

The *Rules of Golf* of the United States Golf Association govern play (USGA.Org/Rules). The *Notice to Competitors (Notice)* and the *Entry Guidelines* for each event supplement and supersede any conflicting *Terms of Competition or Local Rules*. References to the *Model Local Rules* published in the *Official Guide to the Rules of Golf* are denoted by MLR[8 - ]. The Local rules of the host course are not applicable, unless otherwise stated, the penalty for breach of a local rule or condition is the *General Penalty*.

### **General Terms of Competition**

**The Committee:** The *Committee* consists of the following onsite or available by phone, text, or email: COPGA Operations Director, COPGA Tournament Director (TD), COPGA Chief Rules Official (CRO), and any additional members appointed by the TD or listed on the *Notice*. A decision by The *Committee* is final.

**Close of Competition:** The competition is closed when all scores have been posted on the official scoreboard or officially approved by the *Committee*.

**Ties:** Decided as outlined in the current *Colorado PGA Tournament Rules and Regulations*.

**Return of Scorecards:** Per PGA Policy a player must immediately return their scorecard even if it is marked as a “No Card (NC)”, “Withdrawal (WD)”, or “Disqualification (DQ)”.

**Conduct, Dress Code, Footwear:** The standards for players as prescribed in the current *Colorado PGA Tournament Rules and Regulations* Article V are in effect; they also apply to a player’s caddie. Cell/Smartphone usage is discouraged except for emergencies and to request a ruling. Violations may result in the revocation of the player’s entry and additional sanctions by the Colorado PGA Section {Rule 1.2b}.

**Automotive Transportation (Motorized Carts):** Permitted. A maximum of two Motorized Golf Carts per group is allowed. The use of the assigned Motorized Golf Cart by anyone other than the player or his designated caddie (when permitted) is prohibited MLR[8G-6]. The use of motorized pushcarts is governed by the host course policy.

**Pace of Play/Undue Delay of Play:** The *Pace of Play Policy* in the current *Colorado PGA Tournament Rules and Regulations* governs play. Players walking in an event with automotive transportation permitted may be required by the *Committee* or the TD to use a cart if they are delaying play {Rule 5.6b(3)}. “Ready Golf” is strongly encouraged {Rule 5.6b(2)}!

**Practice between holes:** Prohibited MLR[8I-2], {Rule 5.5}.

**Practice, Prior to or between rounds in stroke play:** A player must not practice on the competition course but may practice on any designated practice area MLR[8I-1.1], Rule 5.2}.

**Suspension of Play:** Suspension and resumption of play is signaled as follows:

Immediate Suspension of Play (E.G. Dangerous Condition): One prolonged note of an air horn. Penalty for failure to cease play immediately: Disqualification.

Normal Suspension of Play: Three consecutive notes of an air horn, repeated; players may finish play of their current hole.

Resumption of Play: Two consecutive notes of an air horn, repeated. {Rule 5.7b}.

All practice areas are closed during an immediate suspension until the *Committee* declares the practice areas open. Practice on a closed practice area during a suspension may result in the revocation of the entry of the player and additional sanctions by the Colorado PGA Section.

### **Areas of Course**

**Out of Bounds:** Defined by white lines, white stakes, the course-side edge at ground level of walks, roads, or fence posts. A ball that crosses a public road defined as out of bounds and comes to rest beyond the road is out of bounds even if lying on another part of the course MLR[8A-3].

**Penalty Areas (Red and Yellow):** When a penalty area is defined on only one side, it extends to infinity. When a *penalty area* edge adjoins a course out-of-bounds, the penalty area extends to and coincides with the out-of-bounds edge of the course.

**Integral Objects:** Includes: cables, rods, wires, or wrappings when closely attached to trees; exposed liners in bunkers; and artificial walls and pilings when located in Bunkers or Penalty Areas.

**Ground Under Repair (GUR):** Defined by white lines, Flower beds, turf

nurseries, and French drains. Only the *Committee* may declare an additional part of the course as *Ground Under Repair*.

**No Play Zones (NPZs):** *No Play Zones* are designated by Green Topped Stakes and or Signs. Relief is required under the applicable {Rule 14.7, Rule 16.1f, Rule 17.1e}.

**Protected Areas of Course:** Flower beds, turf nurseries, French drains are *No Play Zones* from which play is prohibited; the player must take relief under applicable {Rule 14.7, {Rule 16.1f {Rule 17.1e}.

**Artificial Surfaced Roads and Cart Paths and Dirt Roads are *Immovable Obstructions*.**

**Wood Chips and Mulch are *Loose Impediments*.**

### **Local Rules In Effect**

**Equipment:** The following optional conditions apply to all competitions.

- Conforming Driver Heads: Penalty for a Breach: Disqualification MLR[8G-1].
- Conforming Golf Balls: Penalty for a Breach: Disqualification MLR[8G-3].
- Grove and Punch Mark Specification: The exception for the pre-March 1990 Ping Eye 2 Irons is not in effect. Penalty for breach: Disqualification MLR[8G-2].
- The One Ball Local Rule MLR[8G-4] is not in effect.

**Audio & Visual Devices:** The use of devices including headsets and earbuds to eliminate distractions to the player’s performance is prohibited; the use of all personal audio/video devices during the *round* is prohibited unless permitted on the *Notice*. MLR[8G-8] {Rule 4.3}.

**Seams of Cut Turf:** Relief is for lie of ball or the stroke only, not stance MLR[8F-7].

**Missing Player or Marker Certification:** MLR L-1

**Bad Times in Multiple-Round Stroke Play Competitions:** MLR K-2

**Making Player Responsible for Handicap on Scorecard:** MLR L-2

**An Abnormal Course Condition Tied Into Artificially Surfaced Roads and Paths:** White-lined areas of GUR adjacent to an artificially surfaced road or path are treated as a single *Abnormal Course Condition*. Protective small fences, stakes, posts, or similar adjacent to an artificially surfaced cart path or road are part of the cart path or road MLR[8F-3.2].

**Landscaped Garden Areas Flower beds, Shrubbery, or the like encircled by an *immovable obstruction* are part of the *obstruction* MLR[8F-3.3]**

**Ball Striking an Elevated Power Lines or Cables MLR[8F-22] & MLR [8E-11]**

**Immovable Obstructions Close to The Putting Green:** The ball and the *Immovable Obstruction* must be in the same closely mown area cut to fairway height or less. MLR[8F-5].