

Local Rules and Terms of the Competition

FOR 2020 NWAGA CHAMPIONSHIPS & EVENTS



The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and The R&A govern play. These Local Rules and Terms of the Competition are in effect at all NWAGA championships and events. See applicable championship or event Notice to Players and Entry Application for modifications or additions to these Local Rules and Terms of the Competition. Complete text of the Rules and Local Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 2019.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty.

LOCAL RULES

Out of Bounds - Defined by the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts.

Penalty Areas - When a penalty area is defined on only one side, it extends to infinity. When a penalty area is connected to the out of bounds edge, the penalty area extends to and coincides with the out of bounds.

Ball Played from Outside Relief Area When Taking Back-on-the-Line Relief - Model Local Rule E-12 is in effect.

Ground Under Repair - Defined by white lines. French drains are ground under repair. For grass-covered trenching, see Temporary Power Lines and Cables.

Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage, including areas where spectators or other traffic has combined with wet conditions to affect materially the ground surface, but only when so declared by an authorized member of the Committee. When immediately adjacent to an immovable obstruction, such an area is part of that obstruction.

Relief from Seams of Cut Turf - Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-7.

Immovable Obstructions - Include plastic bumpers on roads and paths, and mats secured to the ground with spikes when the bumpers or mats cover cables.

White-Lined Areas Tying Into Artificially-Surfaced Roads and Paths - White-lined areas of ground under repair and the artificially surfaced roads, paths, or other identified obstructions that they are connected to are a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.

Wood Chips and Mulch - Are loose impediments.

Integral Objects - include cables, rods, wires and wrappings when closely attached to trees; and artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas and bunkers.

Temporary Power Lines and Cables - Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-22.

Temporary Immovable Obstructions - Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-23.

TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

Close of 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 public scoreboard.

List of Conforming Driver Heads - Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-1.

List of Conforming Golf Balls - Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-3.

Replacement of Club that is Broken or Significantly Damaged - Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-9.

Pace of Play - See separate memorandum to players for pace of play policy, when applicable.

Stopping and Resuming Play - Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule J-1.

All practice areas are closed during an immediate suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to stop practicing; failure to stop practicing might result in disqualification.

An immediate suspension will be signaled by one prolonged airhorn note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive airhorn notes. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short airhorn notes.

Practice - Prior to and after a round in stroke play, a player may practice on the designated practice areas. Rule 5.2b covering practice in stroke play is modified in this way: A player may not practice on the completion course before or between rounds. Penalty for breach of Local Rules, see Rule 5.2.

Code of Conduct - Rule 1.2b covering code of conduct is modified in this way: Any player that engages in conduct detrimental to the integrity and image of the game of golf and/or public confidence in NWAGA is subject to penalty.

Such conduct may include, but is not limited to, intentional damage to the golf course or the player's equipment; club throwing; verbal or physical abuse of spectators, officials, volunteers, or staff; blatant or excessive profanity; disorderly behavior; failure to abide by club rules; or any other unbecoming conduct.

Penalty for Breach of Code of Conduct:

First breach - **Warning**

Second breach - **General Penalty** for the hole during which the breach occurs. If the breach occurs between the play of two holes, it applies to the next hole.

Third breach or any serious misconduct - **Disqualification**

NWAGA PACE OF PLAY POLICY

Rule 5.6b states, in part: "The player should play at a prompt pace throughout the round. To encourage and enforce prompt play, the Committee has set a Pace of Play Policy." Between the completion of a hole and playing from the next teeing area, the player must not unreasonably delay play. Thereafter, Rule 5.6b(3) penalties for slow play. In order to prevent any such penalties, we ask that you review carefully the following guidelines that have been established in accordance with Rule 5.6b.

Maximum Allowable Time

Maximum allowable time is the **MAXIMUM** time deemed necessary by the Committee for a group to complete its stipulated round. This is expressed in a per-hole and aggregate time format on the chart attached to this document. A group's **maximum allowable time** begins at its assigned starting time, or if the starting time is delayed, at the adjusted starting time. Time associated with playing the game, e.g., for rulings and walking times between holes, is included in all **maximum allowable times**.

Definition of "Out of Position"

A group is **out of position** when it: Completes play of a hole (replaces the flagstick) later than the **maximum allowable time** given (see attached chart) **and**: Reaches a par-3 hole that is clear of all play and all players in the preceding group have played their strokes from the teeing ground of the next hole; Reaches a par-4 or par-5 hole which is not clear of all play but which becomes clear of all play **before** all players in the group have played their strokes from the teeing ground or Reaches a par-4 or par-5 hole which is clear of all play.

Note: If a ruling or some other legitimate delay occurs which causes the group in question to be out of position, that group is expected to regain its position within a reasonable time.

Timing

When the Committee determines that a group (or individual) will be timed, all players (or a specified individual) in the group will be notified by a Rules Rover.

Other than on the putting green, the timing of a player's stroke will begin when it is her turn to play and she can play without interference or distraction. Time spent determining yardage and other conditions (such as wind) will count as time taken for the next stroke.

On the putting green, the timing of a player's stroke will begin after she has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to mark, lift, clean and replace her ball, repair her ball mark and other damage on her line of play and remove loose impediments on her line of play. Time spent looking at the line of play from beyond the hole, to the side of and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

A player is permitted a maximum of **40 seconds** to play a stroke. The 40 second time limit excludes the first to play from the teeing area, from the fairway, and from around the putting green. The first to play will be allotted an extra 10 seconds, for a total time of 50 seconds to play the shot.

Any player in a group being timed who exceeds the **maximum allowable time** to play a stroke will be informed as soon as practicable by the Rules Rover.

A Rules Rover will not advise a group that it has regained its proper position on the course and is no longer being timed. A player may inquire at any time regarding the group's pace of play status.

Note: The Committee reserves the right, at any time, to time a group when deemed necessary. Further, if the Committee determines a player to be unreasonably slow, she may be timed individually at the Committee's discretion regardless of whether his group is out of position. Players should also be aware that the Committee may assess a "bad time" to a player in a group which is out of position if the player makes no effort to help her group get back in position. An example of this would be a player who delays play between shots or holes.

Pace of Play Penalties

The following are the penalties, in sequence, for any player in a group being timed who takes more than the **maximum allowable time** to play a stroke after timing of the player's stroke begins:

1st bad timing exceeding the allotted time – **Warning**

2nd bad timing – **1 stroke penalty**

3rd bad timing – **Additional 2 stroke penalty**

4th bad timing – **Disqualification**

Note: If a group being timed regains its proper position, any previous "bad times" will be carried over for the remainder of that round in the event that group requires additional monitoring. Any player who has a bad time(s) will be reminded of the bad time(s) if she or her group requires additional timing during the round.

We sincerely request your cooperation. If everyone will cooperate, the Tournament will be a more pleasant experience for all the players.