The Rules of Golf govern play. See NCAA Notice to Players and NCAA Golf Pre-Championships Manual 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 - Stroke play – Two strokes, Match play – Loss of hole. If a player in a team competition breaches a Rule that results in disqualification, the effect will be to disqualify the player for that round only. Exception: NCAA misconduct, Rule 33-7 or a serious breach of Rule 1-2 in which it is up to the Committee.

LOCAL RULES

OUT OF BOUNDS – Defined by inside points, at ground level, of large white stakes and fence posts. 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. 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) – Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

TURF PLUGS ON PUTTING GREENS – On the putting green, in addition to Rule 16-1c, the player may repair turf plugs of any size.

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 wrappings when closely attached to trees; artificial walls and pilings when located in hazards, unless otherwise provided for in 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.

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

ACCIDENTAL MOVEMENT OF A BALL ON PUTTING GREEN – Local Rule as prescribed on the USGA’s website 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 his score card, he did not know he had incurred, he 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.

CONDITIONS

LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS – Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

GROOVES – The player’s clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf that are effective from January 1, 2010. Penalty for breach of Condition: see Decision 4-1/1.

LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS (“ONE-BALL RULE”) – Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

LIMITATION ON GOLF BALLS – Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

FOOTWEAR – Shoes with metal or traditionally-designed spikes are prohibited during the stipulated round. Penalty for breach of Condition: Disqualification.

USE OF CADDIE PROHIBITED – A player is prohibited from using a caddie during the stipulated round.

TRANSPORTATION – Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

ADVICE – See separate memorandum to players for persons who may give advice.

PACE OF PLAY – See separate memorandum to players for pace of play guidelines.

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 disqualification.

NOTE: A suspension for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged airhorn note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive airhorn notes, repeated. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short airhorn notes, repeated.

MEASURING CONDITION OF PUTTING GREENS - Before or between rounds on any day of the Competition or play-off, a player must not use any device that measures the condition (slope, texture, firmness or moisture level) of any putting green on the course. The use of such a device is permitted during the practice round only.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION: Disqualification.

PRACTICE BEFORE OR BETWEEN ROUNDS – In addition to Rule 7-1b for stroke play it is a Condition of the Competition to prohibit practice on the competition course on any day of the Competition or play-off, a player must not use any device that measures the condition (slope, texture, firmness or moisture level) of any putting green on the course. The use of such a device is permitted during the practice round only.

PRACTICE BETWEEN HOLES – Optional condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect for stroke play only (including D-II’s head-to-head medal play).

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 Head Rules Official has confirmed the result of the match.