



Local Rules & Terms of the Competition For Carolinas Golf Association Events

The Rules of Golf as approved by the USGA and The R&A govern play. These Local Rules and Terms of the Competition are in effect at all CGA Championships and qualifying rounds. See applicable championship or qualifying round Notice to Players and Entry Information for modifications or additions to the following. Complete text of the Rules and Local Rules may be found in the current [Official Guide to the Rules of Golf](#), effective January 2019.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is the general penalty.

CADDIE/SPECTATOR CART POLICY – Refer to the Entry Information Form for restrictions/permissions to these policies.

LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-1.

ONE BALL RULE & GROOVES AND PUNCH MARK SPECIFICATIONS – These Local Rules are **NOT** in effect.

LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-3.

PROHIBITING USE OF METAL SPIKES – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-7. Penalty for breach of Local Rule - see Rule 4.3.

REPLACEMENT OF CLUB THAT IS BROKEN OR SIGNIFICANTLY DAMAGED – If a player's club is "broken or significantly damaged" during the round by the player or caddie, except in cases of abuse, the player may replace the club with any club under Rule 4.1b(4). Model Local Rule G-9.

RESOLVING RULES ISSUES DURING ROUND – Players must not unreasonably delay play when seeking help with the Rules during a round. If the Committee is not available in a reasonable amount of time to help with Rules issue, the player must decide what to do and play on. The player may protect their rights by asking for a ruling in **match play** (Rule 20.1b (2)) or by playing two balls in **stroke play** (Rule 20.1c (3)).

OUT OF BOUNDS – Defined by the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of white stakes or fence posts; by white lines on the ground that connect stakes or roads; by the inside edge of paved roads and beyond, even if ball comes to rest on another part of course.

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.

BALL PLAYED FROM OUTSIDE RELIEF AREA WHEN TAKING BACK ON THE LINE RELIEF – There is no penalty if a ball is played from outside relief area within one club-length where it touches the ground when dropped. This applies for Back on Line relief only. Model Local Rule E-12.

RELIEF ON OPPOSITE SIDE OF RED PENALTY AREA COINCIDING WITH OUT OF BOUNDS – For a ball in a red penalty area that coincides with OB, as an extra relief option by adding one penalty stroke, the player may drop the original ball or another ball on the opposite side of the penalty area within two club lengths of a point equal distance from the hole as point where the ball last crossed the edge of penalty area on boundary side. Model Local Rule B-2.2.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR – Defined by white lines. Ground under repair also includes French drains, which are trenches filled with rocks or stones and newly trenched areas, even if not marked as such.

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.

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. Model Local Rule F-3.1.

INTEGRAL OBJECTS – Include cables, rods, wires or wrappings when closely attached to trees, artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas and bunkers, unless otherwise denoted.

TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS – Include greenside fans and starting/scoring tents. Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-23.

Note: CGA Championship Signage (including hole sign posts, banners and tee signs) is considered Movable Obstructions. Any CGA sign that is not readily movable is considered a TIO.

WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH – Are loose impediments.

LIMITING WHEN STROKE MADE FROM PUTTING GREEN MUST BE REPLAYED – Exception 2 to Rule 11.1b applies, except that when a ball played from the putting green accidentally hits the player, the club used by the player to make the stroke or an animal defined as a loose impediment (worms, insects and similar animals that can be removed easily) the stroke counts and the ball must be played as it lies. Model Local Rule D-7.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREEN (BALL IN GENERAL AREA CUT TO FAIRWAY HEIGHT) – Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 16.1. In addition, if the player's ball lies off the putting green **and in the general area cut to fairway height** and an immovable obstruction within two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club-lengths of the ball intervenes on the line of play, the player may take relief under Rule 16.1. Model Local Rule F-5.

BALL DEFLECTED BY POWER LINE – If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a power line or tower or a wire or pole supporting a power line during the round, the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made (see Rule 14.6 for what to do). Model Local Rule E-11.

PACE OF PLAY – A group that is out of position (over the allotted time and more than the starting interval behind the group in front of them) will be advised of the situation and the individuals may be timed. Players timed exceeding **40** seconds to play their next shot will result in a warning. A second violation will result in a one stroke penalty. A third violation will result in the general penalty followed by disqualification for a fourth violation. A player's time to play begins when the player has had a reasonable opportunity to reach their 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.

RELIEF FROM AERATION HOLES – If a player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole: (a) Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b (drop ball). If the ball comes to rest in another aeration hole the player may take relief again under this Local Rule. (b) Ball on Putting Green. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d (place ball). **But** interference does not exist if the aeration hole only interferes with the player's stance or, on the putting green, on the player's line of play. Model Local Rule E-4.

STOPPING AND RESUMING PLAY – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule J-1.

A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged note of a siren or horn. All players will be notified of suspension verbally and must stop play immediately. All other suspensions will be signaled by three consecutive notes of a siren or horn. In either case, resumption of play will be signaled by two short notes of a siren or horn (unless otherwise indicated). See Rule 5.7b. **Note:** 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 practicing might result in disqualification under CGA Code of Conduct.

ROUND – CGA Championship rounds are 18 holes, unless otherwise denoted prior to round. CGA Qualifying Rounds are 18 holes, consisting of two nine-hole rounds.

SCORECARD – A player's scorecard is deemed returned (no changes allowed to scorecard) once the score is posted on the public scoreboard.

TIES & PLAYOFFS – 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 at the scoreboard. There are no playoffs in CGA Qualifying rounds as ties for final qualifying spot qualify.

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.