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2019 RULES OF PLAY AND AUTOMOTIVE GOLF CART RULES

Play is governed by the 2019 Rules of Golf, and where applicable, by the following Local Rules and Terms of the Competition. Committee Procedures refers to the Committee Procedures section in the current Official Guide to the Rules of Golf. The Committee refers to the Southwest Section, PGA of America or PGA Tour Rules Committee.

is; Match Play – Loss of hole and Stroke Play – General Penalty.

1. **GOLF BALLS:** The ball the player plays must be named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the USGA.
2. **CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS:** The driver the player plays must be named on the list of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the USGA.
3. **UNREASONABLE DELAY OF PLAY:** A player must not unreasonably delay play either during a hole or between two holes (Rule 5.6a). A player is subject to penalty if he unduly delays play. The Committee pace of play guidelines which are in effect (Rule 5.6b(3)) are posted on the starting tees.
4. **PRACTICE:**

a. Before or Between Rounds:

Rules 5.2 is modified in this way: A player must not practice on the competition course before or between rounds.

b. Between the Play of Two Holes: A player must not make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole just completed, or test the surface of the putting green by rubbing the putting green or rolling a ball.

c. When a round is restricted to Match Play, Pro-Am or Team event Rule 5.2b is permitted.

d. The Committee has approved the use of any practice areas and practice putting/chipping greens, which may be located on the competition course, for any practice permitted.

5. PROCEDURES FOR BAD WEATHER AND SUSPENSIONS OF PLAY:

When play is suspended by the Committee for a dangerous situation, if the players in a match or group are between the play of two holes, they must not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If they are in the process of playing a hole, they must discontinue play immediately and not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption.

NOTE: A suspension for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged siren or horn blast. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three intermittent siren or horn blasts. Resumption of play will be signaled by two intermittent siren or horn blasts.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF THIS CONDITION: Disqualification. All practice areas will be closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open for use.

6. **EMBEDDED BALL:** Ball must be embedded in the general area. Relief is allowed under Rule 16.3b only when a player's ball is embedded in the general area.

7. OUT OF BOUNDS AND COURSE BOUNDARIES:

a. White stakes, white lines, the course side edge of walls, fence, brick cement curbing or public roads at ground level define the boundary of the course. Also defined by the course side points of white stakes and/or property fence posts at ground level.

b. When a white line on the ground is used, the line itself is out of bounds.

c. A ball coming to rest on or beyond a public road is out of bounds, even if it comes to rest on another part of the course that is in bounds for other holes.

8. ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS:

(a) Areas encircled by a white line (except dropping zones), including those marked for gallery crosswalks.

(b) French drains, which are trenches, filled with rocks or stones.

(c) Newly Trenched Areas filled with rocks or stone

(d) If a player's ball lies in or touches a seam of cut turf or a seam interferes with the player's area of intended swing in the general area, the player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. Interference does not exist if the seam only interferes with the player's stance.

NOTE:

Erosion areas in the desert are common occurrences in the Southwest and not considered to be an abnormal course conditions.

9. **INTEGRAL OBJECTS (Free relief not allowed):** Artificial retaining walls and / or pilings located in penalty areas or within and/or around bunkers. Wires, cables, wrappings, signs and lighting rods closely attached to trees or objects defining out of bounds. Bunker liners in their intended position.

10. **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS:** Asphalt and artificially surfaced paths are obstructions. Rocks intentionally arranged to create a pattern in the form of a drain or the like. White lined areas tying into paths have the same status as the paths and thus they are obstructions and not ground under repair. Railroad ties, curbing or other similar artificial edges adjoining cart paths are part of the same obstruction.

11. **PERMANENT ELEVATED POWER LINES & CABLES:** Model Local Rule E-11. If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a power line (or tower or a wire or pole supporting a power line) "on the course", the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made.

12. **TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS:** Model Local Rule F-23 in Committee Procedures is in effect and includes any Temporary Immovable Obstruction installed for the competition.

13. **DISTANCE- MEASURING DEVICES:** In competition, a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 4.3."

14. **SCORES IN STROKE PLAY:** After completion of the round, the player must ensure that his marker has certified the scorecard, certify the scorecard himself and return it to the Committee as soon as possible. The player is deemed to have returned his scorecard when he has left the scoring area, as defined by the Committee.

15. **PRO-AM COMPETITIONS; SCORECARD:** The professional is responsible for maintaining the score card of his team. The score card must be signed by the professional and attested by one amateur partner. Penalties for breaches are consistent with other scoring breaches.

16. **RESULT OF THE COMPETITION FINAL:** A competition is deemed to be "closed" when all scores have been a.) posted on the official scoreboard and b.) approved by the Rules Committee, and trophies are presented or results have been announced.

17. **SCORECARD RETURNED:** The scorecard is considered to have been returned when the individual has exited the defined scoring area with both feet, unless the player, prior to leaving, verbally informs the Scoring Official, and it is acknowledged, of his intention to leave the scoring area and immediately return.

AUTOMOTIVE GOLF CART RULES

1. Players who choose to ride, must have their clubs transported on a golf cart, and must ride from each tee to the area of the drive .

2. A person authorized by a player to drive the golf cart is considered the caddie of the player. A caddie may or may not ride in the golf cart.

3. Maximum of two golf carts per pairing, unless otherwise permitted. Maximum of two people in or on a golf cart.

4. When a golf cart is employed by two players, the cart and any person or thing in it is always deemed to be the equipment of the player whose ball is involved, except when the cart is being driven by one of the players employing it, in which case the cart and its contents are considered the equipment of that player.

5. Golf carts must not be driven up the sides of the green and/or tees. Carts should be driven on the paths as much as possible and across the fairway at a 90-degree angle. When so restricted, the cars must remain on the paths at all times.

6. Spectator carts will not be allowed.

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