carries must have a club head, identified by model and loft, that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the United States Golf Association.
- **EMBEDDED BALL** - Relief is “through the green” except in sand. Procedure is on page 107 of the 2010-11 USGA Rules of Golf.
- **TEES TO PLAY** – The tees to play are pre-determined by the Captains of both teams. Refer to the local rules sheet.
- **OUT OF BOUNDS** - Out of bounds is defined by the inside points of white stakes at ground level, by the inside points of fence posts at ground level and by the inside edge of paved roads and beyond.
- **LATERAL WATER HAZARDS** - Defined by red stakes and/or lines and includes unmarked drainage ditches and other open water courses. Treat all water hazards as lateral water hazards unless otherwise marked.
- **WATER HAZARDS** - Defined by yellow stakes and/or lines.
- **GROUND UNDER REPAIR AND SODDED AREAS** - Defined by white lines. White-lined areas tying into cart paths are part of those obstructions. Fire anthills and french drains are ground under repair. A ball coming to rest in a newly sodded seam or edge may be lifted, cleaned and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay which is not in either condition. Relief is granted for the ball only and not the stance. The nearest point of relief may be on the sod itself. All edges and seams are considered the same condition.
- **GREENSIDE FANS** - Greenside fans are temporary immovable obstructions. See page 111 of the 2010-11 Rules of Golf for interference and relief procedure.
- **DROPPING ZONES (BALL DROP)** - Players are permitted to use any dropping zone stated on the club’s score card or designated on the course.
- **CELL PHONES** - Except for emergencies, cell phone use is prohibited during play at CGA events.
- **PACE OF PLAY** - Each group is expected to keep pace with the group ahead.
- **SUSPENSION OF PLAY** – Signaled by three consecutive air horn blasts. Players in the process of playing a hole may complete the hole. Players in between the play of two holes must stop play immediately. Resumption of play is signaled by two short blasts.
- **SUSPENSION OF PLAY FOR DANGEROUS SITUATION** - A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one long air horn blast. All players will be informed of the suspension verbally. All play must cease immediately. All practice areas will be closed during a suspension of play, until the Committee has declared them open again. Resumption of play is signaled by two short blasts.
- **RULES COMMITTEE** – Host Golf Staff.