



CGA: 4Ball SP

# 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 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 1) should 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 147-149 of the 2016 USGA Rules of Golf for interference and relief procedures.

**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.

**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 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:** 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).

**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.

**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.