The Rules as approved by the United States Golf Association govern play. See applicable Championship Notice to Players for additional Local Rules and Conditions. Complete text of Rules and Appendices 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

ACCIDENTAL MOVEMENT OF BALL ON PUTTING GREEN – Local Rule as prescribed by USGA is in effect. (Full text of Local Rule available at http://www.usga.org/2017LocalRule).

OUT OF BOUNDS – Defined by inside points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts. Rule 27-1b.

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. Fire ant hills, sod-covered trenching for temporary cables 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).

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.

SEAMS OF CUT TURF (SOD SEAMS) – The Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

TURF PLUGS ON THE PUTTING GREEN – May be repaired even if they are not 4 ¼ inches.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS – Include plastic bumpers on roads and paths and mats secured to the ground with spikes when the bumpers or mats cover cables.

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

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

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 wrapings when closely attached to trees; and artificial walls and plinings when located in hazards, unless otherwise provided for in the Notice to Players.

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

TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS – Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect. Item (b) to Note 3 is in effect unless otherwise noted on the Notice to Competitors (Players).

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

EXCEPTION TO RULE 6-6d – Exception: If a competitor returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken due to failure to include one or more penalty strokes that, before returning her score card, she did not know she had incurred, she is not disqualified. In such circumstances, the competitor incurs the penalty prescribed by the applicable Rule, but there is no additional penalty for a breach of Rule 6-6d. This Exception does not apply when the applicable penalty is disqualification from the competition.

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