



LOCAL RULES AND CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION FOR MSGA-WD TOURNAMENTS

The Rules of the United States Golf Association and The R&A govern play.

See applicable Championship or qualifying round *Notice to Competitors/Players* and *Entry Application* for additional Local Rules and Conditions. The complete text of Rules and Appendix I may be found in the *Rules of Golf* effective January 2016. Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is: Match play – Loss of hole; Stroke play – Two strokes.

LOCAL RULES

GROUND UNDER REPAIR – is defined by white lines. French drains are deemed to be ground under repair. Rule 25-1.

INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE – include cables, rods, wires or wrappings when closely attached to trees; liners in bunkers and artificial walls and pilings when located in hazards, unless otherwise provided for in the *Notice to Competitors/Players*.

OUT OF BOUNDS – When defined by reference to stakes or a fence, the line is determined by the nearest inside points at ground level of the stakes or fence posts (excluding angled supports). When defined by a line on the ground, the line itself is out of bounds. Rule 27-1b.

WATER AND LATERAL WATER HAZARDS – When a water hazard or a lateral water hazard is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend to infinity. When a water hazard or lateral water hazard is bounded by out of bounds, the hazard margin extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line.

WHITE-LINED AREAS TYING INTO ARTIFICIALLY-SURFACED ROADS AND PATHS – have the same status as the roads and paths, that of obstructions.

WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH – are loose impediments unless otherwise provided for in the *Notice to Competitors/Players*.

EMBEDDED BALL THROUGH THE GREEN – The Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

SOD SEAMS – The Local Rule for Seams of Cut Turf as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS – The Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

TEMPORARY POWER LINES AND CABLES – The Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICES – The Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

ACCIDENTAL MOVEMENT OF A BALL ON THE PUTTING GREEN – The Local Rule as prescribed at <http://www.usga.org/2017LocalRule> is in effect.

CONDITIONS

CELL PHONES – Electronic devices may be used in accordance with the Rules of Golf and any Local Rules and Conditions in effect. These devices are not to be used in a manner that distracts other players. A violation could be regarded as unbecoming conduct and constitute grounds for disciplinary action, including disqualification.

PACE OF PLAY – See separate *Pace of Play Memorandum to Players* for pace of play guidelines.

DISCONTINUANCE OF PLAY - Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect. All practice areas are closed during a suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to cease doing so; failure to comply may result in revocation of entry.

Note: A suspension for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged air horn note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive air horn notes, repeated. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short air horn notes, repeated.

TIES – In the event of a tie for Champion, a hole by hole play-off will follow immediately upon completion of play. Ties for any other prizes will be resolved by a match of cards, according to the USGA recommended method, unless otherwise provided for in the *Notice to Competitors/Players* or *Entry Application*.

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. The result of a match is considered to have been “officially announced” when the Committee has approved the result as posted on the public scoreboard.