

LOCAL RULES AND TERMS OF THE COMPETITION FOR 2019 HSJGA CHAMPIONSHIPS



The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and The R&A govern play. These Local Rules and Terms of the Competition are in effect at all HSJGA championships and qualifying rounds. See applicable championship or qualifying round Notice to Players and Entry Application for modifications or additions to these Local Rules and Terms of the Competition. Complete text of the Rules and Local Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 2019.

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

LOCAL RULES

LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS ⓘ: Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Only brands of golf balls on the most current USGA List of Conforming Golf Balls may be used.

LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS ⓘ: Local Rule as prescribed in section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Only driver heads on the most current USGA List of Conforming Driver Heads may be used.

OUT OF BOUNDS: Defined by the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence post. A ball, which crosses a public road and comes to rest beyond that road, is Out of Bounds even though it may be on another part of the course.

PENALTY AREA: When a penalty area is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend to infinity. When penalty areas are bounded by out of bounds, the margin of the penalty area extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR: Defined by white lines. French drains are ground under repair.

PACE OF PLAY: See separate memorandum to players for pace of play policy, when applicable.

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 penalty areas and bunkers, unless otherwise provided for in *Notice to Players*.

RELIEF FROM SEAMS OF CUT TURF ⓘ: Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-7.

BUNKER MATERIAL: Bunkers on a course sometimes contain materials similar to sand, such as crushed shells or lava dust. Such materials are treated as sand when applying Rule 12. (Model Local Rule C-3)

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

PLAYING TWO BALLS WHEN UNCERTAIN WHAT TO DO (Stroke Play only): A player who is uncertain about the right procedure while playing a hole may complete the hole with two balls without penalty under Rule 20.1c. The player must report the facts of the situation to the Committee before returning the scorecard, even if the player scores the same with both balls. **The player is disqualified if he or she fails to do so.**

TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

CLOSE OF COMPETITION: The competition is final when the trophy has been presented to the winner or, in absence of a prize ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the committee. The result of a match is final when the Committee has approved the results as posted on the public scoreboard.

DISCONTINUANCE OF PLAY ⓘ: Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule J-1. All practice areas are closed during suspension for dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Note: A suspension for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged air horn note, and the players will be verbally informed by the Committee. 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.

PRACTICE: Prior to and after a round in stroke play, a player may practice on the designated practice areas. Rules 5.2b is modified in this way: A player must not practice on the competition course before or between rounds.

AUTOMOTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROHIBITED: Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-6. Exceptions: designated shuttle holes and when permitted by a Rules Official or member of The Committee.

USE OF A CADDIE: Rule 10.3a is modified in this way: A player must not have a caddie during the round.

WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH: are loose impediments, unless otherwise provided for in the *Notice to Players*.

CODE OF CONDUCT*: By submitting an entry for any HSJGA-administered competition, the contestant understands that his/her participation is at the sole discretion of HSJGA staff and Board of Directors at any time before during or after the competition. Any incidences of unbecoming conduct or actions deemed detrimental to the image of HSJGA or the "Spirit of the Game" are grounds for such removal and suspension from future HSJGA competitions. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Club Throwing
- Willful damage of the golf course or golf facility property
- Offensive or unbecoming language
- Conduct unbecoming
- Insubordination
- Public criticism of golf course, or verbal abuse of HSJGA staff, officials, volunteers, host club staff or other contestants.

Penalty for breach of code of conduct:

First Offense: Warning

Second Offense: General Penalty

Third Offense: Disqualification

***The Committee may disqualify a player for serious misconduct in failing to meet the Code's Standards.**