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2019 – Wilderness Ridge Golf Club



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Local Rules and Terms of the Competition

FOR 2019 USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and The R&A govern play. These Local Rules and Terms of the Competition are in effect at all USGA championships and qualifying rounds. See applicable championship or qualifying round Notice to Players and Entry Application for modifications or additions to these Local Rules and Terms of the Competition. Complete text of the Rules and Local Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 2019.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty.

LOCAL RULES

Out of Bounds — Defined by the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts.

Penalty Areas — When a penalty area is defined on only one side, it extends to infinity. When a penalty area is connected to the out-of-bounds edge, the penalty area extends to and coincides with out of bounds.

Ground Under Repair — Defined by white lines. French drains are ground under repair. For grass-covered trenching, see Temporary Power Lines and Cables.

Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage, including areas where spectators or other traffic has combined with wet conditions to affect materially the ground surface, but only when so declared by an authorized member of the Committee. When immediately adjacent to an immovable obstruction, such an area is part of that obstruction.

Relief from Seams of Cut Turf — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-7.

Immovable Obstructions — Include plastic bumpers on roads and paths, and mats secured to the ground with spikes when the bumpers or mats cover cables.

White-Lined Areas Tying Into Artificially Surfaced Roads and Paths — White-lined areas of ground under repair and the artificially surfaced roads, paths or other identified obstructions that they are connected to are a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.

Wood Chips and Mulch — Are loose impediments.

Integral Objects — Include cables, rods, wires and wrappings when closely attached to trees, and artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas and bunkers.

Temporary Power Lines and Cables — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-22.

Temporary Immovable Obstructions — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-23.

List of Conforming Driver Heads — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-1.

Groove and Punch Mark Specifications — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect, except as modified by the applicable championship Entry Application. Model Local Rule G-2.

List of Conforming Golf Balls — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-3.

One Ball Rule — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-4.

Pace of Play — See separate memorandum to players for pace of play policy, when applicable.

Stopping and Resuming Play — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule J-1.

All practice areas are closed during an immediate suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to stop practicing; failure to stop practicing might result in disqualification.

An immediate suspension will be signaled by one prolonged airhorn note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive airhorn notes. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short airhorn notes.

Practice — Prior to and after a round in stroke play, a player may practice on the designated practice areas. Rule 5.2b covering practice in stroke play is modified in this way: A player may not practice on the competition course before or between rounds. Penalty for breach of Local Rule, see Rule 5.2.

Prohibiting Use of Motorized Transportation — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-6.

TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

When Competition Is Final— The competition is final 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. The result of a match is final when the Committee has approved the result as posted on the public scoreboard.

2019 U.S. SENIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP - SECTIONAL QUALIFYING

Wilderness Ridge GC, Lincoln

July 30, 2019

NOTICE TO PLAYERS

(This notice supplements the Local Rules and Terms of Competition for USGA Championships)

Abnormal Course Conditions:

Decorative rock and Flower Beds Tying Into or Surrounded by a Cart Path (including everything growing within that area) and the cart path are treated as a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.

Prepared Flower/Plant Beds are deemed to be Ground Under Repair even though not so defined by white lines.

Deciding Ties:

In the case of a tie for the qualifying spot and alternate spots, concerned players shall immediately play-off hole-by-hole until a winner is determined. The play-off rotation is holes 17-18 unless otherwise notified by the Committee.

Dropping Zones:

Hole #14 Yellow Penalty Area - If a ball is in the yellow penalty area on Hole #14, including when it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found came to rest in the penalty area, the player has these relief options, each for one penalty stroke: 1) Take relief under Rule 17.1; or 2) As an extra option, drop the original ball or another ball in the dropping zone marked "DZ" located on the fairway. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3.

Out of Bounds:

Out of Bounds is defined by the perimeter fence and white stakes in addition to white lines.

Hole #14—Out of Bounds is defined by the sidewalk along the right of the hole and behind the putting green. All ball is Out of Bounds when all of it lies beyond the golf course edge of the concrete.

Scoring Area:

Scoring Area— A scorecard is deemed to be returned when the player has left the scoring tent.

Teeing Area:

The USGA Tee-Markers define the teeing area.

Pace of Play Committee:

Justin Ahrens, Craig Ames & Ben Vigil

Final Rules Decisions:

Justin Ahrens, Craig Ames & Ben Vigil

DRAFT VERSION - May 23, 2019

COURSE EVACUATION PLAN
U.S. Senior Amateur Championship - Sectional Qualifying
Wilderness Ridge Golf Club
July 30, 2019

| <u>Location</u> | | <u>Action</u> |
|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Practice Areas | | Go to clubhouse |
| Hole #1 | Tee, Fairway & Green | Go to clubhouse |
| Hole #2 | Tee & Green | Go to maintenance building right of #2 teeing ground |
| Hole #3 | Tee, Fairway & Green | Go to maintenance building right of #2 teeing ground |
| Hole #4 | Tee & Green | Go to course restrooms behind #4 green |
| Hole #5 | Tee, Fairway & Green | Go to course restrooms behind #4 green |
| Hole #6 | Tee, Fairway & Green | Go to course restrooms behind #4 green |
| Hole #7 | Tee, Fairway & Green | Go to course restrooms behind #4 green |
| Hole #8 | Tee, Fairway & Green | Go to clubhouse |
| Hole #9 | Tee, Fairway & Green | Go to clubhouse |
| Hole #10 | Tee, Fairway & Green | Go to clubhouse |
| Hole #11 | Tee, Fairway & Green | Go to clubhouse |
| Hole #12 | Tee & Green | Go to course restrooms between #13 green and #14 tee |
| Hole #13 | Tee, Fairway & Green | Go to course restrooms between #13 green and #14 tee |
| Hole #14 | Tee, Fairway & Green | Go to course restrooms between #13 green and #14 tee |
| Hole #15 | Tee & Green | Go to course restrooms between #13 green and #14 tee |
| Hole #16 | Tee, Fairway & Green | Go to clubhouse |
| Hole #17 | Tee, Fairway & Green | Go to clubhouse |
| Hole #18 | Tee, Fairway & Green | Go to clubhouse |

Transportation

*Rules Officials assigned to each hole will transport or direct players with carts to the designated evacuation area.

Communication

*Rules Officials will remain at the designated evacuation area with players and communicate any announcements regarding the suspension to all players.

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Pace of Play Policy



STROKE PLAY

SUMMARY

The Pace of Play Committee will designate four (4) holes on the course as Pace of Play checkpoint holes. A Checkpoint Official will be stationed at each checkpoint hole to monitor and indicate (if needed) a group's position on the course. When a group is **out of position** at any checkpoint (**including the 4th checkpoint**), the players in the group are liable to penalty under these guidelines and will be notified by the Checkpoint Official. When a group has been notified of a missed checkpoint, the group is expected to regain its position by the next checkpoint. If the group reaches **ANY** subsequent checkpoint **out of position**, each player is liable to incur the applicable penalty (see schedule of penalties below).

MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE TIME

Maximum allowable time is the **MAXIMUM** time deemed necessary by the Committee for a group to complete its stipulated round. This is expressed in a per-hole and aggregate time format on the chart attached to this document.

- A group's **maximum allowable time** begins at its assigned starting time, or if the starting time is delayed, at the adjusted starting time.
- Checkpoint hole completion times are determined after all players in the group have holed out and the flagstick has been replaced in the hole.
- Time associated with playing the game, e.g., for rulings and walking times between holes, is included in all **maximum allowable times**.

OUT OF POSITION - STROKE PLAY

A group is **out of position** when it:

- Takes more than the **maximum allowable time** to finish a checkpoint hole **and** completes play of a checkpoint hole more than 14 minutes after the group ahead of them.*

**The first group(s) of each wave is measured only against maximum allowable time until they are within 14 minutes of the group ahead of them.*

GROUP OUT OF POSITION - MONITORED BY A RULES ROVER

- Any group that is **out of position** may be monitored by a Rules Rover. A Rules Rover, when monitoring a group, may individually time strokes made by a player(s).
- A player(s) concerned about non-responsive (slow) fellow-competitor(s) in the group should request a Rules Rover to monitor the group in case it may become or is liable to penalty.
- Information gathered at any time by a Rules Rover or a member of the Rules Committee may be used by the Pace of Play Committee during the review process to determine whether a group or player(s) is in breach of these guidelines.

PENALTIES

Players in a group that have missed one or more checkpoints are liable to penalty according to the following schedule of penalties:

- 1st missed checkpoint - **warning***
- 2nd missed checkpoint - **liable to a penalty of one stroke**
- 3rd missed checkpoint - **liable to an additional penalty of two strokes**
- 4th missed checkpoint - **liable to disqualification**

**If a group successfully clears each of their first 3 checkpoints, but is out of position (misses) at the 4th checkpoint, each player in the group is liable to a penalty of one stroke.*

FINAL DETERMINATION REGARDING BREACH/REVIEW PROCESS

Before returning scorecards, any group that is liable to penalty should consult with the Pace of Play Committee to have a final determination made regarding their breach (i.e. lodge an appeal).

A player(s) who was **out of position** during the round that elects not to consult with the Pace of Play Committee to determine whether they were in breach of these guidelines prior to returning their scorecards is deemed to be in breach of these guidelines and incurs the penalty or penalties according to the above schedule of penalties.

The Pace of Play Committee will determine that a group who has been found to be **out of position** is not in breach of these guidelines only if:

- The group was delayed by the Committee
- The group was delayed by a circumstance beyond control of the player of the group.
- The group was delayed by another player(s) in the group.

Any incurred penalties are to be applied to the player's score on the checkpoint hole where the breach(es) occurred.



PACE OF PLAY CHART

2019 U.S. SENIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP - SECTIONAL QUALIFYING

WILDERNESS RIDGE GOLF CLUB

THREE (3) PLAYERS

TIME SCHEDULE IN HOURS AND MINUTES

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|---------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Hole # | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| Par | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 5 |
| Time Allotted | 0:15 | 0:12 | 0:15 | 0:12 | 0:17 | 0:19 | 0:17 | 0:16 | 0:20 |
| Total Time | 0:15 | 0:27 | 0:42 | 0:54 | 1:11 | 1:30 | 1:47 | 2:03 | 2:23 |

TIME SCHEDULE IN HOURS AND MINUTES

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|---------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Hole # | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| Par | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Time Allotted | 0:15 | 0:16 | 0:13 | 0:15 | 0:21 | 0:12 | 0:15 | 0:16 | 0:16 |
| Total Time | 2:38 | 2:54 | 3:07 | 3:22 | 3:43 | 3:55 | 4:10 | 4:26 | 4:42 |



Grooves Condition of Competition

In Sectional Qualifying as well as in the Championship proper, the player's clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf effective from January 1, 2010. The Condition of Competition is available for review on the entry application and applies to all fairway woods, hybrids, irons and wedges.

The USGA and The R&A have created a reference resource called the Informational Club Database to assist golfers in determining whether their irons, wedges, hybrids and fairway woods comply with the Rules of Golf effective from January 1, 2010 and are permissible for play under the groove condition of competition, which is in effect for all USGA Amateur Championships. For information about and to access the database, please use the following link: <http://www.usga.org/InfoClubsDB/intro.html>. Additionally, for other information regarding the groove condition, please use the following link: <http://www.usga.org/grooves/>. Finally, for information regarding the conformance status of clubs not listed or for any other questions regarding the condition, please contact the USGA Research and Test Center at (908) 234-2300.

Player Club Testing is available for all USGA Amateur Championships. Please use the following link: <http://www.usga.org/grooves/> for more information.

The USGA strongly suggests that all players verify the conformance of their clubs well in advance of their scheduled qualifying competition. It is the player's responsibility, not the USGA's responsibility to ensure that his clubs conform. Waiting until the day of the competition is the fault of the player. The Committee is under no obligation to test the club the competitor may play. However, if it is later determined that the club is non-conforming, including after the competition has closed, the player will be disqualified.