LOCAL RULES AND CONDITIONS OF COMPETITIONS
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The Rules of the United States Golf Association govern play. See applicable Championship 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 noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is: Match play—Loss of hole; Stroke play—Two strokes.

LOCAL RULES
ACCIDENTAL MOVEMENT OF BALL ON PUTTING GREEN—Local Rule as prescribed by USGA announcement dated December 8, 2016 is in effect.

OUT OF BOUNDS— Determined by nearest inside points, at ground level of stakes or fence posts (excluding angled supports) defining of bounds. . Rule 27-1.

WATER 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. . Rule 25-1.

SOD SEAMS—The Local Rule for Seams of Cut Turf as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH—Are loose impediments, unless otherwise provided for in Notice to Players.

WHITE-LINED AREAS TYING INTO ARTIFICIALLY SURFACED ROADS AND PATHS—Have the same status as the roads and paths, that of immovable obstructions.

EMBEDDED BALL THROUGH THE GREEN—Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

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 hazards, unless otherwise provided for in Notice to Players.

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

TEMPORARY POWER LINES AND CABLES—Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICES—Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES—May be used by coaches in a private manner provided that such use does not breach Rule 8-1 (Advice) or disrupt practice or play. Violations will be considered a breach of NCAA misconduct provisions contained in the NCAA Golf Pre-Championships Manual.

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.

GROOVES—Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect as of January 1, 2014.

PACE OF PLAY—The USGA Check Point Pace of Play System is in effect. See NCAA Golf Pre-Championships Manual and Notice to Players.

DISCONTINUANCE OF PLAY—Note under Rule 6-8b and Optional Conditions as prescribed in Appendix I are in effect. Practice areas will be closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee declares 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. Upon suspension for a dangerous condition, PLAY MUST BE SUSPENDED IMMEDIATELY.

PRACTICE—In addition to the provisions of Rules 7-1 and 7-2, Note 2 to Rule 7-2 is in effect. A player shall not a) play any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole last played or b) roll a ball on the putting green of the hole last played.

TRANSPORTATION—Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect. Exception: A player may ride in designated shuttles, and may accept transportation from a Rules Official or a coach when she is required or elects to proceed under the stroke and distance option of any Rule.

ADVICE IN TEAM COMPETITION—In addition to the provisions of Rule 8-1, the Note under Rule 8 of the USGA Rules of Golf will be in effect. Each team may designate two coaches to give advice to members of that team. The coaches must be identified to the games committee before the start of play and must display appropriate credentials throughout the tournament. Neither of the two coaches may be a student-athlete with remaining eligibility or a parent who is not also employed by the institution; rather, designated coaches must be from the institution or institution’s athletic department staff. A player may accept verbal and hand signal advice from her institution’s designated coaches only. Notes, tees and any other items left behind by teammates and/or coaches are prohibited.

Players must avoid communication between players and spectators that could be deemed advice of any nature during the stipulated round. All institutional personnel, with the exception of the designated coaches, are considered spectators.

COACHES—A coach who is authorized to give advice is an outside agency under the Rules of Golf. However, certain actions by coaches are prohibited and a breach by a coach will be applied in accordance with the Rules to the player whose ball is involved. Guidelines for Coaches and Players available on the Division II Women’s Golf sport landing page on ncaa.org.

CADDIES—Prohibited. Note to Rule 6-4 is in effect.

SPECTATORS—Spectators must remain on cart paths or in the rough and approximately 15 yards from the players at all times (including practice areas). There may be no communication between players and spectators that could be deemed advice of any nature for the duration of the 18 holes. All institutional personnel, with the exception of the designated coaches, are considered spectators.

DISQUALIFICATION PENALTIES—If a player breaches a Rule that results in her being disqualified, the effect shall be to disqualify her for that round only, unless otherwise determined by the Committee.

SCORING—A daily team score is computed by totaling the lowest four scores of the five team members. The final team score is determined by totaling each daily score. The scorecard has been returned when the player has returned her card to an official in the designated scoring area and has left area.

CLOSE OF COMPETITION—The competition is deemed to have closed when the trophies have been presented to the winners or, in the absence of an awards ceremony, all scores have been approved by the Committee.

MISCONDUCT, LOGOS, UNIFORMS, EQUIPMENT—See NCAA Golf Pre-Championships Manual.

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