

## **LOCAL RULES AND CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION FOR 2018 WOGA CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Out of Bounds:** Defined by inside points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts. Objects defining out of bounds are NOT obstructions. Rule 27-1.

**Water and Lateral Water Hazard Stakes, Lines:** When both stakes and lines are used to define water and lateral water hazards, stakes identify and lines define the margin. The stakes or lines are in the hazard. Rule 26.

**Water Hazards:** Defined by yellow stakes or yellow lines; **Lateral Water Hazards:** defined by red stakes or red lines.

**Ground Under Repair:** Areas defined by white lines, French Drains & Fire Ant Hills, even if not marked. The lines are in the ground under repair. If the ball & fire ant hill lie in a hazard, the ball must be dropped in the hazard. Rule 25-1.

**Seams of Cut Turf:** Through the green, **seams** of cut turf (not the turf itself) are deemed Ground under Repair. Interference with stance is deemed **not** to be, of itself, interference under R.25-1. If the ball lies in or touches the seam or it interferes with area of intended swing, relief is available under R.25-1. All seams are considered the same seam.

**Embedded Ball through the Green:** Local Rule in Appendix I is in effect.

**Integral Parts of the Course:** Lightning rods & electrical wires closely attached to trees and artificial walls & pilings in hazards. No relief without penalty.

**Artificial Devices and Unusual Equipment:** The Local Rule in Appendix I allowing a player to obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device is in effect. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect her play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of R. 14-3.

**Penalty:** 1<sup>st</sup> offense – loss of hole or 2 strokes; any subsequent offense – disqualification.

**Accidental Movement of a Ball on Putting Green:** New Local Rule is in effect.

### **CONDITIONS**

**Undue Delay, Slow Play:** See supplemental Local Rules/Notice to Players for pace of play policies & penalties.

The **USGA Groove & Punch Mark Specifications Effective January 1, 2010 Condition of Competition** is NOT adopted for any WOGA championship or tournament.

**Caddies:** Personal caddies **may** be permitted in some WOGA competitions; please consult entry information for each event. Parents/Step-Parents/Guardians are not permitted to caddie for players under age 17.

**Discontinuance of Play- Dangerous Situation:** One prolonged air horn note. Whether between holes or during the play of a hole, play must be **DISCONTINUED IMMEDIATELY** and must not be resumed until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. All practice areas shall be closed until the Committee has declared them open.

**ALL OTHER SUSPENSIONS:** Three consecutive air horn notes, repeated. During play of a hole, players may complete play of that hole, but may not begin play of a subsequent hole.

**RESUMPTION OF PLAY:** Two short air horn notes, repeated.

**Penalty for Breach of Rule:** Disqualification.

**Doubt as To Procedure in Stroke Play:** Player may play a second ball, after announcing her intention to do so & stating which ball she wishes to score with if the Rules permit; she **must** report to the Committee before returning her scorecard. Rule 3-3

**Making a Claim in Match Play:** Rule 2-5

**Return of Score Card in Stroke Play:** The scorecard is officially returned when the player has handed it to the scoring official and has left the table. Scorecards should be returned as soon as possible following completion of the stipulated round.

**Scoring In Match Play:** The player who is first on the tee is the scorer for the match. The Winner shall return the scorecard and report the results to the scoring official.

**Ties:** Unless otherwise published, ties will be decided as prescribed in Appendix 1.

**Close of the Competition:** The competition shall be deemed closed when the trophy has been presented to the winner.

**General Penalty:** Unless otherwise stated, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is **Loss of Hole in Match Play or Two Strokes in Stroke Play**