

## LOCAL RULES

**Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is:**

**Stroke Play – Two strokes**

**Match play – Loss of hole**

**USGA Rules of Golf and Local Rules on this notice govern play.**

**OUT OF BOUNDS** – Defined by white stakes, property fence posts or walls. A line drawn between the inside surfaces of the white stakes identifies the boundary of the area that is out of bounds. A ball is out of bounds when **ALL** of it lies out of bounds. A player may stand out of bounds to hit a ball that lies in bounds.

**WATER HAZARDS AND LATERAL WATER HAZARDS** – Water hazards are defined by yellow stakes or lines. Lateral water hazards are defined by red stakes

**EMBEDDED BALL** relief is "through the green". An embedded ball is a ball that lies embedded in its own pitch mark. It may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as nearly as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole.

### **BALL ACCIDENTALLY MOVED ON THE GREEN.**

A ball at rest on the green or its ball marker that is accidentally moved by any player, partner, caddie, opponent or fellow competitor must be replaced. There is no penalty.

A ball that rests on the green that is moved by a natural cause such as wind, water or gravity, the ball shall be played as it lies and there is not penalty.

**CELL PHONES** shall be turned off or silenced and used only in case of an emergency.

**DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES** that measure distance only may be used.

### **DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE – STROKE PLAY ONLY**

If a competitor is doubtful of a rule and a rules official is not immediately available, use Rule 3.3 and complete the hole using 2 balls.

## CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

**PACE OF PLAY GUIDELINES.** The Rules of Golf require that the player shall at all times play without delay. The administration of the pace of play will be handled by the tournament rules committee, which shall abide by the Rules Committee of the USGA.

Rule 6-7 Undue Delay. The player shall at all times play without undue delay. Between completion of a hole and playing from the next teeing ground, the player shall not unduly delay play.

When play is in groups of 3, groups will be required to play in 4 hours and 30 minutes pace for 18 holes. Rules officials will use discretion concerning the pace of play. Groups of 4 will be expected to complete play of each hole in 15 minutes.

The group will be considered out of position if they:

- a. Have exceeded the 15 minutes time of play, and
- b. They reach the tee of a par 4 or par 5 hole that is clear of all players.

A Group out of position will be notified that they are out of position and will be subject to individual timing.

The timing of a player's stroke will begin when a player has reached her ball and it is clearly her turn to play. A player will be allowed a maximum of 40 seconds to complete her stroke. (Note: an additional 10 seconds will be allowed for (a) the first player to play from the teeing ground of a par 3 hole; (b) the first player to play a second stroke on a par 4 or par 5 hole; (c) the first player to play a third stroke on a par 5 hole; and (d) the first player to play on or around the putting green.

If a player exceeds the time limit on one occasion (1<sup>st</sup> offense) she will be cautioned that if she exceeds the time limit on one more occasion (2<sup>nd</sup> offense) she will automatically incur a 1 stroke penalty under Rule 6-7. If the player exceeds the time limit on one more occasion (3<sup>rd</sup> offense) she will incur an additional 2 stroke penalty. If the player exceeds the time limit a total of 4 times, the penalty is disqualification.

**CLOSE OF COMPETITION** – The competition shall be deemed closed when the winner has been announced.

## SPORTSMANSHIP AND CONDUCT

**CONDUCT** - The HSWGGA expects a high standard of conduct and sportsmanship from all players in HSWGGA sponsored events. Players who conduct themselves in a discourteous or unsportsmanlike manner are subject to disqualification (Rule 33-7) according to the discretion of the tournament committee. The HSWGGA Tournament Committee and/or the Executive Committee can extend the disqualification to additional future events if circumstances warrant.

Foul and abusive language, cheating, throwing clubs, drinking alcohol in excess on the course, and showing disrespect for club facilities, tournament officials, volunteers, spectators and fellow competitors are actions subject to reprimand, disqualification and/or suspension.

If a player is disqualified under this policy, she shall not be permitted to continue play in that particular tournament and shall be asked to leave the course if her conduct remains abusive or threatening.

**DRESS CODE** – Neat and clean traditional golf clothes will be considered appropriate dress. Metal spiked shoes are not acceptable



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See applicable Notice to Players and entry application for additional Conditions and the Local Rules of the Golf Course on Score card