



2010
LOCAL RULES and
CONDITIONS of COMPETITIONS
for
NCGA QUALIFIERS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Northern California Golf Association tournament play is governed by the 2010-2011 USGA Rules of Golf and the 2010-2011 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 specified, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is two strokes in stroke play and loss of hole in match play.

DRESS CODE: PLAYERS and CADDIES 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 no shorter than mid-thigh (no jean shorts). This dress code will be used at all NCGA tournaments in conjunction with any additional dress code restrictions of the particular golf course involved. **A player or caddie violating this dress code will not be permitted to start the competition. A violation of this dress code by either a player or a caddie during the stipulated round must be rectified without undue delay or the player will not be allowed to continue play or the caddie will not be allowed to perform the acts of a caddie.**

SERIOUS BREACH OF ETIQUETTE: The use of abusive language, throwing of clubs or other disruptive behavior, contrary to the good conduct of the tournament, will not be tolerated. Further disciplinary action may be imposed, including suspension from future events. **PENALTY: DISQUALIFICATION (Rule 33-7).**

FOR ALL NET COMPETITIONS: The NCGA reserves the right to adjust a player's handicap or decline his entry based upon previous performances in NCGA events.

CELLULAR PHONES: The use of cellular phones or any similar electronic device by a player or his caddie during a stipulated round is prohibited. Failure to observe this Condition of the Competition may result in disciplinary action including withdrawing a player's playing privileges for the rest of the championship or for the event the following year.

GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEMS AND HAND HELD RANGE FINDERS. Distance-Measuring Devices: In NCGA qualifiers and championships, 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.

LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS: Any driver the player carries must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft, that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the USGA.

OFFICIAL TIME/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. The note under Rule 6-3 and Optional Condition as set forth in Appendix I shall be in effect. Players should arrive at their assigned tee 10 minutes prior to their starting time.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR: Defined by white lines and/or stakes. French drains are deemed to be ground under repair (Rule 25-1).

SODDED AREAS: 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.

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.

DISQUALIFICATION: In an individual competition, when a player breaches a Rule where the penalty is disqualification, the player must leave the course immediately. In net team events, the team will be allowed to play at the end of the field on the second day unless the disqualification was for a serious breach of etiquette.

AERATION HOLES: **Through the green,** a ball which 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. **On the putting green,** a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be placed without penalty at the nearest spot to where it originally lay not nearer the hole.

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.

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.

NO SHOWS. A player who does not show up and does not notify the NCGA shall receive a one-year suspension from all NCGA events for the calendar year following the infraction. This includes team/club events. 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. Failure to comply will result in the same one-year suspension.

WITHDRAWALS: Players who have entered an NCGA event and wish to **withdraw for any reason MUST notify the NCGA Rules and Competitions Department at (831) 625-4653.** Failure to notify the NCGA will cause the player to be listed as a **NO SHOW** resulting in a **ONE-YEAR SUSPENSION FROM ALL NCGA EVENTS.** A player who only contacts the course and **NOT** the NCGA will incur the suspension.

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).

NCGA CART POLICY

PLAYER CARTS AND SPECTATOR CARTS: During NCGA Championships, including all qualifying rounds, a maximum of two carts are allowed per group. In those events in which the player is prohibited from riding, the player's caddie is also 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 not allowed. A spectator cart is defined as a cart which is **not** used to transport a player's clubs, and the person(s) in the cart is (are) not a player or a player's caddie.

A player cart may be used by the player and/or their caddie to transport a player's clubs. A player may walk and their caddie may drive. A caddie may carry a player's bag and the player may ride. A non-player who drives the cart used to transport the player's clubs is a caddie (Decision 6-4/2.5).

Only the player or caddie may ride in the cart. 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 or the player to have two caddies. There is no breach of Rule 6-4.

2010 NCGA PACE OF PLAY POLICY (Stroke Play)

Compliance with Pace of Play is the player's responsibility. If you feel a fellow-competitor is unduly delaying your group speak with the player. If this discussion is ineffective, you may ask a member of the Committee to have your group monitored. The committee may choose to monitor a group without the player's request to determine the cause of delay.

The first group in the field must complete play at the designated hole checkpoints no later than the time established by the Tournament Committee. Subsequent groups are held to the same standard. If they are unable to meet the prescribed standard due to slow play ahead of them they will be considered to have met the standard if they complete play at a designated hole checkpoint within 14

minutes of the group ahead of them. A group is considered to have completed the play of a hole when all players in the group have holed out and the flagstick is replaced in the hole.

OUT OF POSITION: The first group is out of position if it is behind its expected time. Subsequent groups are out of position if they are over their expected time and more than 14 minutes behind the group in front of them.

Scorecards have printed on them the maximum time to complete the play of each hole based on a group's scheduled starting time. These times are adjusted based on the difficulty of the course and the ability of the field. They include time to search for lost balls and deal with other common occurrences encountered during play. A normal speed of play should result in completing play before the time indicated on the scorecard. If a group falls behind, they are expected to play efficient golf and make up the lost time. This might mean playing ready golf or continuous putting, which are both allowed in stroke play. It is the **PLAYERS' RESPONSIBILITY** to know their group's position relative to the published Pace of Play and to ensure they play within the published limits. Failure to play within the POP guidelines will result in a potential Pace of Play penalty unless you appeal and the Committee upholds your appeal.

CHECKPOINTS AND PENALTIES: Tournaments will have holes designated as checkpoints monitored by a Tournament Official who will note the time that each group completes play of the hole. The official will inform each group of its status with reference to their Pace of Play.

Two (2) Check Points: Normally holes no. 9 and 18 will be used. A group that fails to meet the standard noted above will be subject to the following sanctions: (Note: No warnings are issued)

1st violation – potential 1 stroke penalty

2nd violation – potential 2 stroke penalty

NOTE: A group that receives a penalty at the first check point is not absolved from penalty if the group completes the second check point in position and on time.

PENALTIES APPLY TO ALL PLAYERS IN A GROUP: Penalty strokes are added to the score of the hole where the violation occurs. Either before or after a checkpoint, if a player believes that their group is being delayed by the play of another player(s) in their group, they should first address the issue with the player(s) involved. If the player believes this discussion was ineffective the player may indicate to a Tournament Official on the course that they would like to have their group monitored. They do not need to indicate which player(s) they believe is slowing the group.

APPEALS: After completing play and before returning a scorecard at the scoring area, players who have incurred potential Pace of Play penalties may appeal them to the Committee. If players return their scorecards without appeal, the penalty will be added to their scores. Appeals will be considered only if the player(s) have been:

- Delayed by the Committee
- Delayed because of circumstances beyond control of the player or the group
- Delayed because of another player in the group