

Play is governed by the current USGA Rules of Golf and where applicable, by the following Local Rules, Conditions and Definitions, subject to changes or amendments by the Committee. Appendix I refers to Appendix I in the current USGA Rules of Golf Booklet.

PART A: CONDITIONS OF THE COMPETITION

1. **GOLF BALLS:** The ball the player plays must be named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the USGA. PENALTY FOR BREACH: Disqualification.
2. **LIMITATION ON GOLF BALLS USED DURING ROUND (“ONE-BALL CONDITION”):** During a stipulated round, the balls a player plays must be of the same brand and model as detailed by a single entry on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls. For penalty and procedure, see Appendix I. Note: This condition applies to professionals in all PNW Section competitions and to amateurs in the tournament proper portion of such events. This condition does not apply to amateurs in Sponsor Pro-ams or “Monday” Pro-Am events.
3. **PACE OF PLAY:** A player shall be subject to fine and/or penalty if he unduly delays play. The PNW Section Pace of Play regulation is in effect and is available at all tournaments.
4. **PRACTICE BETWEEN HOLES:** Between the play of two holes, a player must not make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole last played and must not test the surface of the putting green of the hole last played by rolling a ball. PENALTY FOR BREACH: Match Play - Loss of next hole; Stroke Play - Two strokes at the next hole. Match or stroke play - In the case of a breach at the last hole of the stipulated round, the player incurs the penalty at that hole. Note: This condition does not apply in Sponsor Pro-Am or “Monday” Pro-Am events.
5. **SUSPENSION OF PLAY - DANGEROUS SITUATION:** When play is suspended by the Committee for a dangerous situation (lightning, tornado, etc.), if the players in a match or group are between the play of two holes, they must not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If they are in the process of playing a hole, they must discontinue play immediately and not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If a player fails to discontinue play immediately, he is disqualified, unless circumstances warrant waiving the penalty as provided in Rule 33-7. See Decision 6-8b/7.

SUSPENSION OF PLAY - NON-DANGEROUS SITUATION:
Proceed as prescribed in Rule 6-8.

SIGNALS FOR SUSPENDING AND RESUMING PLAY:

One prolonged air horn or siren blast -
Discontinue Play Immediately

Three consecutive air horn or siren blasts, repeated -
Discontinue Play

Two consecutive air horn or siren blasts -
Resume play

6. **CLOSE OF THE COMPETITION:** The competition is closed when the champion has been announced, all scores have been posted, and the Committee has approved the results.

PART B: LOCAL RULES

1. **OUT OF BOUNDS - ROADS:** A ball which crosses a public road defined as out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that road is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course. **DOUBLE STAKES:** When used, the boundary for that hole(s), is deemed to extend indefinitely in the direction of the ‘squared-off’ stake.
2. **GROUND UNDER REPAIR:** (a) Areas enclosed by white lines; (b) French drains, which are trenches filled with rocks or stones; (c) Relief is provided for lie of the ball from seams of cut turf in newly sodded areas that are not otherwise marked (See Appendix I).

3. **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 the spot 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. PENALTY FOR BREACH: Match Play - Loss of hole; Stroke Play - Two strokes.
4. **TURF PLUGS ON PUTTING GREENS:** Turf plugs on putting greens are deemed to have the same status as hole plugs and thus may be repaired as prescribed in Rule 16-1c.
5. **OBSTRUCTIONS - WHITE LINES:**
 - a. White lined areas tying into artificially surfaced roads, paths or other obstructions are deemed to be part of the obstruction and are not ground under repair.
 - b. Landscaped flowerbed areas completely encircled by an obstruction are part of the obstruction.
6. **RETAINING WALLS AND PILINGS:** When located within water hazards or within and/or around bunkers, retaining walls and pilings are integral parts of the course. When located contiguous to cart paths (through the green), retaining walls and pilings are deemed to be part of the cart path.
7. **TREE STAKES:** The stake and/or cable is an obstruction. No relief from just the tree.
8. **TREE WRAPPINGS, ELECTRICAL WIRES AND CABLES:** Integral parts of the course - NO RELIEF. Tree wrappings, electrical wires, cables and other artificial objects closely attached to trees ARE NOT obstructions.
9. **PERMANENT ELEVATED POWER LINES:** If a ball strikes a permanent elevated power line or cable, the stroke is canceled and the player must play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was played in accordance with Rule 20-5 (Making Next Stroke from Where Previous Stroke Made).
10. **TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS:** Those obstructions so deemed by the Committee. Proceed as prescribed in Appendix I.
11. **AUTOMOTIVE TRANSPORTATION:** An automotive cart is part of the player’s equipment. A player employs a cart when it is utilized by the player, his caddie, or his equipment.
 - (a) A player may employ a cart at any time during the round. If employed between the play of two holes, the cart is deemed to be the equipment of the player for the duration of the subsequent hole. If such employment commences during the play of a hole, the cart is deemed to be the equipment of the player for the duration of the hole. Outside agencies may ride in a player’s cart. However, if the player’s ball strikes anything or anyone in the player’s cart, the player incurs the penalty for a breach of Rule 19-2.
Exception: When one cart is shared by two players and the cart is being moved by one of the players, the cart and its contents are deemed to be the equipment of that player.
 - (b) A player or players employing a cart may appoint someone to drive the cart, in which case the driver is deemed to be the caddie of the player or players. Only the player or players (or caddies) may drive the cart. PENALTY FOR BREACH: Match Play - Loss of hole; Stroke Play - Two strokes.
 - (c) To prevent “scouting”, a player or players employing a cart, or their caddies, may not drive past the ball until all shots have been played to the green. “Past the ball” is deemed to be past the nearest ball to the green. If the players or caddies drive slightly past the ball in search of a lost ball, this is not considered past the ball. PENALTY FOR BREACH: Match Play - Loss of hole; Stroke Play - Two strokes.
 - (d) There will be no spectator carts allowed. Only official carts authorized by the Tournament Director will be allowed on the course. Players in violation are subject to penalty and/or fine.
Players employing carts are reminded of the conditions governing caddies and advice.
12. **DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES:** A player may obtain distance information by using a hand-held device that measures distance only. 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 function is actually used.