



LOCAL RULES AND CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION FOR NCAA TOURNAMENTS

The Rules as approved by the United States Golf Association govern play. See applicable Tournament 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. Reference to Decisions below means the Decisions on the Rules of Golf 2016-17.*

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 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.

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

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

WHITE-LINED AREAS TYING INTO ARTIFICIALLY SURFACED ROADS AND PATHS — have the same status as the roads and paths, that of 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; and artificial walls and pilings when located in hazards, unless otherwise provided for in the 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.

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. The one-ball condition is not in effect.

GROOVES — Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix II is in effect as of August 1, 2014.

PACE OF PLAY — As prescribed in the Division III Women's Golf Pre-championships Manual. Specific time for each course: see the Notice to Players for that event.

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 sanctions under NCAA misconduct guidelines.

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.

PRACTICE — Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect. During the Stipulated Round, Players MAY practice on the NEXT teeing Ground only.

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 accordance with the Note to Rule 8 of the Rules of Golf, each team may designate two coaches to give advice to members of that team. The coaches must be identified to the committee before giving advice. A player may accept verbal and hand-signal advice from her institution's designated coaches only. Electronic communication, notes and any other items left behind by teammates and/or coaches for the purpose of giving advice 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.

The coaches who are authorized to give advice are treated as an “**outside agency**” under the Rules of Golf. However, certain actions by a coach may result in a penalty to the player if the action was taken on instructions from, or with the sanction (tacitly or otherwise) of, the player. Coaches may also be subject to sanctions under Division III misconduct guidelines.

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 the misconduct provisions contained in the Division III Women's Golf Pre-championships Manual.

CADDIES — are prohibited. Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

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.

See Tournament Notice to Players for procedures covering returning of score cards to the committee. The scorecard has been “officially” returned when the player has turned her card in to the Scoring Official and has left the designated scoring 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 a prize ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the committee.

TIES — Ties for Team or Individual Championship: hole-by-hole stroke play play-off IAW the Division III Women's Golf Pre-championship Manual (Appendix B). If a play-off cannot be completed that day, co-champions will be named.

MISCONDUCT — See NCAA Golf Pre-championships Manual.

LOGOS, UNIFORMS, EQUIPMENT — See the Division III Women's Golf Pre-championship Manual.