



PGA

Philadelphia Section



2009 Philadelphia Junior Tour Local Rules & Conditions of Competition

The Rules of the United States Golf Association govern all play, as modified by the Philadelphia Junior Tour. See applicable competition's "Notice to Competitors (Players)", Official Starter, or Tournament Director for additional Definitions, Local Rules and Conditions. The following Conditions of Competition and Local Rules apply and may be found in the current Appendix I of the USGA Rules of Golf as referenced on page numbers below.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is: Match Play - Loss of Hole; Stroke Play - Two Strokes

SECTION A CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

1. Specifications of Club and the Ball

- A. List of Conforming Driver Heads - Pages 117 - 118
- B. List of Conforming Golf Balls - Page 118
- C. One Ball Condition is not in effect - Page 118 - 119

2. Time of Starting (Note to Rule 6-3a) - Page 119

If the player arrives at his starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after his starting time, in the absence of circumstances that warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the first hole to be played in match play or two strokes in stroke play. Penalty for lateness beyond five minutes is disqualification.

3. Caddie (Note to Rule 6-4) - Pages 119 - 120

A player is prohibited from using a *caddie* during the stipulated round.

4. Pace of Play (Note 2 to Rule 6-7) - Page 120

See posted Philadelphia Junior Tour Pace of Play Guidelines for Pace of Play penalties.

5. Suspension of Play Due to a Dangerous Situation (Note to Rule 6-8b) - Pages 120 - 121

Discontinue Play Immediately: One prolonged note of siren.
Discontinue Play: Three consecutive notes of siren, repeated.
Resume Play: Two short notes of siren, repeated.

Note: All practice areas shall be closed during a suspension for a dangerous situation until the Rules Committee has declared the area safe for play. Players who disregard such closing shall be subject to disciplinary action.

6. Practice - Page 121

Prior to his round in stroke play, a player may practice on the designated practice areas. Rule 7-1b applies to other practice in stroke play.

Practice Between Holes (Note 2 to Rule 7).

Between the play of two holes, a player must not make any practice strokes on or near the putting green of the hole last played and must not test the surface of the putting green of the hole last played by rolling a ball

7. Scoring Area

The scoring area may include, but is not limited to restaurants, tents or rooms. A player's scorecard has been returned to the Committee when the player has left the defined scoring area with both feet.

8. Transportation - Page 122

Exception: When permitted to ride by the Rules Committee.

9. How To Decide Ties - Pages 123 - 124

In the event of a tie for first place during the Jr. PGA Championship, Harry Hammond Invitational, Junior Tour Championship, and Overall Series events, there will be a sudden death playoff immediately following the round to determine the winner. All other events will be decided by a scorecard playoff.

SECTION B LOCAL RULES

1. Out of Bounds - Rule 27

When the inside edge of a road or curb defines out of bounds, a ball that crosses such boundary is out of bounds even though it may lie on another part of the course.

2. Water Hazards and Lateral Water Hazards - Rule 26

Water hazards are defined by yellow lines.
Lateral Water Hazards are defined by red lines.

3. Abnormal Ground Conditions - Rule 25

- Ground Under Repair
 - A. Areas completely encircled with white lines
 - B. French drains filled with stones
 - C. Seams of turf - Page 109
 - D. Fire ant mounds or beds

4. Embedded Ball Through the Green - Page 107

Through the green, a ball that is embedded in its own pitch-mark in the ground may be lifted, without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to where it lay but not nearer the hole.

5. Aeration Holes - Page 109

Through the Green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole.

On the *putting green*, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be placed at the nearest spot not nearer the hole that avoids the situation.

6. Stones in Bunkers - Page 110

Stones in *bunkers* are movable *obstructions* (Rule 24-1 applies).

7. Distance-Measuring Devices - Page 116

Except as provided in the *Rules*, during a *stipulated round* the player must not use any artificial device or unusual *equipment* for the purpose of gauging or measuring distance or conditions that might affect his play.

8. Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA)

An ESA is an area so declared by an appropriate authority, entry into and/or play from which is prohibited for environmental reasons. If it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found is in an ESA defined *water hazard* or *lateral water hazard*, the player must, under penalty of one stroke, proceed under Rule 26-1.

9. Integral Parts of the Course

- A. Wrappings, wires, and other objects when closely attached to trees.
- B. Artificial walls, pilings and split rail fences.

10. Permanent Elevated Power Lines or Cables

If a ball strikes a permanent elevated power line or cable, the stroke must be cancelled and replayed, without penalty (see Rule 20-5). If the ball is not immediately recoverable another ball may be substituted.