

CCMGA Tournament Rules Sheet

This rules sheet will cover all CCMGA events, and we encourage all members to print and keep a copy of this rules sheet in your bag throughout the year. Any supplementary or temporary conditions or local rules affecting play will be posted at the course during specific events.

USGA rules will govern all play, with the following local rules in effect unless otherwise noted at the event:

- *Out of Bounds* is defined by nearest inside points of stakes, flags, fence posts, and masonry walls at ground level. When OB is defined by white line on the ground, the line itself is out of bounds. Rule 27-1.
 - The inside edge of the paved path to the left of holes #1, #2 & #3 is considered to be a course boundary, and therefore defines out of bounds.
 - Local rule on hole #8 identifies you may take "two club relief" (no closer to the hole), with one penalty stroke, from the fence line. The ball may be placed at the point of relief. **In order to take this relief, your ball must be in-bounds, meaning any part of the ball is inside a straight line between boundary stakes at ground level.**
- All water hazards (unless marked with Yellow Stakes) are considered to be *Lateral* water hazards. Rule 26-1.
 - Optional drop area (in fairway short of green) for balls in the hazard on #7 and #11, available to all players regardless of the point-of-entry into the hazard.
- Players or teams **MUST** exchange scorecards with fellow competitors; you keep their card, they keep yours. (Exception: 4-man team events, where swapping cards is obviously not feasible.)
- Obstructions are considered to be anything artificial with the following clarifications:
 - Unpaved cart paths and objects defining out of bounds, such as a wall, fences, stakes & railings are *NOT* considered to be obstructions.
 - Yardage boulders, tee signs, staked trees (hole #8) & boulders to the left of #7 and adjacent to #13 tee are considered to be Immovable Obstructions.
 - If an Immovable Obstruction interferes with a player's stance or the area of his intended swing, the ball may be lifted without penalty and dropped in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Rule 24-2b (Immovable Obstruction).
 - *Exception: A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if (a) it is clearly unreasonable for him to make a stroke because of interference by anything other than the tree/boulder or (b) interference by the tree/boulder would occur only through use of an unnecessarily abnormal stance, swing, or direction of play.*
 - Players are entitled to relief if an immovable obstruction lying within two club lengths of the putting surface (such as a sprinkler head) interferes with a player's line of play and player's ball is within two club lengths of the obstruction. The ball must be lifted and dropped at the nearest point that is clear of the obstruction, is no nearer the hole, and is not on the putting surface. (Rule 24, App. 1, B5)
- Embedded Ball:
 - Anywhere "through the green", a ball embedded in its own pitch-mark in the ground, except in loose sand, may be lifted without penalty, cleaned & dropped as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole.
- Stones in sand bunkers may be removed if they present a potential safety hazard to the player or co-competitors (Rule 24-1).
- Doubt as to Procedure:
 - If a competitor is doubtful of his rights or procedure, the competitor may play a second ball. Before taking further action, the competitor must announce to his marker or fellow-competitor his decision to proceed under this rule and with which ball he will score with if the rules permit. The player must report the facts to the Tournament Committee before returning his scorecard; if he fails to do so, he shall be disqualified. Rule 3-3

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- PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE: Disqualification.