



# Notice to Players

*2012-2015 USGA Rules of Golf and the local rules on both sides of this sheet govern play at this CGA four-ball championship. Disregard local rules printed on the club score card.*

CGA: 4Ball SP

**CADDIE/SPECTATOR CART POLICY:** During the play of a hole, either the player or his caddie may ride in a golf cart but not both at the same time. Spectators are not allowed to ride in a golf cart at any time. Club owned spectator carts are not allowed.

**THE ONE-BALL RULE IS NOT IN EFFECT:** Any golf ball used in this CGA championship, however, must appear on the USGA Conforming Ball List.

**LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS:** Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

**TIME OF STARTING:** A team may be represented by only one player at any time during a round. A team is responsible for being at the assigned tee promptly to begin play on time. A team should arrive at the assigned tee prior to the team's starting time in order to receive all information. Teams will not be called to assigned tees. Official starting clocks are located on the starting tees.

If both players of a team arrive late but within five minutes after the assigned starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole (Rule 6-3a).

**RULE 3-3 - DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE:** In stroke play only, when during play of a hole a competitor is doubtful of his rights or procedure, he may, without penalty, complete the hole with two balls. After the doubtful situation has arisen and before taking further action, the competitor must 1) announce to his marker or a fellow-competitor that he intends to play two balls and 2) which ball he wishes to count if the Rules permit. The player **MUST** report the facts of the situation to the Rules Committee before returning his score card. If he fails to do so, he is disqualified.

**EMBEDDED BALL:** "Through the green", a ball that is embedded in its own pitch-mark in the ground may be lifted, without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green. *Exceptions:* 1. A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if the ball is embedded in sand in an area that is not closely mown. 2. A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if interference by anything other than the condition covered by this Local Rule makes the stroke clearly impracticable.

**WATER HAZARDS:** Water hazards are identified by yellow stakes and defined by yellow lines. Lateral water hazards are identified by red stakes, defined by red lines and include unmarked drainage ditches and other open water courses. When a lateral water hazard is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend to infinity. When water hazards and lateral water hazards are bounded by out of bounds, the hazard margin extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line.

**GROUND UNDER REPAIR:** Defined by white lines. Fire ant hills and french drains are ground under repair. White-lined areas tying into cart paths are part of those obstructions. Sod seams (not the sod itself) are deemed to be ground under repair, and relief is available under Rule 25-1 if the ball lies in or touches a sod seam or the sod seam interferes with the area of intended swing. All seams within the sodded area are considered the same seam.

**INTEGRAL PARTS OF COURSE:** Include cables, rods, wires or wrappings when closely attached to trees; artificial walls and pilings when located in hazards, unless otherwise denoted.

**TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS:** Greenside fans, starting, scoring and concession tents are deemed to be temporary immovable obstructions (TIO's). See page 131 of the 2012-15 USGA Rules of Golf for interference and relief procedures.

**CELL PHONES:** Except for emergencies and rulings, cell phone use during a stipulated round is prohibited.

First Offense: Warning; Second Offense: Disqualification (Rule 33-7).

**PLAYOFF:** A hole-by-hole playoff to determine the champion will begin at the first tee (unless indicated otherwise) when such a situation is determined. Players are responsible for making themselves available.

**DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES:** In this competition, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. However, 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., gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used.

**PACE OF PLAY:** A group that is out of position will be advised of the situation and the individuals may be timed. The players will be notified that exceeding 40 seconds to play their next shot will result in a warning. A second violation will result in a one stroke penalty to the individual. A third violation will result in a two stroke penalty to the individual followed by team disqualification for a fourth violation.

A player's time to play begins when the player has had a reasonable opportunity to reach his or her ball and when it is the player's turn to play and can do so without interference or distraction. Penalties are applied individually, but more than one competitor in a group may be penalized.

**SUSPENSION OF PLAY:** Signaled by three short 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.

**SUSPENSION OF PLAY FOR DANGEROUS SITUATION:** Signaled by one long air horn blast. All players are informed of the suspension verbally. All play must cease immediately. All practice areas are closed during a suspension of play, until the Committee has declared them open again.

**RESUMPTION OF PLAY:** Signaled by two short consecutive air horn blasts.

**SCORE CARD:** A score is deemed to be returned when the score is posted on the scoreboard. The score to count on each hole must be individually identifiable (Rule 31-3).

**CLOSE OF COMPETITION:** The competition is deemed to have closed 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.