



CGA: 4Ball MP

Notice to Players

USGA Rules of Golf effective January 1, 2016 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.

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 may be used in this CGA Championship; however, the ball 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.

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 in stroke play and loss of hole in match play at the first hole (Rule 6-3a).

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 (Rule 3-3).

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 (Rule 2-5).

PLAYOFF: Matches not determined after 18 holes will be played off from the first hole played in the match unless indicated otherwise. A playoff to determine match play spots will begin at the first tee (unless indicated otherwise) when such a situation is determined. Players are responsible for making themselves available. Ties for match play seeds will be blind drawn to determine seeding.

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 and edges within the sodded area are considered the same seam or edge.

TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS: Greenside fans, starting, scoring and concession tents are deemed to be temporary immovable obstructions (TIO's). See page 147-149 of the 2016 Rules of Golf for interference and relief procedure.

CELL PHONES: Except for emergencies, rulings, viewing tournament leaderboard or use as a distance measuring device, cell phone use during a stipulated round is prohibited. First Offense-Warning; Second Offense-Disqualification (Rule 33-7).

STONES IN BUNKERS: Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES: In this competition, a player may use a device to measure distance only. However, if, during a stipulated round, a player uses a function to measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.); the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

AERATION HOLES: Through the green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be lifted, without penalty, cleaned and dropped, as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. On the putting green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be placed at the nearest spot not nearer the hole that avoids the situation.

ELEVATED POWER LINES: If a ball strikes an elevated power line or cable, the stroke **must be canceled and replayed**, without penalty (see Rule 20-5). If the ball is not immediately recoverable, another ball may be substituted.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO THE PUTTING GREEN (BALL IN CLOSELY MOWN AREA): Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 24-2. In addition, if a ball lies off the putting green and in a closely mown area through the green and an immovable obstruction on or within two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club-lengths of the ball intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may take relief as follows: The ball must be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay that (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids intervention and (c) is not in a hazard or on a putting green. The ball may be cleaned when lifted.

BALL AT REST MOVED ON PUTTING GREEN: When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment.

The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced. This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental. Note: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.

PACE OF PLAY: In match play, a group that is out of position will be advised of the situation and the players may be timed. A player discovered taking more than 40 seconds to play a stroke is subject to: First violation: Warning; Second Violation: Player Disqualified from Hole; Third Violation: Player Disqualified from Hole; Fourth Violation: Team Disqualification from Championship.

In stroke play qualifying, a group that is out of position will be advised of the situation and the players may be timed. A player who is discovered taking more than 40 seconds to play a stroke is subject to: First violation: Warning; Second Violation: One Stroke Penalty; Third Violation: Two Stroke Penalty; Fourth Violation: Team Disqualification from Championship.

A player's time to play begins when the player has had a reasonable opportunity to reach his 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 – 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 -- A suspension of play for a dangerous situation is 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: In stroke play qualifying, a score is deemed returned when the score is posted on the scoreboard.

MODIFICATION OF SCORECARD PENALTY EXCEPTION TO RULE 6-6d: Exception: If a competitor returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken due to failure to include one or more penalty strokes that, before returning his score card, he did not know he had incurred, he is not disqualified. In such circumstances, the competitor incurs the penalty prescribed by the applicable Rule, but there is no additional penalty for a breach of Rule 6-6d. This Exception does not apply when the applicable penalty is disqualification from the competition.

REPORTING MATCH RESULTS: Players should report the final score of the match to the official scoreboard as soon as possible.

CLOSE OF COMPETITION: The competition is deemed to have closed when the championship trophy has been presented to the winner or in stroke play qualifying followed by match play, when the player has teed off in his first match.