LOCAL RULES AND TERMS OF THE COMPETITION
FALL 2024 NCAA MEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and The R&A govern play and where applicable, by the following Local Rules and Terms of the Competition. Complete text of Rules and Local Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 2023. Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty. See NCAA Notice to Players and NCAA Golf Pre-Championships Manual for additional Local Rules and Terms of the Competition. If a player in a team competition breaches a Rule that results in disqualification, the effect will be to disqualify the player for that round only. Exception: NCAA serious misconduct, in which it is up to the Committee.

OUT OF BOUNDS - Defined by the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of the white stakes or 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. Ground under repair also includes French drains, which are trenches filled with rocks or stones and newly trenched areas, including grass-covered cables. 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 obstruction, such an area is part of the obstruction.

RELIEF FROM SEAMS OF CUT TURF - If a player's ball is in the general area and the ball lies in or touches a seam of cut turf or a seam interferes with the player's area of intended swing, the player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. But interference does not exist if the seam only interferes with the player's stance. All seams within the area of cut turf are treated as the same seam in taking relief. This means that if a player has interference from any seam after dropping the ball, the player must proceed as required under Rule 14.3c(2) even when the ball is within one club-length of the reference point.

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 ARTIFICALLY 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 or wrappings when closely attached to trees, artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas or in or adjacent to bunkers, and bunker liners when in their intended position. **Note:** The Committee may treat an exposed bunker liner, not in its intended position, to be ground under repair. But interference does not exist if a bunker liner only interferes with the player's stance.

TEMPORARY LINES AND CABLES - The Model Local Rule F-22 is in effect.

TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS - The Model Local Rule F-23 is in effect.

LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS - The Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect.

GROOVE AND PUNCH MARK SPECIFICATIONS - The Model Local Rule G-2 is in effect.

LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS - The Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect.

ONE BALL RULE - The Model Local Rule G-4 is in effect.

PROHIBITING USE OF MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION - The Model Local Rule G-6 is in effect. A player who will play, or has played, under penalty of stroke and distance is always authorized to ride on motorized transportation.

PROHIBITING USE OF CERTAIN TYPES OF SHOES - The Model Local Rule G-7 is in effect.

PROHIBITING USE OF AUDIO AND VIDEO DEVICES - The Model Local Rule G-8 is in effect.

REPLACING CLUB THAT IS BROKEN OR SIGNIFICANTLY DAMAGED - The Model Local Rule G-9 is in effect.

PROHIBITING USE OF CLUBS LONGER THAN 46 INCHES - The Model Local Rule G-10 is in effect.

MODIFICATION OF PENALTY UNDER RULE 3.3b(2) FOR MISSING PLAYER OR MARKER CERTIFICATION - The Model Local Rule L-1 is in effect.

USE OF CADDIE PROHIBITED - The Model Local Rule H-1.1 is in effect.

ADVICE - See separate memorandum to players and coaches on people who may give advice.

PACE OF PLAY - See separate memorandum to players for pace of play policy.

STOPPING AND RESUMING PLAY - A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged note of a siren or horn. All other suspensions will be signaled by three consecutive notes of a siren or horn. In either case, resumption of play will be signaled by two short notes of a siren or horn. See Rule 5.7b. **Note:** 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.

RESTRICTIONS ON PRACTICE BEFORE OR BETWEEN ROUNDS - Rule 5.2 is modified in this way: In match play or stroke play, a player must not practice on the competition course before or between rounds, other than on the designated practice areas. Penalty for breach of Local Rule, see Rule 5.2.

RESTRICTION ON PRACTICE OR TESTING BETWEEN THE PLAY OF TWO HOLES - In stroke play only, a player must not make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole just completed, or test the surface of that putting green by rubbing the putting green or rolling a ball (This includes D-II's stroke play medal/match).

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 Head Rules Official has confirmed the result of the match.