

The Rules of Golf as approved by the USGA and The R&A Rules Limited govern play. The following Local Rules and Terms of the Competition are in effect at all NCGA WNT competitions, along with additional Local Rules or Terms as may be supplied.

Complete text of Rules and Model Local Rules may be found in the current edition of the *Official Guide to the Rules of Golf*.

**Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty**

## Local Rules

**SCORECARD**—Any Local Rules listed on the club scorecard or posted at the host club are unofficial and have no status in NCGA competition.

**PENALTY AREAS**—When a penalty area is defined on only one side, it extends to infinity. When a penalty area is connected to the out-of-bounds edge, the penalty area extends to and coincides with out of bounds.

**GROUND UNDER REPAIR**—Defined by white lines. French drains are ground under repair (Rule 16.1).

**WHITE-LINED AREAS TYING INTO ARTIFICIALLY-SURFACED ROADS AND PATHS**—White-lined areas of ground under repair and the artificially-surfaced roads, paths or other identified obstructions that they are connected to are a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.

**SEAMS OF CUT TURF(SOD SEAMS)**—Model Local Rule F-7 is in effect.

**INTEGRAL OBJECTS**—include cables, rods, wires and wrappings when closely attached to trees or boundary objects. An exposed bunker liner may be treated as ground under repair, but interference does not exist if the liner interferes only with the player's stance.

**WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH**—Are loose impediments.

**AERATION HOLES**—Model Local Rule E-4 is in effect.

**ANIMAL HOOF DAMAGE**—Model Local Rule F-13 is in effect. On the putting green, Rule 16.1

**ANIMAL NEAR BALL**—Model Local Rule E-13 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

**SPRINKLER HEADS IN PENALTY AREAS**—Model Local F-24 is in effect. Sprinkler head must be within one club-length of the edge.

**IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREEN**—Model Local Rule F-5.2 Includes areas of GUR.

**STOPPING AND RESUMING PLAY**—An immediate suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged airhorn note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive airhorn notes. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short airhorn notes. See Rule 5.7b.

**TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS**—Model Local Rule F-23 is in effect

**LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS**—Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect.

**MISSING PLAYER OR MARKER CERTIFICATION**—Model Local Rule L-1 is in effect.

**ALTERNATIVE TO STROKE AND DISTANCE FOR LOST BALL OUTSIDE A PENALTY AREA OR BALL OUT OF BOUNDS**—When a player's ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, for **two penalty strokes** the player may proceed under Model Local Rule E-5.

## Terms of the Competition

**DISQUALIFICATION**—In an individual competition, when a player breaches a Rule where the penalty is disqualification, the player must leave the course immediately.

**OFFICIAL TIME**—The clock at the teeing area of the hole where the players begin their round is the official time of the competition. Starters will not page players in advance of their starting time. Players should arrive at their assigned tee 10 minutes prior to their starting time.

**SERIOUS MISCONDUCT**—Disruptive or inappropriate behavior contrary to the good conduct of the tournament in the determination of the Committee will not be tolerated. Examples include (but are not limited to): club-throwing, loud or obscene language, causing unnecessary damage to the course or facility, derogatory or abusive language toward other players, officials and/or course staff or consistent disruptive behavior such as excessive cell phone use. The penalty for Serious Misconduct is **Disqualification**. Further disciplinary action may also be imposed, including suspension from future events.

**PLAYING AND LISTENING TO MUSIC**—In NCGA competitions, playing and listening to music for any reason, whether through speakers or headphones, is prohibited. The penalty for a Breach of this Term is:

**First Breach—Warning**

**Second Breach—General Penalty**

**Third Breach—Disqualification**

**Note:** Listening to music to eliminate distractions or to assist with swing tempo is covered by Rule 4.3, not this Term.

**WHEN COMPETITION IS FINAL**—A competition is final when the result has been officially announced or in stroke-play qualifying followed by match play when the player has teed off to start their first match (Rule 20.2e (2)). The result of a match is final when the Committee has approved the results.

**DRESS CODE**—PLAYERS and CADDIES must be properly attired both on the golf course and on the premises of the club. Blue jeans, designer jeans, T-shirts and tank tops are prohibited. Golf shirts must be worn and shorts must be of appropriate length (no jean shorts). This dress code will be used at all NCGA tournaments in conjunction with any additional dress code restrictions of the particular golf course involved. **A player or caddie violating this dress code will not be permitted to start the competition. A violation during the stipulated round must be rectified without undue delay or the player or caddie will not be permitted to continue.**

**PLAYER CARTS AND SPECTATOR CARTS**—During NCGA Weekend Net Tour, Senior Series and Mixed Team Series tournaments, some courses allow only two carts per group (please confirm with the course in advance). Caddies may ride with a player if a seat is available, or may rent an additional cart if permitted by the course.

**SPECTATOR CARTS ARE ALLOWED:** Spectator carts are allowed with course approval. A **spectator cart** is defined as a cart not used to transport a player's clubs, and occupied by a person who are neither a player nor a player's caddie. A player cart may be used by the player and/or the player's caddie to transport the player's clubs. Any non-player occupying a cart used to transport the player's clubs is considered a caddie. If a person other than the player or caddie moves the cart as a "casual act," the Rules of Golf do not consider that individual to be a caddie, nor is the player deemed to have two caddies; therefore, there is no breach of Rule 10.3a.