

LOCAL RULES AND CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION FOR 2018 IDAHO GOLF ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS



The Rules of the United States Golf Association govern play. See applicable Championship or qualifying round Notice to Players for additional Local Rules and Conditions. Complete text of Rules and Appendix I may be found in the current "Rules of Golf".

Unless otherwise provided, penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition: Stroke Play - Two Strokes; Match Play - Loss of Hole

LOCAL RULES

OUT OF BOUNDS - Defined by the inside points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts. Rule 27-1 Note: A ball which crosses a public road defined as out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that road, is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course.

WATER HAZARD AND LATERAL WATER HAZARD STAKES AND LINES - 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.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR: Defined by white lines. Fire ant hills and French drains are deemed to be ground under repair. Rule 25-1. (Note: For a player whose ball is in a water hazard and is affected by a fire ant hill – see Decision 1-4/10.) Newly trenched areas are deemed to be ground under repair for which relief may only be taken for interference by lie of ball.

OBSTRUCTIONS - Includes asphalt and artificially surfaced roads and paths. White lined areas tying into roads and paths have the same status as the road or path; thus they are obstructions and not ground under repair. Railroad ties, curbing, or the like adjoining a cart path are deemed to be part of the cart path. Relief from ground netting and putting green liners is available for lie of ball and area of intended swing only.

SOD SEAMS - The Local Rule for Seams of Cut Turf as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect. Relief for the Seam only. Relief available for lie of ball and area of intended swing only.

CONDITIONS

LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS - Optional condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS - Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

PRACTICE - Prior to and after his/her round in stroke play, a player may practice on the designated practice areas. Rule 7-1b applies to other practice in stroke play, and Rule 7-1a covers practice before the round in match play.

DISCONTINUANCE OF PLAY - Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect. All practice areas are closed during suspension for a dangerous situation (one prolonged air horn note) 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. When play is suspended for a dangerous situation (one prolonged air horn note), if the players in a match or group are between the play of two holes, they shall not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If they are in the process of playing a hole, they shall discontinue play immediately and shall not thereafter resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play.

NOTE: A suspension for a dangerous situation shall be signaled by one prolonged siren or air horn note. All other types of suspension shall be signaled by several short intermittent siren or air horn notes. Resumption of play shall be signaled by two intermittent siren or air horn notes.

PACE OF PLAY - A player shall be subject to penalty if he/she unduly delays play. Notes under Rule 6-7 and Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I shall be in effect. Pace of Play guidelines are usually published and distributed at IGA Competitions.

ACCIDENTAL MOVEMENT OF A BALL ON A PUTTING GREEN - 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/her partner, his/her opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment.

WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH - are loose impediments, unless otherwise provided for in Notice to Players. Wood chips and mulch used for artificially surfaced roads/paths remain loose impediments. This right is not cancelled by the fact that when a path is constructed of wood chips and mulch it becomes an artificially surfaced path and thus an immovable obstruction.

STAKED TREES - If a player's ball, stance and/or area of intended swing is interfered with by a stake which is attached to a tree, the stake and/or rope is treated as an immovable obstruction.

INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE - includes tree wrappings, electrical wires, cables and lightning rods closely attached to trees; artificial walls and pilings when located in hazards, unless otherwise provided for in Notice to Players.

TURF PLUGS ON PUTTING GREENS - On the putting green, in addition to Rule 16-1c, the player may repair turf plugs of any size or shape. Note: Aeration holes on the putting green are not turf plugs.

TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS - Local Rule as prescribed by Appendix I is in effect.

EMBEDDED BALL THROUGH THE GREEN - Local Rule prescribed by Appendix I is in effect.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES - In all competitions, a player may obtain distance information by using a device measuring distance. If during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his/her play (e.g., gradient, slope, wind-speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

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. Once the match play draw has been approved by the Committee, the competition has closed for all non-qualifiers. In the event of the disqualification of a qualifier prior to his/her first match, that player's opponent will receive a "bye" in the first round. 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.

CART POLICY - A maximum of two carts are permitted per group. A player cart may be used by the player and/or their caddie to transport a player's clubs. A non-player occupying the cart used to transport the player's clubs is a caddie (Decision 6-4/2.5). A player may only employ one caddie at a time (Rule 6-4).

A caddie may use a cart only if a player is not displaced by such use. Players have priority over caddies in any cart. If there are more caddies than open seats, arrangements are to be cordially made within the pairing group. Caddies unable to make arrangements within a group will be required to walk. All drivers of a cart must have a valid driver's license.

IGA DRESS CODE: Players must abide by the IGA dress code during practice and competitive rounds. Men's shirts must have collars and sleeves and must be tucked in. Denim, blue jeans, gym shorts, and cutoffs are not permitted. Women's shirts may be collarless and sleeveless, but spaghetti straps are prohibited. Denim, blue jeans, gym shorts, and cutoffs are not permitted. Yoga pants and leggings are permitted only if covered by shorts or a skirt. Shirts are not required to be tucked in, but midriffs may not be visible. Dress code applies to all players and caddies.

Penalty for breach of IGA dress code – may be prohibited from competing.