



ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Additional information available on the OSAA website, www.osaa.org/activities/bgf

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DIRECTIONS: Take I-5 and take exit 182 Creswell. Go east on Springfield-Creswell Hwy. Turn left onto Emerald Parkway. Turn left at Dale Kuni Road.

INTERNET INFO: Additional information is available at www.emeraldvalleygolf.com

1. **EMERGENCY PLAN:** In the event of an emergency, natural disaster, fire, war, etc. that forces postponement or cancellation of an OSAA State Championship event, information will be posted to the home page of the OSAA website (www.osaa.org) and distributed to statewide media outlets.

2. **OSAA LIVE MOBILE APP:** www.osaa.org/app



The OSAA Live mobile app allows you to:

- Access OSAA Championship game day information – purchase tickets, shop official merchandise, and access championship programs.
- Follow your favorite teams
- Get updated schedules, scores, and rankings

Download the OSAA Live mobile app using the QR code above or find it in the App Store or in Google Play by searching for “OSAA Live”.

3. **EXPENSES:** www.osaa.org/docs/forms/ReimbursementFormula.pdf

Team expenses will be paid by check at the conclusion of the spring sports season according to the 2022-23 Reimbursement Formula.

4. **LODGING AND VISITOR INFORMATION:** Schools are to make their own arrangements for lodging.

A. **Headquarter Hotel – Comfort Inn & Suites – Creswell:** www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/JG10H9

The Comfort Inn & Suites – Creswell is an OSAA Headquarter Hotel for 6A, 5A Boys’ Golf at Emerald Valley Golf Club, 541.895.4025.

B. **Visitor Information:** www.travellanecounty.org

Visit Travel Lane County online or call them at 800.547.5445 for more information about dining, shopping, lodging, and more while in Lane County.

5. **PARKING:** In order to make sure that schools are able to park in the main course parking lot, the OSAA will provide two parking passes for the main lot to each school with a qualifying team. Schools with qualifying individuals will receive one pass. A parking pass will be required to park in the main lot during the championships. All other vehicles will be directed to the overflow parking in the vacant fields across from the main course parking lot. **NOTE: Parking passes will be distributed at the Sunday night coaches meeting.**

6. **RULE 3 – CONTESTS – SPORTSMANSHIP – CROWD CONTROL** (OSAA Handbook, Rules)

7. **CHEMICAL HEALTH POSITION** (Excerpt OSAA Handbook, Executive Board Policies)

(Revised Fall 2015)

The OSAA abides by all state laws and district policies pertaining to the use of tobacco, alcohol, cannabis and illegal drugs. As a general rule, OSAA activities' sites shall be tobacco, alcohol, cannabis and illegal drug free during OSAA events. All persons in attendance shall refrain from use of such substances at all OSAA activities and are prohibited from being influenced or impaired by such substances at all event facilities.

8. **SERVICE ANIMALS:** Trained guide dogs and service animals assisting guests are welcome at OSAA State Championships. All other animals are prohibited. All service animals must remain on a leash or in a harness, and be in full control of the handler, at all times. Handlers are responsible for any damage or injuries caused by their animals, must properly dispose of waste in appropriate containers and must take appropriate precautions to prevent property damage or injury.
9. **LOST AND FOUND:** During the event, Lost & Found will be at the OSAA Event Office or other location designated by the host facility / OSAA Staff. Beginning the first business day after the event call 541.895.2174 to claim any missing items.

COACH / PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Additional information available on the OSAA website, www.osaa.org/activities/bgf

PRE-STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATIONS: *(Excerpt from 2023 OSAA Golf Plan)*

A. 6A Boys and Girls:

- 1) **Team Automatic Qualifiers:** Each league will determine one team that directly qualifies to the OSAA State Championship. PIL – 1; Metro - 1; Pacific – 1; Mt. Hood – 1; Three Rivers – 1; Central Valley – 1; Southwest – 1
- 2) **Individual Automatic Qualifiers:** Each league will determine two individual qualifiers to the OSAA State Championship. The two qualifiers are golfers who are not on the qualifying team.
- 3) **At-Large Regional Team Qualifiers:** Each league will determine three teams (second, third and fourth place teams) to the regional tournament. Each region will determine teams from their regional tournament to the OSAA State Championship. Regional tournament pairings will consist of and the number of teams: PIL & Metro & Pacific – 3; Mt. Hood & Three Rivers – 2; Central Valley & Southwest – 2.
- 4) **At-Large Regional Individual Qualifiers:** Each league will determine four individuals that qualify for the regional tournament. Each region will determine the individuals from their regional tournament to the OSAA State Championship. The qualifiers are golfers who are not on the qualifying team. Regional tournament pairings will consist of and the number of individuals: PIL & Metro & Pacific – 3; Mt. Hood & Three Rivers – 2; Central Valley & Southwest – 2.
- 5) **Ties:** Any ties for final team or individual qualification spots shall be broken by the special district prior to submitting the official state championship entry to the OSAA.

B. 5A Boys and Girls: Note: Allocations listed below subject to change due to the number of teams / individuals competing at special district tournaments.

- 1) **Team Automatic Qualifiers:** Each league will determine one team that directly qualifies to the OSAA State Championship. Northwest Oregon – 1; Midwestern – 1; Mid-Willamette – 1; Intermountain – 1.
- 2) **Individual Automatic Qualifiers:** Each league will determine two individual qualifiers to the OSAA State Championship. The two qualifiers are golfers who are not on the qualifying team.
- 3) **At-Large Regional Team Qualifiers:** Each league will qualify three teams (second, third, and fourth place teams) to the regional tournament. Each region will determine two teams from their regional tournament to the OSAA State Championship. Regional tournament pairings will consist of - Special District 1 – Northwest Oregon & Intermountain; Special District 2 – Mid-Willamette & Midwestern.
- 4) **At-Large Regional Individual Qualifiers:** Each league will determine four individuals that will qualify for the regional tournament. Each Special District will determine the five individuals from their regional tournament to the OSAA State Championship. The qualifiers are golfers who are not on the qualifying team. Regional tournament pairing will consist of and the number of individuals.
- 5) **Ties:** Any ties for final team or individual qualification spots shall be broken by the Special District prior to submitting the official state championship entry to the OSAA.

2. PRE-STATE CHAMPIONSHIP POSTING TIMELINE:

A. Tee Times: www.osaa.org/activities/bgj

Tee times for team and individual qualifiers will be posted on the OSAA website by 6pm on Wednesday, May 10.

B. District Meet Directors AND coaches of qualifying teams and individuals are responsible for checking the accuracy of the entry information. Please check your entries for correct spelling of participant's name, year in school, and school name, as this information *will appear the same way on the scorecards, score sheets, and in the championship results unless corrected.*

3. CORRECTIONS DEADLINE: Thursday, May 11, by Noon. CONTACT Kyle Stanfield at 503.682.6722 x239 (office); toll free at 1.888.838.6722, 503.919-8525 (cell) or via email at kyles@osaa.org. This information *will appear the same way on the scorecards, score sheets, and in the championship results unless corrected.*

4. STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – INDIVIDUAL SPORT SUBSTITUTIONS (OSAA Handbook, Executive Board Policies)

A. The following shall be the policy for substitutions in individual sport State Championship events. All individuals who are substitutes for individual qualifiers must have participated in a District or Special District Meet.

B. Golf (Revised Winter 2019)

1) Individuals:

a) 6A and 5A Boys and Girls: If an individual qualifier drops out of the state championship by 4pm two business days prior (**Thursday, May 11**) to the state championship, the district or regional (depending on how the individual originally qualified) may substitute the next eligible individual qualifier not a member of a qualifying team. The district must notify the OSAA office of any such substitution by 4pm two business days prior (**Thursday, May 11**) to the state championship.

b) 5A Girls, 4A Boys, 4A/3A/2A/1A Girls, 3A/2A/1A Boys: Substitutions for individual qualifiers not members of qualifying team are not permitted.

2) Team: Substitutions on qualified teams may be made up to one hour prior to the start of each round of the state championship. A team may enter a maximum of five participants with its top four finishers counting toward team standings.

Notification - Schools are required to notify the OSAA prior to the start of a state championship event if a student entered in the event will be unable to compete for any reason. Failure by a school to notify the OSAA prior to the start of a state championship event may result in a fine and /or other penalties being assessed to that school. **The district must notify the OSAA office, Kyle Stanfield at 503.682.6722 x239 (office); toll free at 1.888.838.6722, 503.919.8525 (cell).**

5. WITHDRAWAL FROM STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS (OSAA Handbook, Executive Board Policies) (Revised Fall 2008)

By entering participants in a state championship meet, contest or tournament, each member school certifies that, barring injury, illness or unforeseen events, or a withdrawal to avoid violating the religious convictions of team members, the team or individuals representing the school will participate in every game or competition, that is part of that championship event, until the final conclusion of the meet, contest or championship. Any withdrawal or intentional forfeiture for reasons other than those specified shall be considered a sportsmanship violation, and shall be subject to reprimand and/or other penalties as determined by the Executive Board. See [Executive Board Policies, "Withdrawal During a Competition"](#) for more information.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT:

A. The State Championships will be a two-day 36-hole event. Play will commence each day at 7:30am (6A Boys) and 12:30pm (5A Boys).

B. Team Competition: A school entering a team of four or five players will be competing for the team championship. A school with less than four scores will not be considered a part of the team competition. Team scores shall be determined by adding a team's four best individual scores on the first day of play to a team's four best individual scores on the second day of play. In the event of a tie for first place at the end of the second round, the team with the lower 5th score from Tuesday's round will be declared the champion. If the teams are still tied at that point, the team with the lower 5th score from Monday's round will be declared the champion. If the teams are still tied, the teams will be declared co-champions. Ties for places other than first will not be broken.

C. Individual Competition: All players in the State Championships may compete for individual honors. Ties for individual honors will not be broken.

2. **PAIRINGS / TEE TIMES**: First round pairings / tee times will be posted to the OSAA website by 6pm on Wednesday, May 10. Second round pairings / tee times will be posted to the OSAA website following play on Monday. Pairings for the second round will be based on first round scores with Monday's team leaders going off the #1 tee last. All 6A Boys tee times for both days will start at 7:30am. All 5A Boys times for both days will start at 12:30pm.
3. **COACHES' MEETING**: There will be a coaches' meeting at 7pm, Sunday, May 14, at Emerald Valley Golf Club. The meeting will take place in the covered tent outside the pro shop and all coaches are encouraged to attend. **NOTE: Parking passes will be distributed at the Sunday night coaches meeting.**
4. **PRACTICE ROUNDS**: **NOTE: Coaches will not be allowed to play during the assigned practice rounds, as there are only enough times to accommodate participating players. Coaches are encouraged to walk the course with their players.** Emerald Valley has blocked out tee times on Saturday and Sunday, May 13-14 after 1pm for practice rounds by participating players. Participants will each be charged \$25 for this practice round, range balls are included. Please contact Emerald Valley, 541.895.2174, to reserve your practice time. Qualifying teams and individuals are allowed to play additional practice rounds at Emerald Valley prior to the State Championship. Contact Emerald Valley for rates and availability.
5. **FROST DELAY PROCEDURE**: Please contact Emerald Valley Golf Club (541.895.2174) beginning at 6:15am on Monday or Tuesday if due to weather conditions a frost delay is possible.
6. **RANGE BALLS**: Range balls will be provided free of charge on Monday and Tuesday prior to the start of a player's round. Large buckets of range balls will be put out on the practice range at 6:30am each day. Only players participating in the State Championship should be using the range during this time.
7. **HOLE LOCATION SHEETS / NOTICE TO PLAYERS**: Each player will receive a copy of that day's hole locations along with the Notice to Players for the State Championship on their first tee on both Monday and Tuesday. (see attached Notice to Players for more information).
8. **SUMMER RULES**: Summer rules will be used at the State Championships. In the event of inclement weather/course conditions, the OSAA, in conjunction with the Rules Committee and the course professional, may authorize the Cleaning Ball Local Rule.
9. **YARDAGE / TEE MARKERS**: Emerald Valley has 150-yard markers on each hole designated by posts. Yardage is also marked on sprinkler heads. All yardage is to the center of the green. Players will use a combination of tees during both rounds of the championship defined by the GREEN tee markers. (See attached sample scorecard for this year's course yardage.) All other tee markers will be removed to avoid confusion.
10. **SPECTATORS**: Spectators must stay on cart paths or in the rough and at least 30 yards from any competitor during play. At no time should a spectator be on the green, on the tee, in a fairway, in a bunker, in a hazard, nor should they stand behind a player during his/her swing. Spectators may not communicate with participants from the time a player begins his/her round until his/her scorecard is handed in. Competitors may be penalized and / or disqualified if any person, other than the designated coach, assists the competitor by coaching and / or giving advice, which could influence a player in determining play, the choice of a club or method of making a stroke. Spectators may provide a participant with food, towels, umbrellas, rain suits, etc., during a round.
11. **SCORING PROCEDURE**: Competitors will receive a scorecard on his first tee each day of the competition. Scorecards will be exchanged with another competitor from the group. Each competitor (marker) will be responsible for keeping score for another competitor in the group. After each hole, the marker should check the score with the competitor and record it. Players are asked to bring scorecards to the scoring area at the turn. Scores at the turn are unofficial.

At the conclusion of the round, the entire group should proceed immediately to the scoring area. The marker should sign the scorecard and hand it to the competitor. Competitors are to review their scorecard thoroughly for the accuracy of the hole-by-hole score and settle any doubtful points with the Rules Committee. The competitor is responsible for the correctness of the score recorded for each hole on his scorecard. If he/she returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken, he/she is disqualified. If he/she returns a higher score for any hole than the score actually taken, the score as returned stands. The competitor should make sure the marker has signed the scorecard, sign the scorecard himself or herself and hand in the scorecard. No alteration may be made on a scorecard after the competitor has handed it in and left the scoring area. The scorecard is considered to have been handed in when the competitor leaves the scoring area.
12. **CELL PHONES / MOBILE DEVICES**: While cell phone use has become a part of everyday life, the OSAA believes that appropriate and considerate use of these devices is necessary during competition.
 - A. **Players**: Players shall not take cell phones / mobile devices on the courses for use of communication. If a player uses such a device at any point during their round, they may be subject to disqualification.

- B. **Coaches and Spectators:** Cell phones must be set to vibrate or silent mode and shall not ring at any time while on the golf course. Cell phone conversations are prohibited at all times while on the golf course. If you need to take/make a call, please proceed to the clubhouse or parking lot.
13. **PACE OF PLAY:** The OSAA and the host courses are again emphasizing pace of play during this year's state championships. Groups are expected to adhere to the pace of play guidelines printed on their scorecard. A group's position should be immediately behind the group in front, not immediately in front of the group behind. Groups may be affected if they are behind the scheduled pace and out of position. Out of position is defined as:
- On par 3** – Having a clear hole ahead.
 - On par 4** – The group ahead replaces the flagstick before your group leaves the tee area.
 - On par 5** – The group ahead arrives on the green before your group leaves the tee area.
14. **CARTS:**
- Motorized Carts – Participants:** During the round, a player must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized or later approved by the Committee (a player may always ride to and from where a previous stroke was made). Penalty for breach of Local Rule is the general penalty for each hole where the breach occurred. If the breach occurred between the play of two holes, it applies to the next hole.
 - Motorized Carts – Spectators:** Spectators, at the discretion of the golf course, may use motorized golf carts at the OSAA State Championships. Rules and regulations of the use of golf carts are governed by the host golf course.
 - Pull Carts – Participants:** Participants can use a pull cart in competition. Please note that there are a limited number of carts available and there may be a per round rental fee. Emerald Valley rents pull carts for \$6 per round.
15. **RULES COMMITTEE:** The OSAA will have a Rules Committee at the State Championship. Rules Committee members will be on the course in clearly marked golf carts to answer questions and make rules interpretations as necessary. Committee members will have walkie-talkies in order to collaborate on rulings.
16. **UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOR:** A Rules Committee member may disqualify a player without warning for unsportsmanlike conduct such as throwing a club, disrespectfully addressing or striking an opponent or official, using profanity or obscene gestures, intentionally obstructing an opponent's line of play, etc.
- Any disqualification for unsportsmanlike conduct disqualifies the player for the entire championship. Substitution of a player disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct is not permitted.
 - Disqualification for a violation of USGA rules applies to that day's competition only.
17. **RESTROOMS / WATER ON THE COURSE:** Emerald Valley has on-course restrooms and there are water coolers every couple of holes near the tee box.
18. **FOOD:** Emerald Valley has a snack bar / restaurant in the clubhouse that will be open each day.
19. **AWARDS:** All awards will be presented following the conclusion of each championship on Tuesday.
- Trophies** – Champion through fourth place trophies will be awarded in each championship.
 - Medals** – Medals will be presented to the champion and second place teams in each championship. Medals will also be presented to the top ten individuals at each state championship who will be recognized as members of the OnPoint Community Credit Union All-Tournament Team.
 - Moda Health Athlete of the Meet** – The medalist in each classification will be recognized as that classification's Moda Health Athlete of the Meet. In the event of a tie for medalist, multiple winners will be recognized. The winners will receive a commemorative coin from Moda Health and a scholarship application.
 - Flags** – The Oregon Golf Course Superintendents Association (OGCSA) has generously donated logo flags for use during each of this year's state championships. Their goal is to familiarize young golfers with the OGCSA and bring awareness to their role in the game today. The logo flags will be distributed to the top finishers at each of this year's state championships.
20. **STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS:** www.osaa.org/activities/bgf
- Results for all teams and individuals will be posted onsite at the scoring area and on the Golf page of the OSAA website during and following each round of the State Championship.

SOUVENIR INFORMATION

Additional information available on the OSAA website, www.osaa.org/shop

1. STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS MERCHANDISE: www.osaastore.com

A. **Pre-Order:** osaa.rushteamapparel.com/osaa/pre-orders

RushTeamApparel, exclusive merchandise partner of the OSAA, offers pre-orders. **The pre-order window is Friday, 4/28 at 12pm through Wednesday, 5/10 at 12am.** Select garments are available for pre-order: sweatshirts, t-shirts, long sleeve t-shirts, sweatpants, patches, pins, beanies and various Nike products. All pre-order merchandise will be available for pick up at the RushTeamApparel booth on-site throughout the event.

B. **Championship Site:** RushTeamApparel will be on-site at the OSAA state championship with a wide variety of souvenir merchandise. Stop by the merchandise booth to purchase t-shirts, sweatshirts, letterman patches, sweatpants, hats and much more. RushTeamApparel also offers a wide variety of customization options including school name, student-athlete name, event decals and more!

C. **Official Letterman Patches:** Get your official OSAA State Championship letterman patch onsite or by ordering online. Forget to get one last year? You can order an official letterman patch for any year going back to 2014-2015 in any OSAA activity by ordering online.

D. **RushTeamApparel Contact Information:** RushTeamApparel is the exclusive merchandise partner of the OSAA. For more information, contact RushTeamApparel at 1.253.858.5288 or via email at orders@rushteamapparel.com.

2. NORTHWEST SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY (NSP): www.4nsp.com/PhotosAction.aspx

A. **Action and Awards Photos:** NSP will shoot action and awards photos at all Golf State Championship sites. Action photos will be taken on Monday with prints available for purchase on Tuesday beginning around 10am onsite. Awards photos will be taken during the trophy and medal presentations on Tuesday. All action and award photos will be available online for purchase by Wednesday evening.

B. **NSP Contact Information:** NSP is the official photographer of the OSAA. For more information, contact NSP at 800.446.5758 or via email at customerservice@4nsp.com.

3. MINI REPLICAS TROPHIES: www.osaa.org/shop#trophies

A. **Mini Replica Trophies:** The OSAA is proud to be able to offer mini replicas of the trophies presented at the OSAA State Championships. Mini replica trophies are 8" tall x 10" wide x 5" deep and make a great gift for coaches, students, parents, etc. Mini replicas can be produced for teams and individuals for any year in any OSAA activity. Each mini replica trophy is \$70 and that includes a personalized nameplate, shipping & handling. Order mini replica trophies online.

B. **Crown Trophy Contact Information:** Crown Trophy manages the mini replica trophy program. For more information, contact Crown Trophy at 503.626.1125 or via email at awardpro@crowntrophy41.com.



OSAA / OnPoint Community Credit Union
2023 6A, 5A BOYS GOLF STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
May 15-16, 2023
Emerald Valley Golf and Resort
83301 Dale Kuni Road, Creswell, OR 97426



EMERALD VALLEY GOLF & RESORT – NOTICE TO PLAYERS

1. The 2023 Rules of Golf and the OSAA Hard Card, as modified by these Local Rules, govern all play. Please disregard all Local Rules on the Emerald Valley scorecard.
2. **TEEING AREA:** Play will be from the GREEN tee markers.
3. **OUT OF BOUNDS (RULE 18):** When two stakes are located within two yards of each other, the boundary is deemed to extend to infinity in the direction of the stakes. **Note:** The clubhouse area, parking lot and driving range are out of bounds.
4. **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS (RULE 16):** The following are defined as immovable obstructions: artificially surfaced cart paths and roads and their extensions, sprinkler heads and sprinkler control boxes. Relief from staked trees is for the stake and/or tie only. **Exception:** Chipped bark pathways are integral parts of the course and relief without penalty is not available. Individual pieces of bark are loose impediments.
 - A. **Dropping Zones. Holes #9 and #18:** Behind the putting greens, if interference from the cart path exists between the area defined by lines and arrows, as an additional option to Rule 16.1, a ball may be dropped within the closest dropping zone determined by the arrows behind the green for the hole being played. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3.
5. **GROUND UNDER REPAIR (RULE 16) .**
 - A. Ground under repair includes all French drains and maintained flower beds.
6. **PENALTY AREAS (RULE 17):** **Note:** During the play of hole #2, the yellow penalty area located on hole #17 is to be treated as a red penalty area.
 - A. **Dropping Zone Hole #17.** During the play of hole #17, if relief is entitled from the yellow or red penalty area, as an additional option to Rule 17, a ball may be dropped under one penalty stroke in the dropping zone located on the tee side of the yellow penalty area. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3.
7. **PACE OF PLAY:** The maximum time allowed for the round is four hours and forty-five minutes. Any player exceeding the allowed time and out of position by completing a hole more than 15 minutes behind the previous group is subject to a possible penalty under Rule 5.6.
8. **CLEANING BALL LOCAL RULE:** If the Committee determines that course conditions warrant, Model Local Rule E2 will be in place and players will be notified on their first tee.

Note: This Local Rule does not provide a preferred lie. The ball must be replaced on its original spot.
9. **SCORING:** Promptly upon completion of the round, all players in the group must proceed to the scoring area to resolve any Rules issues and return their scorecards. A player is responsible to make sure that the marker certifies the hole scores and must certify the hole scores themselves. No alterations may be made on the scorecard once it has been returned. A scorecard is considered returned when the player has handed the scorecard to a scoring official and has left the scoring area defined by rope or tape.
10. **TIES:**

Team Competition: In the event of a tie for first place at the end of the second round, the team with the lower 5 scores from Tuesday's round will be declared the champion. If the teams are still tied at that point, the team with the lower 5 scores from Monday's round will be declared the champion. If the teams are still tied, the teams will be declared co-champions. Ties for places other than first will not be broken.

Individual Competition: All players in the State Championships may compete for individual honors. Ties for individual honors will not be broken.
11. **RULES COMMITTEE** – Host PGA Professional (Laine Wortman), OSAA Rules Officials (Patti Daskalos, Alan Fudge), OSAA On- Site Director (Kris Welch)
12. **FINAL DECISIONS ON DISPUTED POINTS** – Will be made by Kyle Stanfield, Peter Weber, Pete Scholz



OSAA / OnPoint Community Credit Union
GOLF STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
2023 OSAA Local Rules and Terms of the Competition
For Use in the State Championship and District and Regional Qualifying



The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and the R&A govern play and where applicable, by the following Local Rules and Terms of the Competition. Complete text of Rules and Local Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 2023. Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty. See Notice to Players for additional Local Rules and Terms of the Competition. 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: serious misconduct, in which it is up to the Committee.

Please note that while in some earlier competitions this year the Local Rule for Alternative to Stroke and Distance for Ball Lost or Out of Bounds may have been used, the Local Rule is not in effect for any competition covered by this document.

1. **OUT OF BOUNDS:** Defined by the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of the white stakes or fence posts. Out of bounds may also be defined by white lines.
2. **PENALTY AREAS:** When a penalty area is defined on only one side, it extends to infinity. When a penalty area is connected to the out of bounds edge, the penalty area extends to and coincides with out of bounds.
3. **GROUND UNDER REPAIR:**
 - A. Defined by white lines. Ground under repair also includes French drains, which are trenches filled with rocks or stones and newly trenched areas, including grass-covered cables. See Temporary Power Lines and Cables.
 - B. 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.
4. **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS:** Include plastic bumpers on roads and paths, and mats secured to the ground with spikes when the bumpers or mats cover cables.
5. **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREENS:** Model Local Rule F-5.1 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.
6. **RELIEF FROM SEAMS OF CUT TURF:** Model Local Rule F-7 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. If a player's ball lies in or touches a seam of cut turf or a seam interferes with the player's area of intended swing: (a) Ball in the General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. (b) Ball on Putting Green. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d. But interference does not exist if the seam only interferes with the player's stance.
7. **WHITE-LINED AREAS TYING INTO ARTIFICIALLY SURFACED ROADS AND PATHS:** White-lined areas of ground under repair and the artificially surfaced roads, paths or other identified obstructions that they are connected to are a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.
8. **WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH:** Are loose impediments.
9. **INTEGRAL OBJECTS:** Include objects, such as cables, rods, wires or wrappings, when closely attached to trees and boundary objects, and artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas or in or adjacent to bunkers, and bunker liners. An exposed bunker liner may be treated as ground under repair, but interference does not exist if the liner interferes only with the player's stance.
10. **BALL DEFLECTED BY POWER LINE:** Model Local Rule E-11 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a permanent power line, tower, or a wire or pole supporting a power line during the play of a hole, the player must replay the stroke by playing the original ball or another ball from the spot where that stroke was made (see Rule 14.6).
11. **TEMPORARY POWER LINES AND CABLES:** Model Local Rule F-22 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.
12. **TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS:** Model Local Rule F-23 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.
13. **LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS:** Model Local Rule G-1 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

- 14. LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS:** Model Local Rule G-3 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.
- 15. TRANSPORTATION:** Model Local Rule G-6 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. During the round, a player must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized or later approved by the Committee (a player may always ride to and from where a previous stroke was made).
- 16. PROHIBITING USE OF CERTAIN TYPES OF SHOES:** Model Local Rule G-7as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.
- 17. PROHIBITING USE OF AUDIO AND VIDEO DEVICES:** Model Local Rule G-8 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Rule 4.3a (4) is modified in this way: During a round, a player must not listen to or watch content of any nature on a personal audio or video device.
- 18. USE OF CADDIE PROHIBITED:** Model Local Rule H-1.1 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. A player must not have a caddie during the round.
- 19. RESTRICTIONS ON PRACTICE BEFORE OR BETWEEN ROUNDS:** Model Local Rule I-1.1 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Rule 5.2b is modified in this way: a player must not practice on the competition course before or between rounds. Penalty for breach of Local Rule, see Rule 5.2
- 20. RESTRICTION ON PRACTICE OR TESTING BETWEEN THE PLAY OF TWO HOLES:** Model Local Rule I-2 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. A player must not make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole just completed or test the surface of that putting green by rubbing the putting green or rolling a ball or make any practice stroke on or near any practice green.
- 21. STOPPING AND RESUMING PLAY:**
- A. A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged note of a siren or horn. All other suspensions will be signaled by three consecutive notes of a siren or horn. In either case, resumption of play will be signaled by two short notes of a siren or horn. See Rule 5.7b. **Note:** All practice areas are closed during an immediate 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.
 - B. When play is suspended by the Committee, if the players in a match or group are between the play of two holes, they must not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If they have started play of a hole, they may discontinue play immediately or continue play of the hole, provided they do so without delay. If the players choose to continue play of the hole, they are permitted to discontinue play before completing it. Before lifting the ball, the player must mark its position. The players must resume play when the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. Resumptions of play will be signaled by two short notes of a siren or horn.
- 22. DRESS CODE:** The following attire is in effect for all competition. Soft spikes are required on all courses.
- Boys:** No jeans, denim slacks, gym sweats or T-shirts. Walking shorts must be mid-thigh length. Sport caps must be worn bill forward. Shirts with collars, turtleneck or mock turtleneck only.
 - Girls:** No jeans, denim slacks, gym sweats or T-shirts. Walking shorts must be mid-thigh length. Sport caps must be worn bill forward. Halter-tops, tanks tops, bare midriff, tube tops or shirts with spaghetti straps are prohibited.
- 23. UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOR:** A player may be disqualified without warning for unsportsmanlike conduct such as throwing a club, disrespectfully addressing or striking another player or official, using profanity or obscene gestures, intentionally obstructing another player's line of play, etc.
- A. Any disqualification for unsportsmanlike conduct disqualifies the player for the entire championship. Substitution of a player disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct is not permitted.
 - B. Disqualification for a violation of USGA rules applies to that day's competition only.
- 24. ADVICE:** Each team may appoint one person who may give advice to members of that team. Advice givers must be identified to the Committee before giving advice. Advice may only be given to a player between the play of two holes or during suspensions of play but may not be given while a player is playing a hole. The penalty for each breach of this Rule by an advice giver is the General Penalty added to the player's score who is involved.
- 25. SCORING AREAS AND PROCEDURES:** Details on scorecard return procedures and scoring areas will be provided on the Notice to Players at each event.
- 26. MODIFICATION OF PENALTY UNDER RULE 3.3b(2) FOR MISSING PLAYER OR MARKER CERTIFICATION:** Model Local Rule L-1 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.
- 27. WHEN COMPETITION IS FINAL:** The competition is final 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.

