The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and The R&A govern play. These Local Rules and Terms of the Competition are in effect at all UGA championships and qualifying rounds. See applicable championship or qualifying round Notice to Players and Entry Application for modifications or additions to these Local Rules and Terms of the Competition. Complete text of the Rules and Local Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 2019.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty.

LOCAL RULES

OUT OF BOUNDS - Defined by the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts, and includes the course-side edge of white lines that tie boundary objects together. All public roads are deemed out of bounds and if not otherwise marked, the course-side edge of the curbing shall be the boundary. In the absence of curbing, the course-side of the asphalt road shall be the boundary.

GATES IN BOUNDARY OBJECTS - Locked gates in boundary objects are integral objects. Unlocked gates in boundary objects are movable obstructions.

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. When immediately adjacent to an immovable obstruction, such an area is part of that obstruction.

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 are connected to are a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.

RELIEF FROM SEAMS OF CUT TURF - Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-7.

WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH - Are loose impediments.

INTEGRAL OBJECTS - Include cables, rods, wires and wrappings when closely attached to trees, and artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas and bunkers.

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 Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-23.
- 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.

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

GROOVE AND PUNCH MARK SPECIFICATIONS — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect, except as modified by the applicable championship Entry Application. Model Local Rule G-2.

LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-3.

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

PRACTICE - Prior to and after a round in stroke play, a player may practice on the designated practice areas, see Rule 5.2b.

STOPPING AND RESUMING PLAY — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule J-1.

All practice areas are closed during an immediate suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to stop practicing; failure to stop practicing might result in disqualification.

An immediate suspension 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.

TERMS OF COMPETITION

WHEN COMPETITION IS FINAL - The competition is final when the trophy has been presented to the winner or, in the absence of a prize ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the Committee. The result of a match is final when the Committee has approved the result as posted on the public scoreboard.