

11. EMBEDDED BALL—Rule 16.3a: The “Embedded Ball Rule” as written in the Rules of Golf is in effect. The ball must be embedded in the General Area with the following exceptions:

- a. When the ball is embedded in sand in a part of the General Area that is not cut to fairway height.
- b. When interference by anything other than the ball being embedded makes the stroke clearly unreasonable (example - a player is unable to make a stroke because of where his ball lies in a bush).

12. OBSTRUCTION: Any artificial object EXCEPT for integral objects and boundary objects.

- a. Roads and Paths - Asphalt and artificially surfaced roads and paths are Obstructions. White lined areas tying into roads and paths are the same status as the roads or paths, and thus they are Obstructions, and not Ground Under Repair. Railroad ties, curbing or the like adjoining artificially surfaced road or paths are part of the road or path.
- b. Stakes, ropes, wires or other objects supporting trees or tree limbs are Obstructions.

13. BUNKERS: STONES IN BUNKERS are deemed to be Loose Impediments. Rule 12.2a - Before playing a ball in a Bunker, a player may remove Loose Impediments under Rule 15.1.

Rule 15.1 - Without penalty, a player may remove a Loose Impediment anywhere on or off the Course, and may do so in any way (such as using a hand, a foot, a club, or other Equipment). BUT there are two exceptions:

- 1) A player must not deliberately remove a Loose Impediment that, if moved when the ball was at rest, would have likely to have caused the ball to Move.
- 2) If the player does so, he/she gets One Penalty Stroke, but the removed Loose Impediment does not need to be replaced.

14. RESULTS OF THE COMPETITION: The competition is final when all scores have been approved by the Connecticut Section Rules Committee has. In the event of a playoff, the competition is final when the play-off scores have been approved by the Connecticut Section Rules Committee.

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RULES OF PLAY

The Rules of Golf approved by the United States Golf Association and the R&A Rules Limited govern play, except as modified below by the Connecticut PGA Section. The following Local Rules and Terms of the Competition apply as referenced below and may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 1, 2019. See the applicable competition’s “Notice to Players” for additional definitions, Local Rules, or amendments.

1. SUSPENSION OF PLAY FOR A DANGEROUS SITUATION - Rule 5.7b: When play is suspended for a dangerous situation, all play MUST stop at once. If a player is in the process of playing a hole, the player shall discontinue play immediately and shall not thereafter resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play.

If a player fails to discontinue play immediately after a suspension for a dangerous situation, the player is disqualified unless circumstances warrant waiving the penalty.

The following signals will be used to identify a dangerous situation:

Discontinue Play Immediately: One prolonged signal note.

Discontinue Play: Three consecutive short signal notes.

Resume Play: Two short signal notes.

All practice areas are deemed closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the committee has declared them open for use.

2. EQUIPMENT: The player’s golf ball, and driver shall be named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls, Model Local Rule G-3 and List of Conforming Drivers, Model Local Rule G-1. Penalty for breach of these Local Rules is disqualification.

3. PACE OF PLAY - Rule 5.6b (3): The Connecticut PGA Section Pace of Play Policy is in effect and is as follows:

OUT OF POSITION: A group is deemed to be out of position when they have exceeded the allotted time given and there is an open hole(s) in front of them.

FIRST GROUP ONLY: The first group in the competition will be considered out of position if at any time they are behind the allotted time at the completion of any hole.

ALL OTHER GROUPS: Subsequent groups will not be considered "out of position" if any previous group has caused the field to fall behind their allotted time. Any subsequent groups must remain within 14 minutes of the group in front of them. This is measured by your having the flagstick in the hole within 14 minutes of the group in front of you.

4. UNREASONABLE DELAY OF PLAY - Rule 5.6a: A competitor "Out of Position" shall be subject to penalty as follows, if during the round, the player takes more than 40 seconds to complete their swing (see note below).

First Breach - One Stroke Penalty

Second Breach - General Penalty

Third Breach - Disqualification

NOTE: An additional 10 seconds will be allowed for; a) the first to play from the teeing ground on a par 3 hole, b) the first player to play a second stroke on a par 4 or par 5 hole, c) the first player to play a third stroke on a par 5 hole, or d) the first player to play on or around the putting green.

5. PRACTICE: Practice is permitted as described in the Rules of Golf, except as described in Model Local Rule I-2, which prohibits: (a) practice on or near the putting green of the hole last played, and (b) testing the surface of that putting green by rubbing the putting green or rolling a ball on the putting green of the hole last played.

6. PERMANENT ELEVATED POWER LINES AND CABLES: Model Local Rule E-11 is in effect and is modified as follows: If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball strikes such a line or cable, the stroke does not count. The player MUST play a ball, without penalty, from where the previous stroke was made.

7. OUT OF BOUNDS - Rule 18.2 - Defined by inside edge of white stakes and/or property fence posts at ground level. A ball that crosses such boundary is out of bounds even though it may lie on another part of the course.

8. GOLF CARS: The use of motorized golf cars will be optional for all competitors unless specified.

- a. Model Local Rule G-6 - Caddies may not ride in a golf car at any time unless authorized by the committee. If a player hires a caddie that caddie must transport that player's clubs at all times unless authorized by the committee.
- b. Model Local Rule G-6 - A player must not be accompanied by a spectator in the golf car.

Penalty for Breach of Local Rule: The player gets the General Penalty for each hole during which there is a breach of this Local Rule. If the breach is discovered between the play of two holes, it is deemed to have been discovered during the play of the next hole, and penalty must be applied accordingly.

In either form of play – Use of any unauthorized automotive vehicle must be discontinued immediately upon discovering that a breach has occurred. Otherwise the player is disqualified.

9. ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS:

- a. Areas defined by white lines, or otherwise posted as Ground Under Repair.
- b. Drains that are exposed trenches filled with rocks or stones.
- c. Seams of Cut Turf—Model Local Rule F-7: Relief granted for lie of the ball and/or area of intended swing only
- d. Roads and Paths—Model Local Rule F-17: Roads and paths that are not artificially surfaced are Immovable Obstructions. White lined areas tying into roads and paths are the same status as the roads or paths, and thus they are Immovable Obstructions, and not Ground Under Repair.

10. INTEGRAL OBJECTS:

- a. Artificial walls and /or pilings when located in penalty areas.
- b. The portion of wrappings, wires, cables, and other objects when closely attached to trees or objects defining out of bounds.