

2018 NMAA State Golf Championships

**6A - Piñon Hills GC
5A - Rockwind GC
A/4A - The Canyon Club**

May 7-8, 2018

ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY

Including:

- **Pace of Play Guidelines**
- **Local Rules (subject to change)**
- **Spectator Guidelines**
- **Evacuation procedures**

Coaches, please review this material with your participants in the NMAA State Championships. They are responsible for knowing these policies and procedures.

**General Information and Reminders
from the NMAA, Sun Country Golf House,
Piñon Hills Golf Course,
Rockwind Community Links,
and The Canyon Club at Four Hills**

Sites: 6A Piñon Hills Golf Course - Farmington
 5A Rockwind Community Links - Hobbs
 A/4A The Canyon Club at Four Hills - Albuquerque

Date/Format: May 7-8, 2018 - 36 holes of stroke play, 18 holes per day

GENERAL INFORMATION

NMAA State Golf Tournament Seeding and Pairing Process: Seeding is based first on the number of times qualified and second, if there are ties, seeding will be based on the team's scoring average for the tournaments in which they shot a qualifying score. Pairings will be posted on the NMAA website by 10 a.m., Friday, May 4th.

Set-up: All yardages and green depths are taken from SCAGA's most recent course rating and measuring and reflect the measurement from the center of the teeing area to the center of the green. Ratings and Slopes have been adjusted to reflect the course set up for the 2018 NMAA State Golf Tournament.

A/4A	Girls:	5600 yards	Par 72
A/4A	Boys:	6700 yards	Par 72
5A	Girls:	5350 yards	Par 72
5A	Boys:	6600 yards	Par 72
6A	Girls:	5450 yards	Par 72
6A	Boys:	6750 yards	Par 72

BE ADVISED – All yardages are approximate, subject to change and can be altered at the discretion of the Tournament Committee based on a number of factors including weather, course condition, etc.

Coaches Meeting / Starting Times: There will be a meeting of all coaches at 7:30 am, Monday, May 7th at each tournament golf course, to be followed by tee times at 8 a.m. Tee times (beginning at 7:30 am) will be used on Tuesday, May 9th.

Tie Breaking Procedures: *(NMAA Bylaws)*

1. **State Championship (First Place Only)** – In the event a team score is tied after 36 holes of play, the following procedure is used to determine the winner:
 - a. Four or five golfers (team) tee off from the number one or ten tee, whichever is the most open. The teams alternate hitting; proceeding from the number five player to the number one player. USGA rules are followed from then on.
 - b. Scoring is the best of four (4) scores on each hole totaled.
 - c. Play discontinues when one team's total score is greater.
 - d. The champion is determined by the team with the lowest total for four players.
2. **Ties for second and third place in team scoring** are resolved by comparing the total scores from both days of the first three individual finishers from the tying teams. If necessary, utilize the same procedure involving the first two players and finally the first finisher until the tie is broken.

3. **Medalists** – Six medalists are identified based upon their two-day (36-hole) score. Ties are broken for first place only for individuals at the state tournament using a three-hole aggregate score and a sudden death if the score remains tied at the end of the playoff.

Coaching and USGA Rule 8: (*NMAA Bylaws*) A coach or school representative must be present and cannot play while his or her players are competing on the golf course. The coach or school representative must have a coaching license to coach his/her players. Each team may appoint one person (coach) who may give advice to members of that team. The coach may not stand behind his or her player while the player is making a stroke.

Communication between the coach and a player is only allowed from tee-to-green. Once the player and his/her golf ball are on the green, no communication may occur between the player and the coach until all members of the playing group have completed the hole and left the putting green. Penalty for violation - At committee's discretion, the player will be assessed a 2-stroke penalty.

Coaches Sign In and Cart Assignments (at all sites): Each school with more than one (1) participant will be provided one (1) complimentary coach's golf cart. If a school has more than one (1) golfer of each gender, they will receive one (1) cart for each designated coach. A team's designated coach must sign-in at the golf shop each morning to receive his/her cart key. During competition, coaches must wear the badge that will identify them to the Rules Committee as the team's official coach for the round.

Footwear: All state tournament courses are "soft spike" facilities. Wearing of shoes with traditionally designed spikes during the stipulated round will result in a penalty of DISQUALIFICATION.

Dress Code: Traditional golf apparel that is in good taste in conjunction with local course rules will be enforced. Denim is permitted, but it and all clothing should be in good repair, not excessively baggy or tight fitting. Shirts, if they are the type, should be tucked into shorts or slacks and hats with bills should be worn with bills to front. Expressly prohibited are cutoff shorts, tank tops or clothing where undergarments or midriffs show.

Distance Measuring Devices: (Specify as appropriate, e.g., In this competition, or For all play at this course, etc.), a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3. See also the *Notice to Competitors for each State Championship site*.

Cell Phones/Pagers: Use of cell phones including Text Messaging is expressly prohibited on the course during competition by spectators, competitors and coaches. Spectators disturbing play by use of cell phones will likely be requested to remove themselves from the course. Player Penalty for use: **Disqualification**

Spectator Carts: Carts are available for rental on a first-come-first-served basis at all sites, limit one cart per purchase. Abuse of cart use, may result in having rental privileges revoked or in being asked to leave the course.

RULES REMINDERS and CONDITIONS OF PLAY

Coaches, please make sure that you and your players are knowledgeable of and understand the *Local Rules and Conditions of Play for NMAA Regular Season Matches/Tournaments and State Championships (the hard card)*. Also, pay special attention to the following reminders or reviewing the following areas in the rule book may be very helpful as well. Practice and encourage ways to improve your players' pace of play.

Rule 3-3 – Doubt as to Procedure - *Review in the Rules Book and the decisions pertaining to Rule 3-3. Note to your players that the facts must be reported to the committee before signing their scorecard anytime they invoke Rule 3-3 or they are subject to disqualification.*

Relief options and markings of **Water and Lateral Water Hazards**

A **Ball Drop** (drop circle) is an additional relief option (from hazards, GUR, immovable obstructions and Unplayable Ball). Generally it is not mandatory, unless the Committee has deemed it so.

Relief options for **Unplayable Ball**

Rule 27 (Provisional Ball) - If there is any chance that a player's ball may be lost outside a water hazard or Out of Bounds, encourage him/her to play a provisional ball. It must be announced as a Provisional Ball.

During practice rounds, point out and explain areas that are **Out of Bounds**.

Pace of Play will be 4 ½ hours (15 minutes per hole). Poor pace is generally caused by too many practice swings, too much socializing between strokes and more diligence than necessary on the greens. Encourage players to cut time on these things, move directly to their ball, and make good use of their pre-shot routine and execution instead. It is a group's responsibility to keep up with the group in front; not just ahead of the group behind.

Suspension of Play for a Dangerous Situation - Signaled by one long air horn blast. Play shall be discontinued immediately and players shall proceed to shelters, restrooms, or clubhouse and await being picked up. A player failing to discontinue play immediately shall be disqualified unless circumstances warrant waiving such penalty as provided in **Rule 33-7**. When the committee has players back in position, resumption of play will be signaled by two short air horn blasts. **Review Rule 6-8b-d.**

Marker Responsibility (keeping fellow competitors score) – Encourage players to learn to be good "markers" by paying attention to the strokes taken by their fellow competitor, checking after the hole or during if necessary, and then writing down the correct score.

Although it is appropriate to settle questions after each hole and before teeing from the next teeing ground or leaving the last green, if that is the hole in question, any remaining questions are to be settled in the scoring area, prior to the players and markers signing and returning scorecards.

Generally, a dispute brought up after the fact will not be considered unless it is based on information previously unknown to a competitor.

Scoring Area: Each Championship site will have a designated scoring area which will be indicated on the Local Rules Sheet for each site. Competitors are reminded that they must return an attested scorecard **IMMEDIATELY** after completion of play. Once they have left the scoring area, the score is official.

Must be Corrected or a Penalty of Disqualification Will Be Imposed:

1. Failure to hole out in stroke play
 2. Playing outside the teeing ground in stroke play
 3. Playing a wrong ball in stroke play
 4. Serious breach (gaining a significant advantage) of Rule 20-7b (Playing from Wrong Place)
- ** Error must be corrected before playing from next teeing ground or in case of last hole, before leaving putting green.

Rule 20-6: “Eraser Rule” A ball incorrectly substituted, dropped or placed in a wrong place or not in accordance with the Rules but not played may be lifted, without penalty, and the player may proceed correctly.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct - Unsportsmanlike Conduct will not be tolerated at any time including the practice round, banquet or anywhere on the golf course grounds. Abusive language, club throwing, or any act judged to be unsportsmanlike will be penalized in the following manner: First Offense = 2 Strokes; Second Offense = Disqualification. If the violation occurs during the practice round or after the round in the clubhouse area, the penalty will apply to the next days round on the first hole.

BALL AT REST MOVED (PUTTING GREEN): Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows: When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his opponent, or any of their coaches or equipment. The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1. This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental. **Note:** If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.

GUIDELINES USED BY OFFICIALS TO ASSIST THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE IN PENALIZING UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

Officials will notify the player, the coach and the tournament committee of any breach they hear or see. Penalties will be applied only when there is an obvious display of temper. Violations qualifying for a penalty include, but are not limited to:

Defacing Property – Any damage to property no matter how insignificant

Throwing Club – Any sidearm or overhead throw. An underhanded throw of a club, a toss toward a golf bag, for example is not an offense.

Foul Language – Cursing or foul language which is obviously done in anger and overheard by the official.

Club Swinging – Hitting any inanimate object, i.e., tee markers, golf bag, golf cart, the ground, in anger.

Tobacco – Any use of tobacco or tobacco products.

Abuse of Official – Any challenge beyond a reasonable questioning of a decision.



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COURSE EVACUATION

The golf course will be evacuated in the event of a ***dangerous situation*** - severe weather, lightning or other impending danger. The signal to evacuate the course will be one long blast from an air horn. Coaches, officials, event volunteers and golf course staff will, at signal to evacuate, begin shuttling **players** from the course to safety.

Players should begin walking toward the **Clubhouse.**

Spectators should proceed immediately to the **Clubhouse.**



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Spectator Policy

Spectators are welcome at the State Tournament. They may not give advice or talk to players at any time while on the course. They may talk to players (but not give advice) between nines. Spectators shall stay at least 30 feet behind players they are following at all times without interfering with any group advancing from behind. Spectators must remain on cart paths or in the rough **except when** helping in the search for lost balls. **Penalty for violation:** At committee's discretion, the player(s) will be assessed a **2-stroke penalty**.

Spectators using golf carts must remain on cart paths and should make sure they are stopped while players are hitting.

Cell phones may only be used in the clubhouse area NOT on the golf course.

Spectators should always observe proper golf etiquette as well as acknowledge the good play of all competitors!!

PACE OF PLAY GUIDELINES

The Rules Committee will handle the administration of pace of play.

The Player shall play without undue delay. Between completion of a hole and playing from the next teeing ground, a player shall not delay play.

1. All groups will be expected to play at a reasonably fast pace. A group of four players will be expected to play at a pace of 15 minutes per hole or 4 ½ hours per eighteen hole round.
2. Each group must maintain their starting interval. Any group falling a hole (par 4 or par 5) or more behind will be out of position. You are deemed to be out of position when your group is on the tee and the hole is clear. If you are out of position, you will be notified that your group is out of position. At this time, the entire group will be **officially** timed. The first starting time will be out of position if they are five minutes off the official pace.
3. The timing of a player's stroke will begin when a player has reached his ball, and it is clearly his turn to play without interference. On the putting green, the timing will begin after the player has been allowed a reasonable time to reach his ball, lift, clean and replace his ball, repair his ball mark and other ball marks on the line of putt.
4. A player will be allowed a MAXIMUM of 40 SECONDS to complete his stroke. EXCEPTION: An additional 10 SECONDS will be allowed for the player who is first to play on or near the putting green and the first to play from the teeing ground on par three holes. **The timing procedure will also include time spent pacing off yardage, changing/selecting clubs, pre-shot routine, determining wind direction, etc.**
5. If a player exceeds the time limit ONE time, they will receive a caution. A SECOND violation of the time limit, they will be assessed a one-stroke penalty. A THIRD violation of the time limit, they will be assessed a two-stroke penalty. A FOURTH violation will result in disqualification.

NOTE: Timing will discontinue when the group has regained its position. You are expected to maintain your position at all times.

Best of luck and be ready to play.

The Committee



NMAA 6A State Golf Championships
Piñon Hills Golf Course * Farmington, N.M.
Host PGA Professional: Chris Jones
Sun Country Golf House Reps: Gerome Espinoza
NMAA Onsite Director: Nate Acosta
May 7-8, 2018



NOTICE TO COMPETITORS **DRAFT**

The Rules of Golf, Decisions on the Rules of Golf, the NMAA Hard Card on Local Rules and Conditions of Competition and this Notice to Competitors constitute the rules of this tournament. (Disregard rules on local scorecard.) Scorecards must be turned in immediately following play at the scoring area.

1. **TEES:** **BLUE** Tees - Boy Competitors **WHITE** Tees - Girl Competitors
2. **STARTING TIMES:** Monday, 8:00 AM: Girls start from #1 tee; Boys start from #10 tee. (Following 7:30 AM Coaches Meeting)
 Tuesday, 7:30 AM: Boys start from #1 tee; Girls start from #10 tee.
3. **PACE OF PLAY:** 15 minutes per hole or 4 ½ hrs. per round. Penalties for Undue Delay: 1st offense - warning; 2nd - 1 stroke; 3rd - 2 strokes; subsequent – disqualification.
4. **OUT OF BOUNDS:** Out of bounds is defined by boundary walls, public roads, white paint and/or white stakes.
5. **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS:** Artificially surfaced cart paths (must be paved). Fencing and curbing adjacent to cart paths are to be treated as one obstruction. White lines tying into cart paths have the same status as the cart paths (immovable obstruction).
6. **WATER HAZARDS:** Lateral water hazards are marked with red paint and red stakes. Regular water hazards are marked with yellow paint and yellow stakes.
7. **SCORING AREA:** **PLAYERS MUST REPORT TO THE SCORING AREA IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THEIR ROUND WITH ALL MEMBERS OF THEIR GROUP.** Players shall have deemed their scorecard turned in once they have left the scoring area and will be subject to all penalties incurred thereafter.
8. **STONES IN BUNKERS:** The local rule providing relief from stones in bunkers (the size of a dime or larger in diameter) is in effect. (Such stones are movable obstructions.)
9. **SHELTERS/EVACUATION:** The golf course will be evacuated in the event of a **dangerous situation** – severe weather, lightning or other impending danger. The signal to evacuate the course will be one long air horn blast. **Players** (*maintain your group*) are to proceed to the nearest shelter and await signal to return to course (2 short blasts) or be picked up by coaches, Rules Officials or course Staff and Volunteers and returned to clubhouse.

FRIENDLY RULES REMINDERS

DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE/RULE 3-3 (Second Ball): If Rule 3-3 is invoked, player **MUST** report to Committee after the round, even if scoring the same with both balls. Penalty – Disqualification.

KNOWN OR VIRTUALLY CERTAIN: Before a player is entitled to proceed under the Water Hazard Rule (26), it must be known or virtually certain his ball that has not been found is in or is lost in a water/lateral hazard. Otherwise, if the ball has not been found or identified by the player within 5 minutes, the ball is lost and Rule 27 applies.

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT: NMAA Hard Card takes precedence over Rule 33-7.

LOST BALL: Becomes the ball in play if found within five minute search period and substituted ball has not yet been struck.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES: (Specify as appropriate, e.g., In this competition, or For all play at this course, etc.), a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

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NMAA 5A State Golf Championships
Rockwind Community Links * Hobbs, N.M.
Host PGA Professional: Linda Howell
Sun Country Golf House Rep: Adam Borowiak
NMAA Onsite Director: Tyler Dunkel
May 7-8, 2018



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- 1. TEES:** **BLACK** Tees – Boy Competitors **ORANGE** Tees – Girl Competitors
- 2. STARTING TIMES:** Monday, 8:00 AM: Girls start from #1 tee; Boys start from #10 tee. (following 7:30AM coaches meeting)
 Tuesday, 7:30 AM: Boys start from #1 tee; Girls start from #10 tee.
- 3. PACE OF PLAY:** 15 minutes per hole or 4 ½ hrs. per round. Penalties for Undue Delay: 1st offense - warning; 2nd - 1 stroke; 3rd - 2 strokes; subsequent – disqualification.
- 4. OUT OF BOUNDS:** Out of Bounds is defined by boundary walls, public roads, white paint and/or white stakes.
- 5. IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS:** Includes artificially surfaced cart paths. Fencing and curbing adjacent to cart paths are to be treated as one obstruction. White lines tying into cart paths have the same status as the cart paths. NOTE: Behind #7 green, there is no relief from the cart path, if a player would receive incidental relief from the out of bounds boundary fence. The clubhouse and golf cart staging area behind #18 green is an obstruction. A ball drop is provided as an additional option, next to #1 tee.
- 6. WATER HAZARDS:** Lateral water hazards are marked with red paint and red stakes. Regular water hazards are marked with yellow paint and yellow stakes.
- 7. SCORING AREA:** **PLAYERS MUST REPORT TO THE SCORING AREA IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THEIR ROUND WITH ALL MEMBERS OF THEIR GROUP.** Players shall have deemed their scorecard turned in once they have left the scoring area and will be subject to all penalties incurred thereafter.
- 8. STONES IN BUNKERS:** The local rule providing relief from stones in bunkers (the size of a dime or larger in diameter) is in effect. (Such stones are movable obstructions.)
- 9. SHELTERS/EVACUATION:** The golf course will be evacuated in the event of a **dangerous situation** – severe weather, or other impending danger. The signal to evacuate will be one long air horn blast. **Players** (*maintain your group*) are to proceed to the nearest shelter and await signal to return to course (2 short blasts) or be picked up by coaches, Rules Officials or course Staff and Volunteers and returned to clubhouse.

FRIENDLY RULES REMINDERS

DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE/RULE 3-3 (Second Ball): If Rule 3-3 is invoked, player **MUST** report to Committee after the round, even if scoring the same with both balls. Penalty – Disqualification.

KNOWN OR VIRTUALLY CERTAIN: Before a player is entitled to proceed under the Water Hazard Rule (26), it must be known or virtually certain his ball that has not been found is in or is lost in a water/lateral hazard. Otherwise, if the ball has not been found or identified by the player within 5 minutes, the ball is lost and Rule 27 applies.

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NMAA A-4A State Golf Championships
The Canyon Club at Four Hills * Albuquerque, N.M.
Host Professional:
Sun Country Golf Rep: Dana Lehner
NMAA Onsite Director: Sally Marquez
May 7-8, 2018



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STARTING TIMES: Monday, 8:00 AM Girls start from #1 tee; Boys start from #10 tee. (following 7:30AM coaches meeting)
Tuesday, 7:30 AM: Boys start from #1 tee; Girls start from #10 tee.

PACE OF PLAY: 15 minutes per hole or 4 ½ hrs. per round. Penalties for Undue Delay: 1st offense - warning; 2nd - 1 stroke; 3rd - 2 strokes; subsequent – disqualification.

OUT OF BOUNDS: Generally defined by the inside edge of white stakes and/or property fence posts at ground level. In the vicinity of the entrance road and the club house, the paved areas (margin defined by the course side of the curb) between holes #4, #5, #7 and #8, including the tennis courts, as well as the areas of the course beyond the pavement for the hole being played, are out of bounds.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS: Relief without penalty from artificially surfaced (paved or graveled) paths only. The paths on the right side and behind hole #2, the right side of hole #9, and the left side of hole #15 are immovable obstructions. Rocks, gravel, curbing, wooden borders and landscaped areas which may include signs, water coolers, etc., adjacent to paths are part of the path and are considered one contiguous immovable obstruction.

WATER HAZARDS: Lateral water hazards are marked with red paint and red stakes. Regular water hazards are marked with yellow paint and yellow stakes.

STONES IN BUNKERS: The Local Rule providing relief from Stones in Bunkers (the size of a dime or larger in diameter) is in effect. (Such stones are movable obstructions.)

SHELTERS/EVACUATION: The golf course will be evacuated in the event of a **dangerous situation** – severe weather, lightning or other impending danger. The signal to evacuate the course will be one long air horn blast. **Players** (*maintain your group*) are to proceed to the nearest shelter and await signal to return to course (2 short blasts) or be picked up by coaches, Rules Officials or course Staff and Volunteers and returned to clubhouse.

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1) **SUSPENSION OF PLAY FOR A DANGEROUS SITUATION:**
When play is suspended for a dangerous situation, if the players in a match or group are between the play of two holes, they shall not resume play until the committee has ordered a resumption of play. If they are in the process of playing a hole, **they shall discontinue play immediately** and shall not thereafter resume play until the committee has ordered the resumption of play.

Note: A suspension for a dangerous situation shall be signaled by one prolonged siren or horn blast. All other types of suspension shall be signaled by several intermittent siren or horn blasts.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF THIS CONDITION:
Disqualification

All practice areas shall be closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the committee has declared them open for use.

2) **PACE OF PLAY:** (Rule 6-7 Undue Delay) A player shall be subject to penalty if he/she unduly delays play. The Local Rule of Pace of Play is in effect and posted.

3) **EMBEDDED BALL:** The “EMBEDDED BALL RULE” as written in Appendix 1 is in effect “through the green.”

4) **OUT OF BOUNDS:** Defined by inside edge of white stakes and/or property fence posts at ground level. **NOTE:** A ball which crosses a public road defined as out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that road is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course.

5) **GROUND UNDER REPAIR:**
a. Areas defined by white lines.
b. French drains which are exposed trenches filled with rocks or stones.
c. Relief is for lie of ball only on the following: **Ball is to be dropped as near as possible to where it lies.**
i. sod seams
ii. newly trenched area
iii. non-burrowing animal damage
iv. aeration holes

6) **ROADS, PATHS:** Asphalt and artificially surfaced roads and paths are Obstructions. White line areas tying into roads and paths have the same status as the roads and paths, and thus are Obstructions and not Ground Under Repair.

7) **RETAINING WALLS AND PILINGS:** When located within water hazards or bunkers, retaining walls and pilings are integral parts of the course. When railroad ties, curbing, fences or the like adjoin cart paths, they are deemed to be part of the Obstruction.

8) **WATER HAZARDS:** Defined by yellow lines and designated by yellow stakes. The lines are in the hazard.

9) **LATERAL WATER HAZARDS:** Defined by red lines and designated by red stakes. The lines are in the hazard.

10) **STAKED TREES:** If lie of ball, stance and/or area of intended swing is interfered with by the stake attached to a tree, the stake and/or rope/wire is treated as an Immovable Obstruction. Relief without penalty from the tree itself is not permitted.

11) **PERMANENT ELEVATED POWER LINES AND CABLES ON THE COURSE:** If a ball strikes such a line or cable, the stroke shall be canceled and the ball MUST be replayed, without penalty in accordance with Rule 20-5. If a ball is not immediately recoverable, another ball may be substituted.

12) **TREE WRAPPINGS, ELECTRICAL WIRES AND CABLES:** Closely attached to trees: No relief. Tree wrappings; electrical wires, cables and lightning rods closely attached to trees are not Obstructions. They are integral parts of the course.

13) **TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS:** Appendix 1 is in effect and includes any temporary construction installed for the competition.

14) **TURF PLUGS ON PUTTING GREENS:** On the putting green, in addition to Rule 16-1 C, the player may repair turf plugs of any size.

15) **WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH** are loose impediments, unless otherwise provided for in the Notice to Competitors.

16) **TRANSPORTATION:** Players shall walk at all times, except that a coach, designated volunteer or an event official may assist players back into position after a delay for a ruling, lost ball, illness, etc.

17) **CADDIES** are not permitted.

18) **ADVICE: Note to Rule 8:** Each team may appoint one person (coach) who may give advice to members of that team. The coach may not stand behind his/her player while the player is making a stroke. The coach or school representative must have a certificate to coach his/her players. The designated coach must be identifiable by wearing the NMAA golf coaching badge representing the gender being coached. The

coach and his/her cart are outside agencies and not part of the player’s side.

Communication between the coach and a player is only allowed from tee-to-green. Once the player and his/her golf ball are on the green, no communication may occur between the player and the coach until all members of the playing group have completed the hole and left the putting green. Penalty for violation - At committee’s discretion, the player will be assessed a 2-stroke penalty.

19) **UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT:** Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated in any event. Abusive language, club throwing or any other act judged to be unsportsmanlike by the Tournament Committee will be penalized in the following manner: First Offense – a two stroke penalty will be incurred by the player. Second Offense – disqualification from the event.

20) **RESULTS OF THE COMPETITION:** When all scores have been posted on the Official Scoreboard and approved by the Rules Committee, the results of the competition shall be deemed to have been officially announced.

21) **THE EXCEPTION TO RULE 6-6D IS MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS:** 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.

22) **BALL AT REST MOVED (PUTTING GREEN):** Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows: When a player’s ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his opponent, or any of their coaches or equipment. The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1. This Local Rule applies only when the player’s ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental. **Note:** If it is determined that a player’s ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.



LOCAL RULES AND CONDITIONS OF COMPETITIONS FOR NMAA REGULAR SEASON EVENTS AND STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Rules of the United States Golf Association (USGA) govern play. See the *Notice to Competitors* applicable to each event and the *NMAA Handbook/Golf Guidelines* for additional Local Rules and Conditions.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is Two Strokes (stroke play).