

– CALIFORNIA –
AMATEUR
CHAMPIONSHIPS



Play is governed by the Rules of Golf, effective January 2016, the following Local Rules subject to amendments by the CGA Rules Committee, and the Notice to Players addendum distributed at each site.
Complete text of Rules and Appendix I may be found in the current *Rules of Golf*.

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

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS (NOTE TO RULE 4-1a) – Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS (NOTE TO RULE 5-1) – Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

PACE OF PLAY (NOTE 2 TO RULE 6-7) – See separate memorandum to players for pace of play guidelines. The CGA Pace of Play Policy can also be found at the starter's table.

DISCONTINUANCE OF PLAY (NOTE TO RULE 6-8b) – Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

SCORE CARDS – A player is deemed to have returned his score card once he has left the scoring area.

TRANSPORTATION – Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect. (Exception: At sectional qualifying, if the conditions/terrain of the course makes walking impracticable to do so, players and/or caddies may use carts. A maximum of two carts per group are allowed. Such an exception will be determined by the Committee well in advance).

CLOSE OF COMPETITION – A competition is deemed to have closed when the result (including the result of a playoff, if applicable) has been officially announced or, in stroke play qualifying followed by match play, when the player has teed off in his first match.

SERIOUS BREACH OF ETIQUETTE – The use of abusive language, throwing of clubs or other disruptive behavior contrary to the good conduct of the tournament will not be tolerated. Further disciplinary action may be imposed, including suspension from future events. **Penalty: Disqualification (Rule 33-7).**

LOCAL RULES

DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICES (NOTE TO RULE 14-3) – The use of devices is permitted in all California Amateur Championships.

EMBEDDED BALL THROUGH THE GREEN – Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

ACCIDENTAL MOVEMENT OF A BALL ON A PUTTING GREEN – When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his/her partner, his/her opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. (NOTE: Full text of Local Rule available at usga.org/2017LocalRule).

MODIFICATION OF SCORE CARD PENALTY - Exception: If a competitor returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken due to failure to include one or more penalty strokes that, before returning his score card, he did not know he had incurred, he is not disqualified. In such circumstances, the competitor incurs the penalty prescribed by the applicable Rule, but there is no additional penalty for a breach of Rule 6-6d. This Exception does not apply when the applicable penalty is disqualification from the competition.

WATER AND LATERAL WATER HAZARD STAKES AND LINES – When a water hazard or a lateral water hazard is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend to infinity. When a water hazard or lateral water hazard is bounded by out of bounds, the hazard margin extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line.

OUT OF BOUNDS (DEC. 27/20) – A ball which crosses a public road defined as out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that road is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR – Defined by white lines and/or stakes. French drains are deemed to be ground under repair (Rule 25-1).

WHITE-LINED AREAS TYING INTO ARTIFICIALLY-SURFACED ROADS AND PATHS (DEC. 33-8/25) – have the same status as the roads and paths, that of obstructions.

AERATION HOLES – The Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

SEAMS OF CUT TURF (SOD SEAMS) – The Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

EDGING GROOVES (DEC. 33-8/24) – If a ball lies on an edging groove around a putting green, the player may, without penalty, lift the ball, clean it and place it out of the groove in the nearest position to where it lay, whether on or off the putting green, which is not nearer the hole.

WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH – are loose impediments, unless otherwise provided for in *Notice to Players*.

INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE – include artificial walls and pilings when located in hazards, unless otherwise provided for in *Notice to Players*.

POWER LINES (DEC. 33-8/13) – If a ball strikes an overhead power line, the stroke is canceled and the player must play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was played in accordance with Rule 20-5. See *Notice to Players* for further clarification.