

# **2012 NMAA State Golf Championships**

**A-AAA - Championship GC @ UNM  
AAAA - New Mexico Tech GC  
AAAAA - New Mexico State GC**

**May 7-8, 2012**

## **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 Sun Country Golf House,  
New Mexico Tech Golf Course,  
New Mexico State Golf Course,  
and Championship Golf Course @ UNM**

**Sites:** AAAAA - New Mexico State Golf Course - Las Cruces, New Mexico  
May 7-8 - 18 hole stroke play competition rounds  
AAAA - New Mexico Tech Golf Course - Socorro, New Mexico  
May 7-8 - 18 hole stroke play competition rounds  
A-AAA - Championship Golf Course @ UNM - Albuquerque, New Mexico  
May 7-8 - 18 hole stroke play competition rounds

**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 Web site by noon Thursday, May 3rd.

**Set-up:** All yardages and green depths are taken from the 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 2012 NMAA State Golf Tournament.

1-3A	Girls:	5841 yards	Par 72
1-3A	Boys:	7078 yards	Par 72
4A	Girls:	5728 yards	Par 72
4A	Boys:	6636 yards	Par 72
5A	Girls:	5703 yards	Par 72
5A	Boys:	7019 yards	Par 72

**Coaches Meeting:** There will be a meeting of all coaches at 6 PM, Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at each tournament golf course. Players are also welcome to attend.

**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 certificate or waiver to coach his players. Each team may appoint only one person (coach) who may give advice, including pointing out a line for putting to members of that team. The coach may not stand behind his or her player while the player is making a stroke.

**Coaches Sign In and Cart Assignments (at all sites):** Each team will be provided one (1) complimentary coach's golf cart. 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 their 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.

**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 away from players at all times. Penalty for violation: At committee's discretion, the player(s) will be assessed a 2-stroke penalty. Spectators using golf carts are to keep carts on paths and still, while players are hitting. Spectators should always observe proper golf etiquette as well as acknowledge the good play of all competitors!

**Spectator Carts:** See general information from each site for specific details. Abuse of cart use, may result in having rental privileges revoked or being asked by a Rules Official to leave the course.

**Cell Phones/Pagers/Electronic Measuring Devices:** 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 be requested to remove their phones, and likely themselves, from the course. Electronic Measuring Devices are strictly prohibited. Penalty for use: **Disqualification**

## 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)*. Paying special attention to the following reminders may be very helpful as well. Practice and encourage ways to improve your players' pace of play.**

**Thank you. The Sun Country Rules Committee.**

**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 as soon as possible 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.

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

Official will notify the player, the coach and the tournament committee of any breach he hears or sees. Penalties will be applied only when there is an obvious display of temper. Violations qualifying for a penalty are:

**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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## 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  $\frac{1}{2}$  hours per eighteen hole round.
2. Each group must maintain their starting interval. Any group falling a hole (par 4 or par 5) 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 Rules Committee



**NMAA AAAA State Golf Championships**  
**NM Tech Golf Course \* Socorro, N.M.**  
**Host PGA Professional: Russ Moore**  
**Sun Country Golf House Reps: Daniel Hayden, Nick Geyer**  
**NMAA Onsite Director: Bill Cleland**  
**May 7-8, 2012**



**NOTICE TO COMPETITORS**

*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, 7:30AM: Boys start from #10 tee; Girls start from #1 tee.  
Tuesday, 7:30AM: 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: 1<sup>st</sup> offense - warning; 2<sup>nd</sup> - 1 stroke; 3<sup>rd</sup> - 2 strokes; subsequent – disqualification.
4. **OUT OF BOUNDS:** Defined by perimeter fences, white stakes. A ball crossing the curbing right of #10, curbing left of #12, sidewalk and curbing left and behind #15, sidewalk and curbing left of #16 and curbing behind #18 green is Out of Bounds. **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. **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS.** : Artificially surfaced cart paths (must be paved). Fencing and curbing (**except OB posts and wire**) 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. **BALL DROP: Dropping Zones** are provided as additional relief options from **lateral** water hazards on the following holes: **#8** forward tee; **#10** back right and back left of green for a ball in the lateral hazard behind the green (choose nearest **DZ** to where ball last crossed lateral hazard line); **#12** back left of green for a ball in the lateral hazard left or behind the green; **#14** short and left of the hazard before the green; **#16** right adjacent to fairway for a ball in either lateral hazard to the right
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.

**ARTIFICIAL MEASURING DEVICES:** Use of Artificial Measuring Devices of any kind is prohibited by rule 14-3. **Penalty:** Disqualification.

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UNM Championship GC \* Albuquerque, N.M.  
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Sun Country Golf House Rep: Dana Lehner  
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- 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 perimeter fencing and white stakes surrounding the practice areas on holes #10 & 11.
- 5. IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS.** : Artificially surfaced cart paths (must be paved). Fencing and curbing (**except OB posts and wire**) 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.
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- 9. TREE WELLS:** There is no “free relief” from tree wells. Tree wells are considered through the green.

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- 4. OUT OF BOUNDS:** Out of bounds is defined by white stakes and boundary fence.
- 5. IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS:** Cart Paths - Relief without penalty from asphalt or concrete cart paths **only**. Rule 24-2. Curbing, fencing and the like adjacent to roads and paths have the same status as roads and paths. White lines tying into artificially surfaced roads and paths have the same status as the roads and paths. All other paths and roads (gravel or crusher fines) - Ball is to be played as it lies or as Unplayable Ball (Rule 28).
- 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.
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