

LOCAL RULES AND CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION FOR 2018 CITY OF ANN ARBOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Rules of the United States Golf Association govern play except where Local Rules prevail. See Notice to Competitors and Entry Application for additional Local Rules and Conditions. Complete text of Rules and Appendix I may be found in the current "Rules of Golf."

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, THE PENALTY FOR BREACH OF A LOCAL RULE OR CONDITION IS:
STROKE PLAY – TWO STOKES

LOCAL RULES

OUT OF BOUNDS – Defined by inside points, at ground level, of large white stakes and fence posts (both wooden and metal.) Rule 27-1.

A ball that 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.

WATER AND LATERAL WATER HAZARD STAKES AND LINES –

When a lateral water hazard is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend to infinity.

When water hazards and lateral water hazards are bounded by out of bounds, the hazard margin extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line.

BALL STRIKES POWER LINE – If a ball strikes a power line on hole #2 or hole #3, the player **must** disregard that stroke, abandon the ball and play another ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was played in accordance with Rule 20-5.

EVENTS IN WHICH MOTORIZED GOLF CARTS PERMITTED – A motorized cart is part of the player's equipment:

1. When one cart is shared by two players, the cart and everything in it are deemed to be the equipment of the player whose ball is involved, except that, when the cart is being moved by one of the players, the cart and everything in it are deemed to be the equipment of that player.
2. A player or players using a cart may appoint someone to drive the cart, in which case the driver is considered to be the caddie of the player or players.
3. **Only 2 carts per threesome will be allowed. It is the group's responsibility to determine who will ride in each cart. If a group has multiple caddies, it is possible that a player and/or a caddie must walk. In the event that everyone in a group has a caddie and everyone is riding a motorized cart, the players will take the carts and the caddies will walk.**
4. Carts are not allowed in any long grass/natural area. Holes #4, 5, 9, 11, 13, 14
5. Use of a cart by anyone other than the player or players using it or the appointed driver is prohibited. Any player allowing unauthorized use of his cart is subject to penalty as follows:

Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round: four strokes. In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole.

Use of any unauthorized automotive vehicle shall be discontinued immediately upon discovering that a breach has occurred. Otherwise the player shall be disqualified.

The exceptions to this rule are: A player in a group is allowed to take a player (on his cart) who is walking from hole #9 green to hole #10 tee to speed play –and/or – from hole #13 green to hole #14 tee. Or, a player in a group shall a player (on his cart) in an attempt to speed up play. If this occurs, there is to be no penalty.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS – Include all roads or paths, whether artificially surfaced, gravel, dirt or otherwise.

WHITE LINED AREAS TYING INTO ARTIFICIALLY SURFACED ROADS OR PATHS – have the same status as the roads or paths, that of obstructions.

EMBEDDED BALL THROUGH THE GREEN – Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

CONDITIONS

LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS – Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

TIME OF STARTING – Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

PACE OF PLAY – See separate memorandum to players for pace of play guidelines.

DISCONTINUANCE OF PLAY – Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect. All practice areas are closed during a suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open.

Note: A suspension for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged air horn note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by two consecutive air horn notes. Resumption of play will be signaled by three short air horn notes.

PRACTICE – Prior to his round in stroke play, a player may practice in designated practice areas. Rule 7-1b applies to other practice in stroke play. Note 2 under Rule 7.2 is in effect.

CLOSE OF COMPETITION – The competition is deemed to have closed when the Championship trophy has been presented to the winner or, in the absence of a prize ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the Committee.





2018 ANN ARBOR MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP
Notice to Competitors



(This information supplements the Local Rules and Conditions of Competition for City of Ann Arbor Championships.)

SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO A DANGEROUS SITUATION – When play is suspended by the Committee 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 **must discontinue play immediately** and may not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play.

Penalty for Breach of Condition: Disqualification.

Note: One 15-second air horn note shall signal a suspension of play for a dangerous situation. Three intermittent 5-second air horn notes shall signal resumption of play.

****If weather forces cancellation or interruption of any rounds, the rules committee will decide how final scores will be determined.****

UNDUE DELAY; SLOW PLAY – Players shall play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines that the committee may establish. Between the completion of a hole and playing from the next teeing ground, the player shall not unduly delay play. Rule 6-7.

Penalty for Breach of Rule: One Stroke, Second Offense – Two Strokes, Third Offense – Disqualification.

TEERING GROUNDS – All competitors shall play from the Championship teeing grounds: The rectangular area two club-lengths in depth, the front and the sides of which are defined by the outside limits of two black tee markers.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR – Defined by white lines. Rule 25-1. Also, the wire around the trees right of #6 fairway is considered ground under repair. You are allowed relief for stance and/or swing, but not line of flight.

WATER HAZARDS – Defined by yellow stakes or yellow lines. Rule 26-1.

LATERAL WATER HAZARDS – Defined by red stakes or red lines. Rule 26-1.

WATER HAZARD HOLE #12

- In addition to the player's options under Rule 26, the player may, under the penalty of one stroke, drop a ball in the ball drop area adjacent to the creek. This option may be used only for a ball that cannot be dropped within two club lengths of the point where it last crossed the margin of the hazard without going closer to the hole.

OUT OF BOUNDS – Defined by inside points, at ground level, of large white posts, fence posts, and white painted areas on holes 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18. The practice putting green is also marked with a white painted line. Rule 27-1.

A white painted line indicating out of bounds is itself out of bounds.

Objects defining out of bounds, such as walls, fences, stakes, and railings are not obstructions and are deemed to be fixed. Relief may be obtained under Rule 28, Ball Unplayable.

TRAVEL ROAD is out of bounds.

CLUBHOUSE AREA AND PARKING LOT south-west of hole #3 defined by white stakes and white painted lines is out of bounds.

MAINTENANCE BARN AREA defined by white stakes and white painted lines left of hole #16 is out of bounds.

ELECTRONIC DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES – Use of laser rangefinders, GPS devices, and other EDM devices is allowed. Devices must measure distance only (not wind, green slope, etc.) According to the USGA rules on 'Advice,' "Information on the Rules, distance or matters of public information, . . . is not advice."

STROKE PLAY – If a player fails to hole out at any hole and does not correct his mistake before he makes a stroke on the next teeing ground or, in the case of the last hole of the round, before he leaves the putting green, **he is disqualified.** Rule 3-2.

A ball is "holed" when it is at rest within the circumference of the hole and all of it is below the level of the lip of the hole.

RULING QUESTIONS – If a player is doubtful of his rights or the correct procedure during the play of a hole, he may complete the hole with two balls under Rule 3-3. After the doubtful situation has arisen and before taking further action, the player must announce to his fellow-competitor his intent to play a second ball and indicate which ball he wishes to count if the *Rules* permit. The player must present the facts of the situation to the Committee before returning his card.

If there are any discrepancies between the score card local rules and the Local Rules, the Local Rules will take precedence.

SCORE CARDS – After completion of the round, the player should check his score for each hole and settle any doubtful points with the Committee. He must ensure that the marker or markers have signed the score card, sign the score card himself and return it to the Committee as soon as possible. Rule 6-6b.

Penalty for Breach of Rule: Disqualification.

The player is responsible for the correctness of the score recorded for each hole on his score card. If he returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken, **he is disqualified.** If he returns a score for any hole higher than actually taken, the score as returned stands. Rule 6-6d.

PLAY-OFF – In the event of a tie for the Championship or a flight, a playoff will determine the winner. The winner will be determined by sudden death. Play will begin on hole #1 or hole #10 and proceed to subsequent holes until a winner can be determined. The starting time for the playoff will be determined by the Committee and will be announced at the scoring area immediately following the posting of all scores within each flight.

FINAL – July 15, 2018 – 9:30pm

This tournament is sponsored by the City of Ann Arbor, Department of Parks and Recreation and supports the concepts of fair play, sportsmanship and golf etiquette as defined by the United States Golf Association.