

LOCAL RULES AND CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION FOR 2017 CSGA CHAMPIONSHIPS



The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association govern play. See applicable entry application, Letter to Competitors and Notice to Players for additional Local Rules and Conditions. 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

Out of Bounds—Defined by nearest inside points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts. Additionally, a ball which crosses a 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 golf course.

Water and Lateral Water Hazard Stakes and Lines—When a water hazard or 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, sod-covered trenching for temporary cables and French drains are deemed to be ground under repair. Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage, including areas where spectators or other traffic has combined with wet conditions to affect materially the ground surface, but only when so declared by an authorized member of the Committee. When immediately adjacent to an obstruction such an area is part of the obstruction.

Embedded Ball —A ball embedded in its own pitch mark through the green may be lifted, cleaned, and dropped as prescribed in Appendix I.

Stones in Bunkers —Are considered movable obstructions (Rule 24-1 applies) and may be removed without penalty.

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 partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. (NOTE: Full text of Local Rule available at <http://www.usga.org/2017LocalRule>).

Sod Seams —Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

Roads and Paths— Improved roads, paths and their extensions are deemed to be obstructions whether or not they are artificially surfaced.

White Lined Area Tying Into Obstructions—Have the same status as the obstruction involved.

Wood Chips and Mulch—Are loose impediments, unless otherwise provided for in the Notice to Players.

Integral Parts of the Course —Include stone walls, cables, rods, wires or wrappings when closely attached to trees; artificial walls and pilings when located in hazards, unless otherwise provided for in the Notice to Players.

Power Lines —If a ball strikes a power line during play of a hole, the stroke is cancelled and the player must play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was played in accordance with Rule 20-5.

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.

Pace of Play —Refer to separate CSGA Pace of Play policy.

Automotive Transportation—Unless prohibited in the Letter to Competitors, players are permitted to use motorized transportation.

Spiked Golf Shoes —The use of traditionally designed spikes (regardless of composition) or spikes, regardless of design comprised of metal will not be allowed. Penalty for breach of this condition will result in disqualification.

Code of Conduct—Contestants and their caddies are reminded that at all times appropriate golf etiquette and dress is required and that any abuse or disrespect of fellow competitors, officials, hosts, sponsors, employees, or other persons conducting or attending CSGA sponsored or conducted events are grounds for immediate removal from the event and denial of entry for future events. Such abuse or disrespect may be verbal or physical or threat thereof and includes, but is not limited to, the use of vulgar or obscene language, as well as physical damage to property or equipment of any persons set forth above or the hosting facility.

Distance Measuring Devices — 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., gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is the general penalty for the first offense and disqualification for a subsequent offense.

Discontinuance of Play —Players may discontinue play and take shelter if they believe they are in danger. When play is suspended for a dangerous situation, all practice areas are closed until the Committee has declared them open.

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.

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.