



LOCAL RULES AND TERMS OF THE COMPETITION FOR THE NORTHERN NEVADA GOLF ASSOCIATION



The Rules of Golf of the United States Golf Association govern play. See applicable Notice to Players for modifications or additions to these Local Rules and Terms of the Competition. Complete text of the Rules and Model Local Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf.

Unless otherwise noted, the Penalty for Breach of a Local Rule is the *General Penalty*.

Match Play – Loss of Hole

Stroke Play – Two Strokes

LOCAL RULES

CLUB SCORECARD: Any Local Rules listed on the host club scorecard or posted at the host club have no status in an NNGA Competition.

OUT OF BOUNDS: Defined by *course-side* points, at ground level, of white stakes or boundary fence posts. Rule 18.

PENALTY AREAS: Defined by Red or Yellow stakes and/or lines. When both stakes and lines are present, the stakes identify the *penalty area* and the lines define it. Rule 17. **When a *penalty area* is defined on only one side it is deemed to extend to infinity. When a *penalty area* is bounded by *out-of-bounds*, the edge of the *penalty area* extends to and coincides with the *out-of-bounds* line.**

ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS: (INCLUDING IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS and EMBEDDED BALL) Rule 16.

- White-lined areas tying into artificially surfaced roads and paths or other identified obstructions they are connected to are a single *abnormal course condition* when taking relief under Rule 16.1
- Relief for an *Embedded Ball* is available **only** if ball and subsequent Reference Point and Relief Area are in the *general area*.

ANIMAL HOLES: Player is entitled to relief for interference of the ball or swing, Rule 16.1, but interference does not exist if the animal hole only interferes with the player's stance, see Model Local Rule F-6.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR: Defined by white lines. French drains are *ground under repair*.

AERATION HOLES: Players are entitled to relief from a ball that comes to rest in an aeration hole. Players must drop the ball at the nearest point closest to the aeration hole but not closer to the hole being played. NO relief for stance. MLR E-4

WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH: Are *Loose Impediments*. Rule 15

TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

TIME OF STARTING: Rule 5.3 will be in effect.

- Players arrives late but within 5 minutes of their posted starting time will receive the ***general penalty***.
- More than 5 minutes late, ***disqualification***.

PACE OF PLAY: The NNGA Pace of Play is available at registration and is in effect.

DRESS CODE: Appropriate golf attire is required. Collared or mock turtleneck shirts for men and appropriate golf attire for women. No jeans, (tops, pants or shorts) are permitted.

FOOTWEAR: Soft spikes shall be in effect for all competitions. Model Local Rule G-7 is in effect.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES: Cellular phones, pagers and the like should be in the off or silent modes. Phone calls made or received should be of an emergency nature only.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREEN: Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-5.

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

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES: Devices giving information on distance or direction only are permitted. Rule 4.3(1)

INTEGRAL OBJECTS: Include cables, rods wires or wrappings when closely attached to trees; also artificial walls or pilings when located in *penalty areas* and *bunkers*.

TEMPORARY POWER LINES AND CABLE: Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule E-11. . . Player **must** replay the stroke.

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

STOPPING AND RESUMING PLAY: Rule 5.7b is in effect. An Immediate Suspension for a dangerous condition such as lightning shall be signaled by one prolonged blast of an air horn and/or verbal notification by an official. All other types of suspension shall be signaled by three consecutive short blasts of an air horn and/or verbal notification by an official. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short blasts of an air horn, repeated.

BACK-ON-THE-LINE RELIEF: When ball played from outside the relief area Model Local Rule E-12 is in effect.

PLAYING AND LISTENING TO MUSIC: Playing and listening to music in NNGA competitions is allowed under Rule 4.3 as long as consideration is shown to others (see Rule 1.2)

CODE OF CONDUCT: The NNGA Code of Conduct is posted in the registration area. Penalties up to and including ***disqualification*** may be imposed if the Committee considers a player in breach of the Code of Conduct.

CLOSE OF THE COMPETITION: 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 scoreboard.