



## LOCAL RULES AND CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION FOR 2008 NGA CHAMPIONSHIPS & EVENTS

*The Rules of the United States Golf Association govern play. See applicable Championship, qualifying round or special event Notice to Players and Entry Application for additional Local Rules and Conditions. Complete text of Rules and Appendix I may be found in the current "Rules of Golf."*

**UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, THE PENALTY FOR BREACH OF A LOCAL RULE OR CONDITION IS:  
MATCH PLAY – LOSS OF HOLE    STROKE PLAY – TWO STROKES**

### LOCAL RULES

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

**WATER AND LATERAL WATER HAZARD STAKES AND LINES** – When a water hazard or a lateral water hazard is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend to infinity. When a water hazard or a lateral water hazard is 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.

**SOD SEAMS** – The Local Rule for seams of Cut Turf as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

**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 *Notice to Players*.

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

**INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE** – include 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*.

**TEMPORARY POWER LINES AND CABLES** – Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

**TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS** – Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

**DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES** – A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. However, if, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, whether any such additional functions are actually used.

## **CONDITIONS**

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**LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS** – Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

**LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS** – Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

**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, when applicable.

**DISCONTINUANCE OF PLAY** – Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect. All practice areas are closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to cease doing so; failure to comply may result in revocation of entry.

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

**PRACTICE** – Prior to and after his round in stroke play, a player may practice on the designated practice areas. Rule 7-1b applies to other practice in stroke play, and Rule 7-1a covers practice before the round in match play.

**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 all scores have been approved by the Committee.

Once the match play draw has been approved by the Committee, the competition has closed for all non-qualifiers. In the event of the disqualification of a qualifier prior to his first match, that player's opponent will receive a "bye" in the first round.

The result of a match is considered to have been "officially announced" when the Committee has approved the result as posted on the public scoreboard.