# Local Rules And Conditions Of Competition For All 2018 Competitions

Junior Tour of Northern California tournament play is governed by the *Rules of Golf* effective January 1, 2018 and the 2016-2017 *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

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

**Turf Plugs on the Putting Green**—May be repaired even if they are not 4 1/4 inches.

**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. French drains are deemed to be ground under repair (Rule 25-1).

**White-Lined Areas Tying into Artificially-Surfaced Roads and Paths**—White-lined areas tying into artificially surfaced roads and paths are part of the obstruction.

**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.

**Wood Chips and Mulch**—are loose impediments, unless otherwise noted in the Notice to Players

**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.

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

**Distance-Measuring Devices**—A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

**Accidental Movement of a Ball on a Putting Green**—When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. (NOTE: Full text of Local Rule available at http://www.usga.org/2017LocalRule).

**Practice Before or Between Rounds**—Practice is permitted on the competition course prior to or between rounds of a stroke-play competition (See Note to Rule 7-1b).

**Wrong Score for Hole in Stroke Play:** If a competitor returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken due to failure to include a penalty stroke that the player did not know he had incurred, the player is not disqualified. The penalty for the applicable Rule is applied, but there is no additional penalty. (NOTE: Full text of Local Rule available at http://www.usga.org/2018LocalRule).

## Conditions

**Time of Starting**—The clock at the tee where the player begins his stipulated round is the official time of starting (Dec. 6-3a/2.5). Starters will not page players in advance of their starting time. Players should arrive at their assigned tee 10 minutes prior to their starting time.

**Pace of Play**—See separate pace of play guidelines.

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

**Caddies Prohibited**—Caddies are not allowed at any JTNC event. If a person other than the player 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.

**Discontinuance of Play**—A discontinuance of play by the Committee will be signaled as follows:
Non-dangerous condition—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.

**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.

**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.

**Cellular Phones**—Players should ensure that any electronic device taken onto the course does not distract other players. For further guidelines see Decisions 14-3/16 and 14-3/18.

**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.

**Ties**—In the event of a tie for first place a playoff will determine all ties; if conditions allow. Announcements regarding the playoff will be made at the scoring area upon completion of the flight. Once the champion has been decided any remaining ties will be broken using the USGA's method for matching scorecards. 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 or in stroke play qualifying followed by match play when the player has teed off in their first match (Rule 34-1b). The result of a match is considered to have been "officially announced" when the Committee has approved the result as posted on the public scoreboard.

**Serious 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).

**Disqualification**—In an individual competition, when a player breaches a Rule where the penalty is disqualification, the player must leave the course immediately.