



# Local Rules And Terms of Competition For 2025 JTNC Competitions

The Rules of Golf as approved by the USGA and The R & A Rules Limited govern play. The following Local Rules and Terms of the Competition are in effect at all JTNC competitions, along with additional Local Rules or Terms as may be supplied. Complete text of Rules and Model Local Rules may be found in the current edition of the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf. Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty.

## Standard Local Rules

**FORMAT**—Individual stroke play; 36 holes 18 each day. Unless otherwise noted by the committee.

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

**PENALTY AREAS**—When a penalty area is defined on only one side, it extends to infinity. When a penalty area is connected to the out-of-bounds edge, the penalty area extends to and coincides with out of bounds.

**GROUND UNDER REPAIR**—Defined by white lines. French drains are ground under repair (Rule 16.1).

**WHITE-LINED AREAS TYING INTO ARTIFICIALLY-SURFACED ROADS AND PATHS**—White-lined areas of ground under repair and the artificially surfaced roads, paths or other identified obstructions that they are connected to are a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.

**INTEGRAL OBJECTS**—include cables, rods, wires and wrappings when closely attached to trees or boundary objects. An exposed bunker liner may be treated as ground under repair, but interference does not exist if the liner interferes only with the player's stance.

**AERATION HOLES**—Model Local Rule E-4 is in effect.

## Terms of the Competition

**OFFICIAL TIME**—The clock at the teeing area of the hole where the players begin their round is the official time of the competition. 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.

**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 10.3.

**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.

**PLAYER 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**— Spectator carts are permitted at JTNC events if approved by the host facility. A player **MUST NOT** get into or ride in any cart driven by a spectator.

**SEAMS OF CUT TURF(SOD SEAMS)**—Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-7.

**STOPPING AND RESUMING PLAY**—An immediate suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged airhorn note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive airhorn notes. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short airhorn notes. See Rule 5.7b.

**TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS**—Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect, Model Local Rule F-23.

**LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS**—Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-1.

**ANIMAL NEAR BALL** — Model Local Rule E-13 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

**MISSING PLAYER OR MARKER CERTIFICATION** — Model Local Rule L-1 is in effect.

**SPRINKLER HEADS IN PENALTY AREAS**— Model Local F-24 is in effect.

**WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH** — Are loose impediments.

**ANIMAL HOOF DAMAGE**— Model Local Rule F-13 is in effect. On the putting green, Rule 16.1 does not apply as such damage may be repaired under Rule 13.1.

**PLAYING AND LISTENING TO MUSIC**—In JTNC competitions, playing and listening to music for any reason, whether through speakers or headphones, is prohibited. The penalty for a Breach of this Term is:

**First Breach—Warning**

**Second Breach—General Penalty**

**Third Breach—Disqualification**

**Note:** Listening to music to eliminate distractions or to assist with swing tempo is covered by Rule 4.3, not this Term.

**WHEN COMPETITION IS FINAL**—A competition is final when the result has been officially announced or in stroke-play qualifying followed by match play when the player has teed off to start their first match (Rule 20.2e(2)). The result of a match is final when the Committee has approved the result as posted on the public scoreboard.

**SERIOUS MISCONDUCT**—Disruptive or inappropriate behavior contrary to the good conduct of the tournament in the determination of the Committee will not be tolerated. Examples include (but are not limited to): club throwing, loud or obscene language, causing unnecessary damage to the course or facility, derogatory or abusive language toward other players, officials and/or course staff or consistent disruptive behavior such as playing loud music and excessive cell phone use. The penalty for Serious Misconduct is **Disqualification**. Further disciplinary action may also be imposed, include suspension from future events.

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

**PACE OF PLAY**—See separate pace of play guidelines.