

- 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 5-6 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) **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.
- 4) **GROUND UNDER REPAIR:**
- Areas defined by white lines.
 - French drains which are exposed trenches filled with rocks or stones.
 - Relief is for lie of ball only on the following: **Ball is to be dropped as near as possible to where it lies.**
 - sod seams
 - newly trenched area
 - non-burrowing animal damage
 - aeration holes
- 5) **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.
- 6) **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.
- 7) **Penalty Area:** Defined by yellow or red lines and designated by red or yellow stakes. The lines are in the penalty area.

- 8) **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.

- 9) **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 Model Local Rule E-11. If a ball is not immediately recoverable, another ball may be substituted.

- 10) **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.

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

- 12) **TURF PLUGS ON PUTTING GREENS:** On the putting green, in addition to Rule 13-1 C, the player may repair turf plugs of any size

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

- 14) **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. Exception to this rule is allowing coaches to transport students back to the previous spot in cases of lost balls, out of bounds, possibly unplayable lies or a situation where it will help pace of play.

- 15) **ADVICE: Note to Rule 10:** 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.

- 16) **CADDIES** are not permitted.

- 17) **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.

- 18) **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.

- 19) **THE EXCEPTION TO RULE 3.3b(3) IS MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS:** If a competitor returns a score for any hole lower than 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 3.3b(3). This Exception does not apply when the applicable penalty is disqualification from the competition.

- 20) **BALL AT REST MOVED (PUTTING GREEN):** No Penalty for Accidental Movement of Ball or Ball-Marker on Putting Green Under Rule 13.1d (1). Examples of actions that are accidental include when: The player takes normal actions near the ball before attempting a *stroke*, such as practice swings near the ball or addressing the ball by placing the putter on the ground near the ball. The player drops a coin or a club, hitting the ball and causing it to *move*. The *partner* or *opponent* of the player, or one of their *caddies*, unintentionally *moves* the ball or *ball-marker*, such as by kicking the ball, dropping something on the ball, or by pressing down the *ball-marker*. The player inadvertently steps on the *ball-marker* and it sticks to the bottom of his or her shoe.



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).