



## **CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION** **AND LOCAL RULES-MCC**

The United States Golf Association (“USGA”) Rules of Golf and its Decisions govern play, as modified by the Local Rules and definitions. See applicable competition’s “Notice to Competitors (Players)” for **additional Definitions, Local Rules and Conditions**. The following Conditions of Competition and Local Rules apply and may be found in the USGA Rules of Golf.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for a breach of a Local Rule or Condition is: Two (2) Strokes.

### **Section A – Conditions of Competition**

#### **1. Modifications to USGA Rules as per TAAF Article 13 Junior Golf**

##### **A. Maximum score per hole is 9**

##### **B. CADDIES-**Please refer to TAAF Article 13.6 Junior Golf which states:

- i) Caddies can be relatives, friends, etc.
- ii) Only caddies will have direct contact with players during each round. Spectators will be required to remain at a distance from caddies and players
- iii) Caddies will be required to wear either an “official” caddie “t-shirt” or caddie bib. There will be no exceptions and this applies to all days.
- iv) Caddie Bibs must be pre-ordered online at [www.taaf.com](http://www.taaf.com)
- v) Caddie T-shirts will be available for purchase at check in
- vi) Caddie T-shirts and bibs from previous years are acceptable
- vii) Caddies and players may use pull carts
- viii) Caddies may rent a cart to carry the player’s bag, but the player must walk

**Spectators CANNOT ride with caddies**

#### **2. Specification of the Ball (Note to Rule 5-1).**

A. List Of Conforming Golf Balls – See List Of Approved Golf Balls

#### **3. Time of Starting (Note to Rule 6-3a)**

**4. SPECTATORS:** Spectators will be required to remain a minimum of 30 yards from caddies and players; spectators are not allowed to communicate with players in any way, shape or form during the course of the stipulated round; spectators may provide food and beverage to players.

**5. SCOREKEEPERS-**are NOT Rules Officials and will only be responsible for monitoring scores

#### **6. Suspension of Play Due to a Dangerous Situation (Note to Rule 6-8b)**

Note: All practice areas shall be closed during a suspension for a dangerous situation until the Games of Texas Rules Committee has declared them open. Players who disregard such closing shall be subject to disqualification

**7. Practice Between Holes (Note 2 to Rule 7)**-Practice is prohibited on or near the putting green of the hole last played

**8. Doubt As To Procedure (Rule 3-3)**-If a *competitor* is doubtful of his rights or the correct procedure during the play of a hole he may without penalty, complete the hole with two balls. After the doubtful situation has arisen and before taking further action, the *competitor* must announce to his *marker* or a fellow competitor that he intends to play two balls and which ball he wishes to count if the *Rules* permit. If he fails to do so, the provisions of Rule 33(ii) apply. The *competitor* must report the facts of the situation to the *Committee* before returning his scorecard. If he fails to do so, **he is disqualified**.

**9. Close of Competition** -The competition shall be deemed to have closed when the Games of Texas Rules Committee has approved all scores. In the event of a playoff, the competition shall be deemed to have closed when the playoff scores have been approved by same

**10. Ties for First, Second and Third Place** will be broken using a sudden death playoff starting on hole one (1)

**11. Adverse Weather Conditions**-STIPULATED ROUNDS: The Competition will be played in four (4) stipulated nine (9) hole rounds; unless specified otherwise by the Committee, players will be required to turn in their scorecard only at the end of the second and fourth rounds. The following guidelines will apply:

- A. All players in the flight must complete at least 9 holes to constitute a tournament
- B. If less than 9 holes are completed on the scheduled tournament dates, the tournament shall be cancelled
- C. If all players within the flight complete 9 but less than 18 holes on the scheduled tournament dates, then 9 hole scores will be used to determine the winners for that flight only

## **SECTION B-LOCAL RULES**

1. **Tees:**

- a. **BOYS/GIRLS 7-9 WILL PLAY FROM THE US KIDS BLUE TEE-BOX**
- b. **BOYS/GIRLS 10-11 WILL PLAY FROM THE US KIDS GOLD TEE-BOX**
- c. **GIRLS 12-13 WILL PLAY FROM THE RED TEE-BOX**

2. **Out of Bounds:** Defined by inside edge of white stakes, parking lot curbs and/or perimeter fencing.

3. **Water Hazards:** Defined by yellow lines. The lines define the margin of the hazard

4. **Lateral Water Hazards:** Defined by red lines. The lines define the margin of the hazard.

5. **Ground Under Repair:**

1. Areas defined by white lines.
2. Drain lines that are still exposed trenches or that are filled with sand or gravel.
3. Fire ant beds or mounds (In a water hazard, relief from fire ant mounds is provided by Decision 1-4/10)
4. Sunken trenches, Newly sodded areas, Ornamental Flower beds
5. Ruts or washouts resulting from water erosion

6. **Embedded Ball Rule:** In effect through the Green

7. **Obstructions:**

- a. **Immovable**-Restroom structures, concrete paths, white-lined areas tying into artificially-surfaced roads or paths, ball washers, tee signs, benches, bridge structures, drinking water stands and stakes
- b. **Movable**- Return to Cart Path area signs, PVC pipes and ropes used for cart traffic control and red top poles located short of each green

