

# 2009 West Virginia State High School Golf Championship October 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> At Speidel Golf Club

## Local Rules and Conditions of Competition

The Rules of the USGA and conditions govern play. See applicable competition's "Notice to competitors" for additional local rules. **DISREGARD ALL LOCAL RULES ON CLUB SCORECARDS.** Appendix I refers to the Appendix of Local Rules in the current Rules of Golf.

**Out of Bounds** (Rule 27) – Defined by the inside points at ground level, of white stakes, lines or fence posts.

**Water Hazards & Lateral Water Hazards** (Rule 26) – *Water Hazards* are defined by yellow stakes or lines. *Lateral Water Hazards* are defined by red stakes or lines. When both stakes and lines are present, the stakes identify the hazard, and the lines define the margin of the hazard. Stakes or lines which are defining the margin of a hazard are in the hazard. Hazard stakes are moveable obstructions.

**Practice** (7-2 Note 2) No practice will be allowed on or near the putting green of the hole last played.

**Ground Under Repair** (Rule 25) – Defined by enclosed white lines. French drains (which are exposed trenches filled with rocks or stones) are ground under repair. Flowerbeds are ground under repair from which play is prohibited.

**Embedded Ball** – Through the Green, a ball which is embedded in its own pitch mark in the ground, other than sand, may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to where it lay but not nearer the hole.

**Immovable Obstruction** (Rule 24-2)

- A. All service roads and cart paths, unless otherwise noted by the Committee.
- B. White lined areas tied into artificially surfaced roads, paths or obstruction and are not ground under repair.
- C. Protection of young trees identified by stakes and support wires – Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I Part B, Section 2 (page 93) shall be in effect.

**Integral Parts of the Course** – Include cables, rods, wires, or wrapping when closely attached to trees, lines in bunkers and artificial wall and pilings when located in hazards, unless otherwise noted by the Committee. *No Relief*

**Permanent Elevated Power Lines or Cables** – If a ball strikes a permanent elevated power line or cable, the stroke shall be canceled and replayed, without penalty (See Rule 20-5). If the ball is not immediately recovered, another ball may be substituted.

**Doubt as to Procedure** (Rule 3-3) In stroke play, 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 wished to count if the Rules permit. If he fails to do so, the provision of Rule 3-3b(ii) apply.

The competitor must report the facts of the situation to the Committee before returning his score card. If he fails to do so, he is disqualified.

**Stones in Bunkers ; Stones in bunkers are moveable obstructions ( Rule 24-1 applies )**

**Drop Zones** on Holes 1, 4, 5, 8, 11, 13, 14, 15, & 17 have an optional drop zone

# Conditions of Competition

**Tee Markers:** Men shall play Blue Markers and Ladies shall play White Markers.

**Golf Balls:** Only brands of balls tested and approved by the USGA.

**Time of Starting** (Rule 6-3): Modified to two-stroke penalty if player arrives within five (5) minutes after his starting time. Tuesday & Wednesday will be a shotgun start at 9:00 AM

**Discontinuance of Play:** One long blast of horn (players are not allowed to finish hole). **Practice areas shall be closed during suspension of dangerous situation until the Committee declares them open. A player using such practice areas will be subject to a penalty of disqualification.**

**Resume Play:** Two short blasts of horn.

**Transportation :** **Players must not ride in any form of transportation during the stipulated round unless authorized by the committee.**

**Players bags may be transported to and from starting holes . A designated shuttle may transport players to and from their starting holes.**

**Deciding Ties:** All teams tied for first and second place for each class in the State Tournament will play *“sudden death”* which will consist of four players for each team, scoring the three best, to determine first and second place. All ties for medallist shall be played off using the *“sudden death”* method.

**Close of Competition:** The competition shall be deemed to have closed when all scores have been approved and posted on the official scoreboard.

**Awards:** A plaque will be awarded to the First place & Second place teams in each class. In addition, awards will go to individual medalist and the 8, plus ties, all tournament team.

**Conduct:** Unsportsmanlike conduct shall include but not be limited to: club throwing, willful acts which damage property or equipment on the course, use of abusive language, profanity, obscenities, and other unsportsmanlike conduct as determined by the Golf Rules Committee. Penalties imposed will be disqualification. ***Zero Tolerance***

**Use of Tobacco Products:** Smoking or the use of tobacco products by coaches or players on the course or near the clubhouse is not permitted. *Violation will result in disqualification.*

**Spectators:** Spectators are **NOT PERMITTED** to converse with participants. It will be the responsibility of contestants in each foursome to caution **ANY** spectator from talking to or interfering with contestants in their group. Failure to do so may result in a penalty of disqualification of contestants involved. Spectators and Spectator Carts Must Stay on Cart Paths **We suggest spectators stay one shot ahead of the group because spectators may also act as spotters for the group.**

**Coaches shall not talk to their players until their round is completed.**

**Cell Phones:** Use of Cell Phones, or any electronic device on the Course by Players, Coaches, or Spectators is **PROHIBITED**. All use of cell phones shall be limited to the parking lot and clubhouse area or parking lot areas. Penalty is two strokes.

**Measuring Devices :** Use of a measuring device is not allowed, violation will result in disqualification.

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