



## 2015 EWGA CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITIONS of COMPETITION (Hard Card)

The Rules of the United States Golf Association govern play. See applicable Championship or qualifying round Notice to Players and Entry Application for additional Local Rules and Conditions.

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, THE PENALTY FOR BREACH OF A LOCAL RULE OR CONDITION IS: STROKE PLAY — TWO STROKES

**FORMAT** — Chapter Championship and Semi Final Qualifying Tournament: 18-hole stroke play for individual golfers; scramble format for team play. EWGA Championship Final Tournament: 36-hole competition consisting of two stipulated, consecutive 18-hole rounds.

**OUT OF BOUNDS** — Defined by inside points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts. Rule 27-1b.

### **WATER AND LATERAL WATER HAZARD STAKES AND LINES**

When a lateral water hazard is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend to infinity. When water hazards and lateral water hazards are bounded by out of bounds, the hazard margin extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line.

**GROUND UNDER REPAIR** — Defined by white lines. Fire ant hills and French drains are deemed to be ground under repair. Rule 25-1.

**SEAMS OF CUT TURF (Sod Seams)** — Except in a hazard, sod seams (not the sod itself) are deemed to be ground under repair. If the ball lies in or touches the seam or the seam interferes with the area of intended swing, relief is available under Rule 25-1.

### **WHITE-LINED AREAS TYING INTO ARTIFICIALLY SURFACED**

**ROADS AND PATHS** — have the same status as the roads and paths, that of obstructions.

**WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH** — are loose impediments, unless otherwise provided for in the Notice to Players.

**DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES (DMD)** — For all EWGA Championship events, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a DMD that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect her play (e.g., gradient, windspeed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.

**CELLULAR PHONES** — Use of cell phone as DMD is allowed as long as it meets the conditions described above. Other uses should be limited to emergencies. Excessive use that disregards the etiquette guidelines (outlined in the Rules of Golf), will result in a warning. Further use may result in Disqualification under Rule 33-7.

**EMBEDDED BALL THROUGH THE GREEN** — A ball that is embedded in its own pitch-mark in the ground, other than in sand, may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped, must first strike a part of the course through the green

**Exception:** A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if it is clearly unreasonable for her to make a stroke because of interference by anything other than the condition covered by this Local Rule.

**INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE** — includes cables, rods, wires or wrappings when closely attached to trees; liners in bunkers and artificial walls and pilings when located in hazards, unless otherwise provided for in Notice to Players.

**LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS** — The ball the player plays must be named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the United States Golf Association.

**TIME OF STARTING** — See Rule 6-3a for Stroke Play. Late Scramble team member may join team between holes, but not during play of hole.

**PACE OF PLAY:** Pace of play will be strictly enforced. Competitors will be subject to penalty for undue delay of play under rule 6-7. In order to be considered in breach of this rule, competitors must be over the allotted time **AND** out of position. Penalty for breach of this will be:

1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	Warning
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	One stroke penalty
3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense	Two stroke penalty
4 <sup>th</sup> Offense	Disqualification

**USE OF CADDIE PROHIBITED:** A player is prohibited from using a caddie during the EWGA Chapter Championship and Semi-Final rounds. A caddie agreement is required for players opting to use a caddie during the Championship Finals rounds. During the play of a hole, if a player is using a golf cart, either Caddie or Player may ride from tee to green, both are NOT permitted to ride at the same time in the same cart or in a fellow-competitor's cart. Breach for this condition of competition is a two-stroke penalty.

**DISCONTINUANCE OF PLAY** — The Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect (pg. 140, Rules of Golf). Suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged air horn note or weather siren. (**Discontinue play immediately.**) All practice areas are closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open.

Three consecutive air horn notes, repeated, will signal all other types of suspension. (Players may finish current hole.) Rule 6-8b.

Two short air horn notes, repeated, will signal resumption of play.

**TIES – STROKE PLAY:** 1st Low Gross in all flights shall be determined by a sudden death playoff. If a playoff is not possible, a scorecard playoff will be used. Scorecard playoffs are also used for 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> low gross in flights. The winner is determined on the basis of the last nine holes played (shotgun start: holes #10-18). If tying players have the same score for the last nine, the winner is determined on the basis of the last six holes, last three holes, and finally the last hole played. Low Net winners are decided by a scorecard playoff as mentioned above except that, one-half, one third, one sixth, etc., of the player's course handicap is deducted from the gross scores for the holes being compared. Fractions of one-half stroke or more count as a full stroke; any lesser fractions should be disregarded (USGA Handicap System–9-5,iii). If this procedure does not produce a winner, the same process is followed using the first nine holes.

**TIES – SCRAMBLE:** A scorecard playoff as mentioned above is used to determine scramble team winners except that one-half, one-third, one-sixth, etc. of the teams handicap factor is added/subtracted from the teams gross score of the holes being compared. Fractions of the team factor, rounded to the nearest tenth, are used in a scorecard playoff. (.5 is rounded up)

**CLOSE OF COMPETITION** — The competition is deemed to have closed when the trophy has been presented to the winner or, in the absence of a prize ceremony, when the Committee has approved all scores. Disputes after close of competition will defer to the EWGA Tournament Operations Committee. Decisions of the Committee shall be final.