

# 2022 CHSAA LOCAL RULES AND TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

The Rules of Golf as approved by the USGA and The R&A, effective January 1, 2019 govern play. See the applicable tournament Notice to Players for additional Local Rules and Conditions. Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for a breach of a local rule is the general penalty, loss of hole in match play and two strokes in stroke play. The local rules of the host course are not in effect.

## LOCAL RULES

**Out of Bounds.** Defined by the inside edge of freshly painted white lines or stakes at ground level or the inside points of white stakes. Stakes, posts or fencing of boundary objects are treated the same.

**Penalty Areas.** Identified by red or yellow stakes and defined by freshly painted red or yellow lines. When a penalty area is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend to infinity (otherwise indicated by a double stake). When a yellow or red penalty area is bounded by out of bounds, the penalty area edge extends to and coincides with the boundary edge.

**Ground Under Repair.** Defined by freshly painted white lines. French drains filled with stones that are exposed or discovered by probing are ground under repair. Ground under repair includes, whether or not marked, cultivated flowerbeds and active nurseries, which are further defined as No Play Zones. Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage, but only when declared by an authorized member of the Committee. When adjacent to an obstruction, such an area is part of the obstruction. Thinly grassed areas resulting from winterkill or drought conditions are not considered and are not marked as ground under repair.

**Integral Objects.** Include cables, rods, wires or wrappings when closely attached to trees; liners in bunkers and artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas unless otherwise provided for in the Notice to Players

**Motorized Transportation.** During a round, a player must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized or later approved by the Committee. A player who will play, or has played, under penalty of stroke and distance is always authorized to ride on motorized transportation.

**Advice Givers/Coaching Policy:** No more than two CHSAA registered coaches may coach any time during the players' round. When a player has reached the green to putt (meaning when a player is approaching the green to mark the ball, read a putt, prepare to make a stroke, or take a similar action), he or she may not be coached. If a coach is not wearing a coach's badge, he or she is deemed a spectator and must not be coaching any player or walking in the fairway.

**Disqualification Penalties.** If a player is disqualified from a round, he or she is only disqualified from that round and the overall individual competition. His or her scores from other rounds may still count in that day's team total.

**The following Model Local Rules are in effect as prescribed in Committee Procedures, Section 8 of the USGA Official Guide to the Rules of Golf.**

- Relief from seams of Cut Turf (Sod Seams) Relief is for lie of ball and area of intended swing only (*F-7*)
- Ball Played from Outside Relief Area When Taking Back-On-the-Line Relief (*E-12*)
- Immovable Obstructions Close to the Putting Green when Both the Ball and Obstruction are in General Area Cut to Fairway Height or Less (*F-5*)
- Ball Deflected By Power Line On the Course (*E-11*)
- Out of Bounds When Public Road Runs Through Course (*A-3*)
- Temporary Immovable Obstructions ("Either Side" Relief Option: *F-23e(2)*)
- List of Conforming Driver Heads (*G-1*)
- List of Conforming Golf Balls (*G-3*)
- Limiting When Stroke Made From Putting Green Must Be Replayed Under Exc. 2 to Rule 11.1b — (*D-7*)
- Replacing Club that is Broken or Significantly Damaged (*G-9*)

## TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

**Pace of Play.** See separate memorandum to players for pace of play policy and guidelines.

**Practicing Before or Between Rounds.** Rule 5.2 is modified in this way: In stroke play, a player must not practice on the competition course before or between rounds (*I-1.1*). Penalty for breach of Local Rule, see Rule 5.2.

**Scoring Area and Returning Scorecard.** For the purpose of applying Rule 3.3b(2), a player's scorecard is treated as returned when the player has first left the scoring area (Defined by blue tape or otherwise) with both feet.

**Prohibiting Use of Audio and Video Devices.** During a round, a player must not listen to or watch content of any nature on a personal audio or video device (*G-8*). Penalty for breach of Local Rule, see Rule 4.3.

**Discontinuance of Play.** A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged air horn note. All other suspensions will be signaled by three consecutive air horn notes. In either case, resumption of play will be signaled by two short air horn notes. See Rule 5.7b. 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 stop practicing; failure to stop practicing might result in disqualification.

**Official Time.** The official clock is with the starter. All other time pieces on property should be considered unofficial.

**Close of Competition.** The competition is closed when the symbolic prize for the event has been presented to the winner or in the absence of a ceremony, when the committee has approved all scores or results. A match is final when it has been posted to the official scoreboard.

### The Committee

The Committee consists of the CHSAA representative on-site, the host course head golf professional (or similar designee), the CGA appointed Rules Captain(s), and the on-site CGA representative. Additional assistance can be sought from additional CHSAA or CGA representatives via phone.