

# 4A Regional NCHSAA Boys Championship

May 2, 2016

Course No. 6

## LOCAL RULES



Play is governed by the USGA Rules of Golf and Amateur Status Effective January 2016 except as amended by the following Local Rules, NCHSAA Conditions of Competition and the NCHSAA Handbook.

**FORMAT:** 18-hole Individual Stroke Play. The best four scores from each team are used to determine the team score. Team and Individual competition are run concurrently.

**RULING – Only a member of the Rules Committee (see below) may make a ruling. If you need a ruling and a rules official is not immediately available, call the PROSHOP (910) 235 – 8145 and one will be dispatched to you.**

**TEES:** All play will be from the **BLUE TEES**

**DOUBT TO PROCEDURE –** Only members of the Rules Committee are authorized to render a Rules Decision. If in doubt as to the correct procedure, and a member of the Rules Committee is not present, play a second ball under Rule 3-3 and report the facts to the Committee **even if the scores are the same with both balls. Failure to do so shall result in disqualification.**

**OUT OF BOUNDS –** A) Defined by the nearest inside points at ground level of white stakes marked with “OB” B) The inside edge of any paved public road. A ball which crosses a public road that is out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that road is deemed to be out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course.

**GROUND UNDER REPAIR –** A) Areas completely encircled by white lines. B) French drains filled with rocks or stones. C) Cut Turf (Newly Sodded areas) even if unmarked.

**IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS –** A) Sprinkler control boxes B) Water fountains C) Staked trees. Relief is for the stakes and rope not the tree itself E) Starter’s house or any restroom building.

**ROADS AND PATHS –** Artificially surfaced paths are deemed obstructions. All other paths are deemed integral parts of the course. Any white lined areas tying into roads or paths are deemed to be part of the same cart path obstruction.

**SANDY AREAS:** All sandy/natural areas with VEGETATION and are not completely enclosed are deemed to be through the green. These areas are not hazards, and the clubhead may be grounded. Note: no free relief for an embedded ball in loose sand in these areas. Sandy areas without vegetation that are fully enclosed with sod or hazard lines are considered bunkers.

**DROPPING ZONE –** As an additional option under 26-1 a dropping zone has been established right of the #16 Cart Path that may be used for a ball coming to rest in the lateral water hazard right of the cart path. **The ball must strike the ground inside the drop zone but may roll outside**

**EDGING GROOVE –** If a ball lies in or on an edging groove around a putting green, or if the groove interferes with the area of the players intended swing, the ball may, without penalty, be lifted, cleaned and placed in the nearest position to where it lay that is not nearer the hole and avoids interference by the condition, whether on or off the putting green.

**TARPS –** Will be treated as Obstructions or a Temporary Immovable Obstruction (TIO) at the option of the player. TIO relief will be granted for inference with lie, stance, area of intended swing, or interference, with the line of play and be between the player and the hole.

**IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREEN –** If a ball lies off the putting green but not in a hazard and such an obstruction on or within two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club-lengths of the ball intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may take relief as follows: the ball must be lifted and dropped (placed if on a putting green) at the nearest point to where the ball lay which (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids such intervention and (c) is not in a hazard or on a putting green

**AERATION HOLES:** Through the green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. The when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green. On the putting green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be placed at the nearest spot not nearer the hole that avoids the situation.

**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, regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used.

**EMBEDDED BALL THROUGH THE GREEN –** Appendix I, page 127.

### SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO DANGEROUS SITUATION

**Discontinue Play Immediately: One prolonged signal note.**

**Discontinue Play: Three consecutive short signal notes.**

**Resume Play: Two short signal notes.**

### Rules Committee:

Larry McWane, Dave Hampton,, Roy Cox, Adam Osterbur , John Buchholz

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