

## **LOCAL RULES AND TERMS OF COMPETITION FOR 2019 WOGA JUNIOR GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Out of Bounds:** Defined by inside points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts or white lines on the ground. Objects defining out of bounds are NOT obstructions & are deemed fixed. [Rule 8.1a & Definition of Boundary Object]

**Penalty Area Stakes, Lines:** When both stakes and lines are used to define Penalty Areas, stakes identify and lines define the margin. The stakes or lines are in the hazard. [Rule 17]

**Penalty Areas:** Defined by yellow stakes or lines or by red stakes or lines.

**Ground Under Repair:** Areas defined by white lines & all French Drains even if not marked. The lines are in the ground under repair. [Definition of Ground Under Repair.]

**Fire Ant Hills:** Relief procedure under Rule 16.2b, Dangerous Animal Condition. When the ball lies in a penalty area, it may be dropped in the penalty area for free relief or outside the penalty area for 1 penalty stroke. [Rule 16.2b]

**Seams of Cut Turf:** If a player's ball lies in or touches a seam of cut turf or a seam interferes with the player's area of intended swing: in the General Area, the player may take relief under R.16.1b; on the Putting Green, the player may take relief under R 16.1d. Interference does not exist if the seam only interferes with the player's stance. All seams within the area of cut turf are treated as the same seam in taking relief. [Model Local Rule F-70]

**Worn Areas Within 1 Club Length of Artificially Surfaced Roads and Path** have the same status as the roads and paths, that of obstructions. [Rule 16.1]

**Embedded Ball:** Relief without penalty allowed ONLY when the ball is embedded in its own pitch mark as the result of the previous stroke & part of it is below the level of the ground in the General Area or on the Putting Green. **Exception:** A player may **NOT** take relief under this Rule if the ball is embedded in sand in a part of the General Area that is **not** cut to fairway height or less. [R. 16.3a]

**Integral Objects:** Lightning rods, cables, wrappings & electrical wires closely attached to trees and artificial walls & pilings in Penalty Areas unless otherwise provided for in the Notice to Players. No relief without penalty.

**Distance Measuring Devices:** In all WOGA competitions, a player may obtain distance information by using a distance measuring device. If, during a competition round, a player uses a DMD to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect her play (e.g., elevation changes wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 4.3. **Penalty:** 1st offense – General Penalty; any subsequent offense - **disqualification**.

### **CONDITIONS**

**Time of Starting:** Rule 5.3a

**Unreasonable Delay, Prompt Pace of Play:** See supplemental memo for pace of play policies & penalties. [R. 5.6a]

**Caddies:** A player may provide her own caddie. **Parents, guardians, or step-parents may not serve as a caddie.** Neither the player nor her caddie may use automotive transportation during a competition round. Penalty for breach of Rule: 2 strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred. No penalty limitation.

**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. [R. 5.7]

**Doubt as to Procedure in Stroke Play:** The player may play a 2<sup>nd</sup> ball, after announcing her intention to do so & with which ball she chooses to score, if the Rules allow. She **must** report the circumstances of the situation to the Committee before signing her scorecard. If she does not, the penalty is Disqualification. [R. 20.1c]

**Return of Scorecard:** The scorecard is officially returned when the player has handed it to the scoring official & has left the table.

**Ties:** Any ties for the Junior Championship will be decided by a sudden victory play-off beginning on hole #1 & continuing until a winner is determined. Unless otherwise published, ties for all other prizes will be decided by matching scorecards, using the last 9 holes, last 6 holes, last 3 holes & the 18<sup>th</sup> hole.

**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 **2 Strokes in Stroke Play**.