



## LOCAL RULES AND CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION FOR 2025 CITY OF ANN ARBOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Play is governed by the *Rules of Golf, Effective January 2019*, and their interpretations and clarifications as approved by the USGA and The R&A. Any changes or additions to this form will be supplied on a supplementary Rules sheet. **Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for a breach of a Local Rule or Condition of Competition is: General Penalty**



### LOCAL RULES

**OUT OF BOUNDS** – Defined by inside points, at ground level, of large white stakes and fence posts or painted lines, Rule 18.2.

A ball that 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.

### PENALTY AREAS ARE DEFINED AS EITHER RED OR YELLOW –

**When a red penalty area is defined on only one side**, it is deemed to extend to infinity.

**When the penalty area is bounded by out of bounds**, the penalty area margin extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line.

**BALL STRIKES POWER LINE** – 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] during the play of hole #2 or 3, the [stroke](#) does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous [stroke](#) was made (see [Rule 14.6](#) for what to do).

### EVENTS IN WHICH MOTORIZED GOLF CARTS ARE PERMITTED – A motorized cart is part of the player’s equipment:

1. When one cart is shared by two players, the cart and everything in it are deemed to be the equipment of the player whose ball is involved, except that, when the cart is being moved by one of the players, the cart and everything in it are deemed to be the equipment of that player.
2. **Only 2 carts per threesome will be allowed. It is the group’s responsibility to determine who will ride in each cart. If a group has multiple caddies, it is possible that a player and/or a caddie must walk. In the event that everyone in a group has a caddie and everyone is riding a motorized cart, the players will take the carts and the caddies will walk.**
3. Carts are not allowed in any long grass/natural area. Holes #4, 5, 9, 11, 13, 14
4. Use of a cart by anyone other than the player or players using it or the appointed driver is prohibited. Any player allowing unauthorized use of his cart is subject to penalty as follows:

**Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round: four strokes.** In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole.

Use of any unauthorized automotive vehicle shall be discontinued immediately upon discovering that a breach has occurred. Otherwise, the player shall be disqualified. The exceptions to this rule are: A player in a group is allowed to take a player (on his cart) who is walking from hole #9 green to hole #10 tee to speed play –and/or – from hole #13 green to hole #14 tee. Or, a player in a group shall allow a player (on his cart) in an attempt to speed up play. If this occurs, there is to be no penalty.

**IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS** – Include all roads or paths, whether artificially surfaced, gravel, dirt, or otherwise.

**WHITE-LINED AREAS TYING INTO ARTIFICIALLY SURFACED ROADS OR PATHS** – have the same status as the roads or paths, that of obstructions.

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

**LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS** – Optional Condition as prescribed in 2019 Equipment Rules, 4.2

Penalty for Breach of Rule 4.2a: Disqualification.

**TIME OF STARTING** – Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

**PACE OF PLAY** – See separate memorandum to players for pace of play guidelines.

**DISCONTINUANCE OF PLAY** – Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect. All practice areas are closed during a suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open.

**Note:** A suspension for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged air horn note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by two consecutive air horn notes. Resumption of play will be signaled by three short air horn notes.

**PRACTICE** – Prior to round in stroke play, a player may practice in designated practice areas. Rule 5.2 applies to other practice in stroke play. Note Rule 5.5b is in effect.

**CLOSE OF COMPETITION** – The competition is deemed to have closed when the Championship trophy has been presented to the winner or, in the absence of a prize ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the Committee.



## 2025 City of Ann Arbor Amateur Championship Notice to Competitors



(This information supplements the Local Rules and Conditions of Competition for the City of Ann Arbor Championships.)

**SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO A DANGEROUS SITUATION** – When the Committee suspends play for a dangerous situation, if the players in a match or group are between the play of two holes, they shall 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 may not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play.

**Penalty for Breach of Condition: Disqualification.**

**Note:** One 15-second air horn note shall signal a suspension of play for a dangerous situation. Three intermittent 5-second air horn notes shall signal the resumption of play.

**\*\*If weather forces cancelation or interruption of any rounds, the rules committee will decide how final scores will be determined.\*\***

**UNDUE DELAY; SLOW PLAY** – Players shall play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines that the committee may establish. Between the completion of a hole and playing from the next teeing ground, the player shall not unduly delay play.

**Penalty for Breach of Rule: One Stroke, Second Offense – Two Strokes, Third Offense – Disqualification.**

**TEEING GROUNDS** – All competitors shall play from the Championship teeing grounds: The rectangular area two club lengths in depth, the front and the sides of which are defined by the outside limits of two championship tee markers.

**GROUND UNDER REPAIR** – Defined by white lines. Rule 14.6. You are allowed relief for stance and/or swing, but not line of flight.

**OUT OF BOUNDS** – Defined by inside points, at ground level, of large white posts, fence posts, and white painted areas on holes. The practice putting green is also marked with a white painted line. Rule 18.2.

A white painted line indicating out of bounds is itself out of bounds.

Objects defining out of bounds, such as walls, fences, stakes, and railings are not obstructions and are deemed to be fixed. Relief may be obtained under Rule 14.6, Ball Unplayable.

- **TRAVER ROAD** is out of bounds.
- **CLUBHOUSE AREA AND PARKING LOT** south-west of hole #3 defined by white stakes and white painted lines is out of bounds.
- **MAINTENANCE BARN AREA** defined by white stakes and white painted lines left of hole #16 is out of bounds.

**ELECTRONIC DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES** – Use of laser rangefinders, GPS devices, and other EDM devices is allowed. Devices must measure distance only (not wind, elevation, green slope, etc.) According to the USGA rules on 'Advice,' "Information on the Rules, distance or matters of public information..., is not advice."

**STROKE PLAY** – If a player fails to hole out at any hole and does not correct his mistake before he makes a stroke on the next teeing ground or, in the case of the last hole of the round, before he leaves the putting green, **he is disqualified**. Rule 3.3c.

A ball is "holed" when it is at rest within the circumference of the hole and all of it is below the level of the lip of the hole.

**DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE** – 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 under Rule 20.1c(3). 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**.

**SCORECARDS** – After completion of the round, the player should check his score for each hole and settle any doubtful points with the Committee. He must ensure that the marker or markers have signed the score card, sign the score card himself, and return it to the Committee as soon as possible. Rule 3.3b. **Penalty for Breach of Rule: Disqualification.**

The player is responsible for the correctness of the score recorded for each hole on his score card. If he returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken, **he is disqualified**. If he returns a score for any hole higher than actually taken, the score stands. Rule 6-6d.

**PLAYOFF** – In the event of a tie within the Championship flight, a sudden death playoff will determine the outcome. Play will begin on hole #1 and proceed to hole subsequent holes 2 and 3, repeating until a winner can be determined. The starting time for the playoff will be determined by the Committee and will be announced at the scoring area immediately following the posting of all scores. In the event of a tie in other flights, a scorecard playoff will determine the outcome. Tied player's scores will be compared starting with the hardest hole and then proceeding to subsequent holes until the tie is broken.

This tournament is sponsored by the City of Ann Arbor, Parks and Recreation Department, and supports the concepts of fair play, sportsmanship, and golf etiquette as defined by the United States Golf Association.

**FINAL – August 17 – 9:00 pm**