

## Pacific Northwest PGA Section Supplemental Rules of Play

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.

### CONDITIONS OF THE COMPETITION & LOCAL RULES

- 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. 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.
- 3. PRACTISE:**  
Before or between rounds in stroke play:  
Rule 5.2b is modified as follows: A player must not practise on the competition course before or between rounds.  
Penalty for Breach of this Local Rule:  
Penalty for first breach: General Penalty (applied to the player's first hole).  
Penalty for second breach: Disqualification.  
  
Between holes in stroke play:  
Rule 5.5b is modified as follows:  
Between the play of two holes, a player must not:
  - Make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole just completed, or
  - Test the surface of that putting green by rubbing the putting green or rolling a ball.Penalty for Breach of this Local Rule: General Penalty.
- 4. METHODS FOR STOPPING PLAY AND RESUMING PLAY:**
  - Immediate Suspension (Immediate Stop): One prolonged note of the air horn.
  - Normal Suspension (Normal Stop): Three consecutive notes of the air horn.
  - Resume Play: Two short notes of the air horn.
- 5. 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.
- 6. OUT OF BOUNDS - ROADS:** A ball which comes to rest on or beyond a public road defined as out of bounds is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course that is in bounds for other holes. DOUBLE STAKES: When used, the boundary for that hole(s), is deemed to extend indefinitely in the direction of the 'squared-off' stake.
- 7. GROUND UNDER REPAIR:** (a) Areas enclosed by white lines; (b) French drains, which are trenches filled with rocks or stones.  
  
Relief is provided for lie of the ball and area of intended swing from seams of cut turf in newly sodded areas that are not otherwise marked.
- 8. OBSTRUCTIONS:** (a) White lined areas tying into artificially surfaced roads, paths or other obstructions are declared to have the same status as the obstruction and are not ground under repair. (b) Railroad ties, curbing or other similar edges adjoining cart paths are part of the same obstruction. (c) Landscaped flowerbed areas completely encircled by an obstruction are part of the obstruction.
- 9. RETAINING WALLS AND PILINGS:** When located within Penalty Areas retaining walls and pilings are integral parts of the course.
- 10. TREE STAKES:** The stake and/or cable is an obstruction. No relief from just the tree.
- 11. 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.
- 12. PERMANENT ELEVATED POWER LINES:** If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a power line, the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made.
- 13. TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS:** Those obstructions so deemed by the Committee. Proceed under Model Local Rule F-23.
- 14. 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 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: General Penalty.
  - 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: General Penalty.
  - 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.
- 15. NO REPLACING LOST OR DAMAGED CLUBS.** Rule 4.1a(2) is modified in this way: If a player's club is "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). When replacing a club, the player must immediately take the damaged club out of play, using the procedure in Rule 4.1c(1).
- 16. MODEL LOCAL RULE L-1:** "Rule 3.3b(2) is modified in this way: If a player returns a scorecard without the hole scores being certified either by the player, the marker or both, the player gets the general penalty (two penalty strokes). The penalty applies to the last hole of the player's round."
- 17. MODEL LOCAL RULE F-5.2: Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Greens – Relief may be taken under Rule 16.1b for a ball in the general area**  
  
Rule 16.1b for a ball in the general area if an immovable obstruction (sprinkler head) is on the line of play, and is within two club lengths of the putting green, within two club lengths of the ball and both the ball and the immovable obstruction are in a closely mown area.