

SPORTSMANSHIP AND CONDUCT

CONDUCT - The HSGA expects a high standard of conduct and sportsmanship from all players in HSGA events. Players who conduct themselves in a discourteous or unsportsmanlike manner are subject to disqualification (Rule 33-7) according to the discretion of the tournament committee. The HSGA Tournament Committee and/or the Executive Committee can extend the disqualification to additional future events if circumstances warrant.

Foul and abusive language, cheating, throwing clubs, drinking alcohol in excess on the course, and showing disrespect for club facilities, tournament officials, volunteers, spectators and fellow competitors are actions subject to reprimand, disqualification and/or suspension.

If a player is disqualified under this policy, he shall not be permitted to continue play in that particular tournament and shall be asked to leave the course if his conduct remains abusive or threatening.

DRESS CODE – Neat and clean traditional golf clothes will be considered appropriate dress.

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LOCAL RULES CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION CONDUCT POLICIES

The R&A and USGA Rules of Golf will govern all play.

See applicable championship Notice to Players and entry application for *additional Local Rules and Conditions*.

Complete text of Rules and Appendices may be found in the Rules of Golf.

**Unless otherwise noted,
the penalty for breach of a
Local Rule or Condition is:**

Stroke Play – Two strokes

Match play – Loss of hole

LOCAL RULES

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.

OUT OF BOUNDS – Defined by inside points, at ground level of white stakes, property fence posts or walls. All public roads are deemed out of bounds and if not otherwise marked, the inside edge of the curbing shall be the boundary. In the absence of a curb, the nearest edge of the asphalt shall be the boundary. If a ball crosses a public road and comes to rest on another part of the golf course, the ball is deemed out of bounds.

WATER HAZARDS 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 water hazards or lateral water hazards are bounded by out of bounds, the hazard margin extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line. When both stakes and lines are used to define water hazards or lateral water hazards, the stakes identify the hazard and the lines define the margins. Rule 26-1.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR – Defined by an enclosed white line.

WHITE-LINED AREAS TYING INTO ARTIFICIALLY-SURFACED ROADS AND PATHS – Have the same status as roads and paths (which they tie into), that of obstructions.

WOODCHIPS AND MULCH – are loose impediments unless otherwise provided for in the Notice to Players.

EMBEDDED BALL – Through the green, a ball that is embedded in its own pitch mark in the ground may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as nearly as possible to where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green. Exception: A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if the ball is embedded in sand in an area that is not closely mown.

BALL ACCIDENTALLY MOVED ON THE GREEN – A ball at rest on the green or its ball marker that is accidentally moved by any player, partner, caddie, opponent or fellow competitor must be replaced. There is no penalty.

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

PACE OF PLAY – See separate HSGA Pace of Play Guidelines.

PRACTICE BETWEEN HOLES – Prior to his round in stroke play, a player may practice in the designated practice areas only.

Stroke Play only- Between the play of two holes, a player must not make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole last played and must not test the surface of the putting green of the hole last played by rolling a ball.

LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS – The driver head the player plays must be named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the USGA. Penalty = Disqualification.

LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS – The ball the player plays must be named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the USGA. Penalty = Disqualification.

DISCONTINUANCE OF PLAY – Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect. All practice areas are closed during 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.

FORM AND MAKE OF CLUBS – The HSGA **WILL NOT** adopt the condition requiring the player's clubs to conform to the groove and punch mark specifications marked with an Asterisk in Appendix II until further notice.

CLOSE OF COMPETITION – The competition shall be deemed closed when the winner has been announced, or in the absence of a prize ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the committee.