

UTAH GOLF ASSOCIATION HARD CARD
LOCAL RULES & CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION
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Disregard any Local Rules printed on the course scorecard or otherwise posted

Emergency Information about the course you are playing can be found at: <http://www.uga.org/tournaments/uga-championship-policies/uga-emergency-information>

Play is governed by the USGA Rules of Golf and by the following Local Rules, conditions and definitions where applicable. Any changes and/or additions to these Local Rules will be provided on a Notice to Competitors/Players. Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is:

Match Play - Loss of Hole, Stroke Play - Two Strokes

LOCAL RULES

OUT OF BOUNDS - Defined by inside points, at ground level of white stakes and property fence posts. All public roads are deemed out of bounds and if not otherwise marked, the inside edge of the curbing shall be the boundary. In the absence of a curb, the nearest edge of the asphalt shall be the boundary.

WATER HAZARDS AND LATERAL WATER HAZARDS - When a water hazard or a lateral water hazard is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend to infinity. When water hazards or lateral water hazards are 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. 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.)

SEAMS OF CUT TURF (SOD SEAMS) - Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

WHITE-LINED AREAS TYING INTO ARTIFICIALLY-SURFACED ROADS AND PATHS - have the same status as roads and paths (which they tie into), that of obstructions.

WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH - Are loose impediments, unless otherwise provided for in the Notice to Players.

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

INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE - Include cables, rods, wires and wrappings when closely attached to trees; artificial walls and pilings when located in hazards, unless otherwise provided for in the Notice to Players.

TURF PLUGS ON THE PUTTING GREEN - May be repaired even if they are not 4 ¼ inches.

OBSTRUCTIONS: Cultivated areas encircled by immovable obstructions are deemed to be part of the immovable obstruction. Adjacent immovable obstructions are deemed to be one immovable obstruction.

TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS - Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

- Special relief is permitted for intervention on either side for all temporary immovable obstructions (TIO).
- If a TIO is defined by a painted line, the line defines the outer edge of the TIO.

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>).

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://usga.org/2018LocalRule>).

CONDITIONS OF THE COMPETITION

LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS - Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

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

PACE OF PLAY - See separate memorandum to players for pace of play guidelines, when applicable.

DISCONTINUANCE OF PLAY - Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect. All practice areas are closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to cease doing so; failure to comply may result in revocation of entry. Note: A suspension 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, repeated. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short airhorn 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 to other practice in stroke play, and Rule 7-1a covers practice before the round in match play.

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, etc.), the player is in breach of rule 14-3.

CLOSE OF COMPETITION - A competition is closed when the result has been officially announced or, in a stroke-play qualifying followed by match play, when the player has teed off in his first match. 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.

SPORTSMANSHIP AND CONDUCT

The Conduct Policy of the Utah Golf Association is predicated upon the Spirit of the Game as defined by the United States Golf Association: The Spirit of the Game Golf is played, for the most part, without the supervision of a referee or umpire. The game relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration for other players and to abide by the Rules. All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times, irrespective of how competitive they may be. This is the spirit of the game of golf.

The Utah Golf Association's conduct policy is in force before, during and after (prior to the time the competitor leaves the site of the competition) a competition conducted by the Utah Golf Association. This policy is also in force whenever and wherever a competitor is representing or sponsored by the UGA at a state, regional, national or international championship.

Conduct that is detrimental to the spirit of the game and its overriding principle that consideration should be shown to others during the defined times and at the defined places is in violation of this policy. Such detrimental conduct includes but is not limited to: Cheating, Destruction, abuse, or theft of host site or host organization property, Abusive language or conduct toward the UGA, host association staff, competition volunteers, or other players, Club throwing, Physical endangerment of others, including spectators, Alcohol or substance impaired behavior, Other conduct of in violation of the spirit of the game.

A player is responsible for the conduct of his or her caddie. One or more of the following sanctions may be imposed for a violation of this policy: Oral warning, Written warning, Disqualification from the competition pursuant to Rule 33-7, Suspension from UGA Championships with duration of the suspension to be determined by the UGA Board of Directors, Revocation of UGA Membership to be determined by UGA Board of Directors, Prohibition representing the UGA at any traveling team event as determined by the UGA Board of Directors, Report to the USGA for any action it deems appropriate.

Shoes: Shall comply with the host course policy. Metal spikes are prohibited.