

Carolinas PGA Local Rules and Conditions of the Competition

The Rules of Golf govern play, as modified by the Carolinas PGA. The following Local Rules and Conditions of Competition apply and may be found in the current Appendix 1 of the USGA Rules of Golf as referenced on page numbers below. See the applicable competition's "Notice to Competitors (Players)" for additional Definitions, Local Rules, and Conditions of Competition.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is: Match Play – Loss of hole; Stroke Play – Two Strokes

SECTION A: CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

1. Specification of Equipment

- A. List of Conforming Driver Heads – Appx. I, Part B, Section 1a.
- B. List of Conforming Golf Balls – Appx. I, Part B, Section 1b.
- C. The "One-Ball Rule" is not in effect.

2. Pace of Play (Note 2 to Rule 6-7) – Appx. I, Part B, Section 3.

See posted CPGA Pace of Play Guidelines for pace of play and penalties.

3. Suspension of Play Due to Dangerous Situation (Note to Rule 6-8b) – Appx. I Part B, Section 4.

Discontinue Play Immediately: One prolonged signal note.

Discontinue Play: Three consecutive short signal notes.

Resume Play: Two short signal notes.

Note: During a suspension for a dangerous situation all practice areas shall be closed until the Rules Committee has declared them open. Players who disregard such closing shall be subject to disciplinary action.

4. Caddies/Automotive Transportation

- A. Contestants are permitted to employ a caddie for any sanctioned Carolinas PGA event unless otherwise stated by a superseding rule. Contestants are prohibited from carrying their own clubs. A player who employs a caddie may use a golf car during his/her round. However, either the player or the caddie must walk during play of any hole. There will be a limit of two golf cars per grouping.
- B. Caddies must wear smooth-soled shoes during any competitive round and official practice round. Caddies are permitted to wear knee-length, tailored shorts and must wear an appropriate golf shirt.

First Violation: Match Play – Loss of Hole; Stroke Play – Two Strokes.

Second Violation: Disqualification.

Note: See Article VII, Section 15 of CPGA Tournament Rules & Regulations for complete caddie policy.

5. Scoring Area

- A. The scoring area may include, but is not limited to, trailers, tents, or rooms.
- B. The score card is considered returned to the Committee when the player has left the scoring area (i.e. when both feet are out of the trailer or room, or when both feet have left the tent or its roped area).

6. Close of Competition

The competition shall be deemed to have closed when all scores have been approved by the Rules Committee. In the event of a playoff, the competition shall be deemed to have closed when the playoff scores have been approved by the Rules Committee.

7. Conduct

By signing an official entry form, registering online, or verbally committing to compete in a CPGA event, the player agrees to abide by the prescribed Rules of Conduct. Violations of the Rules of Conduct can result in a fine and/or loss of playing privileges.

SECTION B: LOCAL RULES

Disregard all signs and Local Rules printed on scorecards unless noted on the applicable event's Local Rules sheet.

1. Out of Bounds – Rule 27.

When the inside edge of a road or curb defines out of bounds, a ball that crosses such boundary is out of bounds even if it lies on another part of the course.

2. Water Hazards & Lateral Water Hazards – Rule 26.

Water Hazards are defined by yellow lines.

Lateral Water Hazards are defined by red lines.

3. Abnormal Ground Conditions – Rule 25.

Ground Under Repair:

A. Areas completely encircled with white lines.

B. French drains filled with stones and fire ant mounds even though unmarked. In a water hazard, relief for fire ant mounds or beds is provided by Decision 1-4/10.

C. Aeration holes through the green or on the putting green – Appx. I, Part A, Section 3d.

D. Seams of cut turf – Appx. I, Part A, Section 3e.

4. Embedded Ball Through the Green – Appx. I, Part A, Section 3a

5. Immovable Obstructions – Rule 24-2

A. White lined areas tying into obstructions are part of the obstruction, not ground under repair.

B. Landscaped garden areas (flower beds, shrubbery, or the like) completely encircled by an obstruction are part of the obstruction.

C. Roads or paths surfaces with wood chips or mulch, the individual pieces of wood chips or mulch are loose impediments.

D. When railroad ties, curbing, or the like adjoin roads and paths, they are deemed to be part of the same obstruction.

6. Temporary Immovable Obstructions – Appx. I, Part A, Section 4b

Includes tents, signs, and other temporary immovable obstructions installed for the Competition.

7. Turf Plugs on Putting Green – Rule 16-1c.

Turf plugs on putting greens have the same status as old hole plugs and may be repaired as in Rule 16-1c.

8. Staked Trees

If the lie of the ball, stance, and/or area of intended swing is affected by support wires and stakes, they shall be treated as immovable obstructions. Relief is not from the tree itself.

9. Integral Parts of the Course

A. The portion of wrappings, wires, cables, and other objects closely attached to trees or objects defining out of bounds.

B. Artificial retaining walls and/or pilings when located within water hazards.

10. Permanent Elevated Power Lines and Cables

If a ball strikes a permanent elevated power line or cable, the stroke must be canceled and replayed without penalty (Rule 20-5). If the ball is not immediately recoverable, another ball may be substituted.

11. Distance-Measuring Devices (Note to Rule 14-3) – Appx. I, Part A, Section 7 and Appx. IV, Section 5.

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. Devices to be used may include laser rangefinders, GPS devices, smartphones, etc.