

14. OBSTRUCTION: Railroad ties, curbing or the like adjoining artificially surfaced road or paths are part of the road or path. Stakes, ropes, wires or other objects supporting trees or tree limbs provided they are not closely attached are obstructions, the tree or tree limb is not part of the obstruction.

15. PERMANENT ELEVATED POWER LINES AND CABLES: If a ball strikes such a line or cable, the stroke shall be cancelled and the ball MUST be replayed, without penalty in accordance with Rule 20-5. If a ball is not immediately recoverable, another ball may be substituted.

16. BUNKERS: STONES IN BUNKERS are deemed to be obstructions and may be removed without penalty.

17. RESULTS OF THE COMPETITION: The competition shall be deemed to have closed when the Connecticut Section Rules Committee has approved all scores. In the event of a playoff, the competition shall be deemed to have closed when the Connecticut Section Rules Committee has approved the playoff scores.

18. DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES: A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc) the player is in breach of rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification.

19. ACCIDENTAL MOVEMENT OF A BALL ON A PUTTING GREEN: Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows: 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 as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1.

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.

CONNECTICUT SECTION PGA



PGA

Connecticut Section

2017

RULES OF PLAY

Play is governed by the Rules of Golf and its Decisions, and where applicable, by the following Local Rules, Conditions and Definitions. Appendix I refers to the Appendix of Local Rules; Conditions of the Competition in the USGA Rules of Golf booklet. Unless otherwise specified, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is: Stroke Play - two (2) strokes.

1. SUSPENSION OF PLAY FOR A DANGEROUS SITUATION:

When play is suspended for a dangerous situation, if a player is between the play of two holes, the player shall not resume play until the committee has ordered a resumption of play. If a player is in the process of playing a hole, the player shall discontinue play immediately and shall not thereafter resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. (Note to Rule 6-8b). If a player fails to discontinue play immediately after a suspension for a dangerous situation, the player is disqualified unless circumstances warrant waiving the penalty.

The following signals will be used to identify a dangerous situation:

Discontinue Play Immediately: One prolonged signal note.

Discontinue Play: Three consecutive short signal notes.

Resume Play: Two short signal notes.

All practice areas shall be closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the committee has declared them open for use.

2. EQUIPMENT: The player's golf ball, and driver shall be named on the current "List of Conforming Golf Balls" & "List of Conforming Drivers".

3. TURF PLUGS ON PUTTING GREENS: On the putting green, in addition to Rule 16-1C, the player may repair turf plugs of any size.

4. OUT OF POSITION: A group is deemed to be out of position when they have exceeded the allotted time given and is out of position on the golf course.

FIRST GROUP ONLY: The first group in the competition will be considered out of position if at any time they are behind the allotted time at the completion of any hole.

ALL OTHER GROUPS: Subsequent groups will not be considered “out of position” if any previous group has caused the field to fall behind their allotted time. Any subsequent groups must remain within 14 minutes of the group in front of them. This is measured by your having the flagstick in the hole within 14 minutes of the group in front of you.

5. UNDUE DELAY: (Note to Rule 6-7 Undue Delay): A competitor “Out of Position” shall be subject to penalty if during the round, he/she takes 40 seconds to complete his/her swing (see note below). If a player exceeds the time limit on one (1) occasion, the player will be cautioned that if he/she exceeds the time limit on one more occasion, (total of 2), he/she will automatically incur a penalty of one stroke, under Rule 6-7. If a player exceeds the time limit a third time he/she will receive an additional two-stroke penalty. If a competitor exceeds the time limit a total of four (4) times the penalty is DISQUALIFICATION.

NOTE: An additional 10 seconds will be allowed for; a) the first to play from the teeing ground on a par 3 hole, b) the first player to play a second stroke on a par 4 or par 5 hole, c) the first player to play a third stroke on a par 5 hole, or d) the first player to play on or around the putting green.

6. LATE TO TEE: (Rule 6-3a): If a player arrives at his starting point, ready to play, within five (5) minutes after his starting time the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the first hole in match play or two strokes at the first hole in stroke play. Otherwise, the penalty for breach of this rule is disqualification.

7. PRACTICE: Practice is permitted as described in the Rules of Golf, except as described in Note 2 Rule 7-2, which prohibits: (a) practice on or near the putting green of the hole last played, and (b) rolling a ball on the putting green of the hole last played.

8. LIFTING AN EMBEDDED BALL: The “EMBEDDED BALL RULE” as written in Appendix I is in effect “through the green.”

9. OUT OF BOUNDS: Defined by inside edge of white stakes and/or property fence posts at ground level. A ball that crosses such boundary is out of bounds even though it may lie on another part of the course.

10. GOLF CARS: The use of motorized golf cars will be optional for all competitors unless specified.

a. Caddies may **not** ride in a golf car at any time unless authorized by the committee. If a player hires a caddie that caddie must transport that player's clubs at all times unless authorized by the committee.

b. A player must not be accompanied by a spectator in the golf car unless authorized use of the player's car is subject to penalty as follows:

Match Play – At the conclusion of the hole at which the breach is discovered, the state of the match shall be adjusted by deducting one hole for each hole at which the breach occurred. Maximum deduction per round: Two holes.

Stroke Play – Two strokes for each hole at which the breach occurred; Maximum penalty per round four strokes (two strokes at each of the first holes at which the breach occurred).

Match play or stroke play - If breach is discovered between the play of two holes, it is deemed to have been discovered during the play of the next hole, and penalty must be applied accordingly.

In either form of play – Use of any unauthorized automotive vehicle must be discontinued immediately upon discovering that a breach has occurred. Otherwise the player is disqualified.

11. ABNORMAL GROUND CONDITIONS:

(1) Areas defined by white lines, or otherwise posted as Ground Under Repair.

(2) Drains that are exposed trenches filled with rocks or stones.

(3) Active fire ant beds or mounds.

(4) Flower beds – mandatory relief must be taken from stance and lie of ball.

(5) Relief is for lie of ball only for the following:

a. seams of cut turf

b. newly trenched areas

c. non-burrowing animal damage.

12. ROADS AND PATHS: White lines: Asphalt and artificially surfaced roads and paths are Obstructions. White lined areas tying into roads and paths are the same status as the roads or paths, and thus they are Obstructions, and not Ground Under Repair.

13. INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE:

Artificial walls and/or pilings used to define the margin of bunkers are integral parts of the course and are through the green.