

# LOCAL RULES AND TERMS OF THE COMPETITION FOR 2019 CALIFORNIA AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS

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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 California Amateur Championships and qualifying rounds. See applicable championship or qualifying round 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 out of bounds.

**GROUND UNDER REPAIR** — Defined by white lines. French drains are ground under repair.

**RELIEF FROM SEAMS OF CUT TURF (SOD SEAMS)** ⓘ — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-7.

**AERATION HOLES** ⓘ — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule E-4.

**EDGING GROOVES** ⓘ — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-19.

**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 artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas and bunkers.

**LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS** ⓘ — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-1.

**REPLACEMENT OF A BROKEN CLUB** ⓘ — Model Local Rule G-9 is in effect.

**BACK-ON-THE-LINE RELIEF** ⓘ — Model Local Rule E-12 is in effect.

**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 competition course before or between rounds. Penalty for breach of Local Rule, see Rule 5.2.

## TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

**WHEN COMPETITION IS FINAL** — 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/her first match.

**PACE OF PLAY** — See separate memorandum to players for pace of play policy.

**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 air horn note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive air horn notes. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short air horn notes.

**CODE OF CONDUCT\*** — By submitting an entry for any CGA-administered competition, the contestant understands that his/her participation is at the sole discretion of the CGA. A contestant may be removed from any competition at the discretion of the CGA staff or Rules and Competitions Committee at any time before or during the competition. Incidents of unbecoming conduct or actions deemed to be detrimental to the image of the CGA or the "Spirit of the Game" are grounds for such removal and suspension from future CGA-administered competitions. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Willful damage of the golf course or golf course property
- Club throwing or unnecessary club tossing
- Offensive or unbecoming language
- Public criticism of golf course or verbal abuse of staff, officials, volunteers, host club staff or other contestants
- Potential endangerment of others
- Conduct deemed unbecoming
- Failure to post scores for handicapping purposes
- Manipulation of scores posted for handicapping purposes

### PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CODE OF CONDUCT

First Offense: Warning  
Second Offense: Disqualification

\*The Committee may disqualify a player for serious misconduct in failing to meet the Code's standards.