



Local Rules and Conditions of the Competition For All 2015 Competitions

Junior Tour of Northern California tournament play is governed by the 2012-2015 USGA *Rules of Golf* and the 2014-2015 USGA *Decisions on the Rules of Golf* and, where applicable, the following Local Rules and Conditions, along with additional Local Rules as may be supplied. Complete text of Rules and Appendix I may be found in the current edition of the *Rules of Golf*.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is:
Match play—Loss of Hole **Stroke play—Two Strokes**

Standard Local Rules

Water and Lateral Water Hazard Stakes and Lines—When a water hazard or a lateral water hazard is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend to infinity. When a water hazard or lateral water hazard is bounded by out of bounds, the hazard margin extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line.

Ground Under Repair—Defined by white lines and/or stakes. Fire ant hills and French drains are deemed to be ground under repair. Rule 25-1. (Note: For a player whose ball is in a water hazard and is affected by a fire ant hill - see Decision 1-4/10.)

White-Lined Areas Tying into Artificially-Surfaced Roads and Paths—White lined areas tying into artificially surfaced roads and paths have the same status as the roads and paths, that of obstructions.

Wood Chips and Mulch—Wood chips and mulch are loose impediments, unless otherwise provided for in *Notice to Players*.

Integral Parts of the Course—Include cables, rods, wires or wrappings when closely attached to trees and artificial walls and pilings when located in hazards, unless otherwise provided for in *Notice to Players*.

Aeration Holes—Through the green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and **dropped as near as possible to the spot** where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green. On the putting green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be **placed at the nearest spot** not nearer the hole that avoids that situation. For the purpose of applying this local rule, all aeration holes are considered the same condi-

tion.

Seams of Cut Turf (Sod Seams)—Through the green, seams of cut turf (not the turf itself) are deemed to be ground under repair. However, interference by a seam with the player's stance is deemed not to be, of itself, interference under Rule 25-1. If the ball lies in or touches the seam or the seam interferes with the area of intended swing, relief is available under Rule 25-1. All seams within the cut turf area are considered the same seam.

Temporary Immovable Obstructions—Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

Embedded Ball Through the Green—Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

Permanent Elevated Power Lines and Cables—If a ball strikes a permanent elevated power line or cable on the course, the stroke must be cancelled and replayed, without penalty (see Rule 20-5). If the ball is not immediately recoverable, another ball may be substituted.

Distance-Measuring Devices—A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. However, if, during a stipulated round, a player uses a device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used.

Time of Starting—The clock at the player's starting tee is the official time.

Conditions of Competitions

Dress Code—Players must be properly attired both on the golf course and on the premises of the club. Blue jeans, designer jeans, T-shirts and tank tops are prohibited. Golf shirts must be worn and shorts must be of appropriate length (no jean shorts). This dress code will be used at all JTNC competitions in conjunction with any additional dress code restrictions of the particular golf course involved. A violation of this dress code must be rectified without undue delay or the player will not be allowed to continue play.

Severe Breach of Etiquette—Disruptive or inappropriate behavior contrary to the good conduct of the tournament in the determination of the Committee, will not be tolerated. Further disciplinary action may be imposed, including suspension from future events. PENALTY: DISQUALIFICATION (Rule 33-7).

Cellular Phones—As provided in the Etiquette Section of the Rules of Golf, players should ensure that any electronic device taken onto the course does not distract other players. For further guidelines refer to Decisions 14-3/16 & 14-3/18.

Disqualification—When a player breaches a Rule where the penalty is disqualification, the player must leave the course immediately.

No Shows—A player who does not show up and does not notify the JTNC/NCGA staff shall receive a one-year suspension from all JTNC events for the calendar year following the infraction. No shows also include a player who starts and withdraws prior to the close of the competition and has not turned in their scorecard personally to a tournament official.

Withdrawals—Players who have entered a JTNC event and wish to withdraw for any reason MUST notify the NCGA Rules and Competitions Department at (831) 625-4653. Failure to notify the JTNC/NCGA will cause the player to be listed as a NO SHOW resulting in a one year suspension from all events for the following calendar year. A player who only contacts the course and NOT the JTNC/NCGA will incur the suspension.

List of Conforming Driver Heads—Any driver the player carries must have a club-head, identified by model and loft that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the USGA.

Pace of Play—See separate pace of play guidelines.

Discontinuance of Play—A discontinuance of play by the Committee will be signaled as follows:

Non-dangerous condition: Three consecutive air horn notes, repeated (Rule 6-8b).

Dangerous condition: One prolonged air horn note, repeated. Players shall discontinue play immediately and shall not resume play until the Committee orders a resumption of play. All practice areas are closed during suspension for a dangerous condition until the Committee declares them open.

(Note: A player has the right to stop play because of the threat of lightning, even if play has not been suspended by the Committee.)

Resumption of play: Two consecutive air horn notes, repeated.

Practice—Prior to and after his round in stroke play, a player may practice on the designated practice areas, Rule 7-1b applies.

Scorecard—Any Local Rules listed on the club scorecard or posted at the host club are unofficial and have no status in JTNC competition.

Ties—In the event of ties, there will be a play-off for first place. Ties for second and third will be decided using the USGA's method for matching cards. In a competition with a multiple tee start, the last nine holes will be holes 10-18.

Close of Competition—A competition is deemed to have closed when the result has been officially announced.

Player Carts and Spectator Carts—During JTNC Competitions, players are prohibited from riding, but the player may use a push/pull cart or a battery operated remote control cart to transport their clubs if permitted by the host course.

Spectator carts are prohibited. Disabled Spectator Carts—A disabled spectator cart is defined as a spectator who is not able to walk due to health reasons. Disabled spectators must be cleared by JTNC staff.

If a person other than the player or caddie moves the cart in a "casual act" the *Rules of Golf* do not consider this individual to be a caddie. There is no breach of Rule 6-4.