



## Rules Sheet

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The Rules Committee consists of Matt Weinberger, championship rules officials, Matt Barksdale (PGA), and the PGA Professionals at courses No. 2, No. 6, and No. 8

### **General Rules:**

- Play is governed by the Rules of Golf
- Tee Markers - Women (Green), Senior Women (Red), Men (Blue), Senior Men (White)
- Division Courses (Day 1, Day 2, Day 3) - Women & Senior Women (No. 8, No. 6, No. 2), Men (No. 6, No. 2, No. 8), Senior Men (No. 2, No. 8, No. 6)
- Caddies are subject to all official [Caddie Rules](#)
- Two carts have been assigned per group (double rider) for competitors that have elected to ride for the championship
- Competitors who are walking are permitted to take rides between holes. Authorized Committee vehicles may transport competitors at any time. One warning will be given but subsequent breaches result in the General Penalty for each hole where the breach occurred
- Distance measuring devices without slope, course maps, and green reading books as permitted by the Rules of Golf are permitted
- The Flagstick may be removed for the championship
- If a competitor's ball lies in or touches a seam of cut turf or if the seam interferes with the swing relief is granted (not stance).
- The edging grooves around aprons or fringes of putting greens are ground under repair. If a player's ball lies in or touches a groove or a groove interferes with the area of intended swing: A) Ball in General Area – The player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b and drop in General Area B) Ball on the Putting Green – The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d and place ball at nearest point of relief on Putting Green or General Area
- Based on the reduction of volunteers in 2021, live scoring will not be conducted
- The championship will be paperless with the exception of scorecards. Each competitor will receive a scorecard of another competitor in the group. Scores on the physical scorecards are not official as all scoring is verbally communicated at scoring and verbally attested. Verbal score verification will take place outside with competitors socially distanced in designated standing areas. The Scoring Area is defined as the outside edges around the PGA tent
- Each division represents its own championship. No partial scores will be taken if all competitors do not complete a round. If all competitors do not complete round 1 or round 2 by the end of the day, every effort will be made to make up the remaining holes the following morning. If play is not able to be completed for a round, the championship will be shortened to either 36 or 18 holes. If a round cannot be made up by the following morning, the next round will take place on the originally scheduled course by division. The Committee has the authority to change the competition courses based on extenuating circumstances
- Awards will be distributed to the top 5 competitors in each division. Each of those competitors will automatically qualify for the 2022 PGA National Club Championship
- The PGA will not tolerate competitors or spectators who do not adhere to guidelines put in place. The Committee reserves the right to penalize and/or disqualify competitors who knowingly, willingly and or

repeatedly disregard the policies that promote social distance. Competitors are also responsible for the actions of their caddies or spectators

### **Pace of Play:**

- Pace of Play will be strongly enforced for this championship. Individuals and groups will be penalized in accordance with these rules.
- Lead groups that fail to complete their rounds in 4 hours and 40 minutes or do not establish position behind the final group starting on the opposite side will receive a 1 stroke penalty. The group completes their pace when the final competitor holes out on the final hole
- Groups will be deemed “out of position” by members of the Committee or designated Rules Officials and receive a warning if the last competitor holes out more than 14 minutes (par 3), 15 minutes (par 4), or 17 minutes (par 5) behind the group ahead of them. An assessment of whether there are any recent mitigating circumstances, e.g a lengthy ruling, lost ball, unplayable ball, etc. will be made
- The Committee and/or designed Rules Officials may establish checkpoints on any future tee and follow groups that are identified as “out of position”
- Groups that do not get back into position by subsequent checkpoints, as defined by the Committee, will receive a “red card” status which is subject to a 1 stroke penalty at the end of the round on the hole where the group received the “red card”. All penalties will be null and void if that group gets back into position at a future checkpoint OR if they complete their round in under 4 hours and 40 minutes
- Competitors are limited to 40 seconds per stroke. The Committee has the right to penalize individuals 1 stroke after making an initial warning (in addition to group or partial group penalties). Competitors are expected to play ready golf and be courteous of all members of the group. If a group is out of position it is recommended to have competitors walk to the next tee respectfully as other competitors are completing the previous hole

### **Tie Breaking:**

- To break a tie for the division champion, an on-course playoff will be used\* on hole(s) designated by the Committee. The playoff start time will be announced by the Committee and will take place as soon as possible at Pinehurst No. 2 after scoring has concluded. The competitors that are tied will play the designated playoff hole(s) in an order chosen by lot. After each hole, scores are compared with the other competitor(s) that are tied. In the event these scores are the same, the playoff will continue until a single competitor remains. Order of play reverses each hole
- A scorecard playoff is used to break all other individual ties comparing the final round total and if tied, proceeding to back nine (holes 10-18), the last 6 holes 13-18), the last 3 holes (16-18), and then 18 backwards until the tie(s) are broken

\*If a playoff is possible and competitors(s) are not available to compete, they forfeit the playoff. If the Committee determines the playoff cannot continue due to darkness or other factors, the scorecard tie breaker will be used

## Local Rules by Course:

### No. 2 -

- **SANDY AREAS** – All sandy/natural areas are considered part of the General Area. There are no bunkers on the course. No free relief for a ball embedded in loose sand
- **GROUND UNDER REPAIR:** A) Areas completely encircled by white lines. B) French drains filled with rocks or stone. C) Areas in bunkers or sandy areas in the General Area where sand has been removed by the movement of water resulting in deep furrows through the sand are ground under repair. D) New tree watering wells
- **MOVEABLE OBSTRUCTIONS:** Log posts & rope near cart paths (if not readily movable, they are Immovable Obstructions.)
- **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS:** Sprinkler control boxes C) Water fountains D) Staked trees. Relief is for the stakes and rope not the tree itself E) Starter's house, restroom or any other like structure. F) Bird houses attached to posts G) Soil-erosion netting / Protective coverings tacked down on and near putting greens H) Exposed irrigation piping or wiring
- **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREEN:** The competitor may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an Immovable Obstruction is on the line of play and is either on or within two club-lengths of the Putting Green and within two club-lengths of the ball. Relief under this Local Rule is only allowed when both the ball and the Immovable Obstruction lie in the general area cut to fairway height or less. MLR F-5
- **ROADS AND PATHS** : Artificially surfaced paths are deemed obstructions. Free relief is not available from sand or dirt paths and roads. Where areas of damaged ground are right next to an artificially surfaced road or path they are treated as a single abnormal course condition whether marked and tied into the road or path or not. MLR F-3.1/3.2
- **OUT OF BOUNDS:** In addition to the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of white stakes, Out of bounds is also defined by: A) The course-side edge of white painted line on Midland Rd. on holes #1 & #2. B) The course-side edge a ground level of the practice range netting posts on holes #14 & #18
- **HOLE #18:** The cart path, flower beds, hedges, grass areas and the clubhouse beyond the cart path, and behind the putting green, are deemed to be one obstruction. A competitor having interference from the obstruction between the blue stakes/dots may, as an additional option, drop the ball without penalty on the nearer of the two Drop Zones located on the putting green side of the cart path
- **WRONG PUTTING GREEN:** The Turf nursery on hole #8/#16 and the two practice greens near the 1st tee are Wrong Putting Greens

### No. 6 -

- **BUNKERS:** Bunkers are specially prepared and maintained sand filled hollows. Any questions regarding whether a sandy area is or is not a bunker, consult a referee for a ruling. If the edge of a bunker adjacent to a naturally sandy area in the general area is difficult to determine, consult a referee for a ruling or play two balls
- **GROUND UNDER REPAIR:** A) Areas completely encircled by white lines. B) French drains filled with rocks or stone. C) Areas in bunkers or sandy areas in the General Area where sand has been removed by the movement of water resulting in deep furrows through the sand are ground under repair. D) New tree watering wells
- **MOVEABLE OBSTRUCTIONS:** A) Log posts & rope near cart paths B) trash boxes C) beverage coolers & their benches (if not readily movable, they are Immovable Obstructions.)
- **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS:** Sprinkler control boxes C) Water fountains D) Staked trees. Relief is for the stakes and rope not the tree itself E) Starter's house, restroom or any other like structure. F) Bird houses attached to posts G) Soil-erosion netting H) Exposed irrigation piping or wiring
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the Putting Green and within two club-lengths of the ball. Relief under this Local Rule is only allowed when both the ball and the Immovable Obstruction lie in the general area cut to fairway height or less. MLR F-5

- **ROADS AND PATHS** : Artificially surfaced paths are deemed obstructions. All other paths are deemed integral parts of the course. Where areas of damaged ground are right next to an artificially surfaced road or path they are treated as a single abnormal course condition whether marked and tied into the road or path or not. MLR F-3.1/3.2
- **OUT OF BOUNDS**: A) Defined by the nearest inside points at ground level of white stakes 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
- **RELIEF ON OPPOSITE SIDE OF RED PENALTY AREA**: Course No. 6, Hole #10 | This Local Rule applies when a competitors ball is found in or it is known or virtually certain to have come to rest in any red penalty area that coincides with a boundary of the course and the point where the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area is on the boundary side of that penalty area. The competitor may drop the original ball or another ball on the opposite side of the penalty area. See MLR B-2.1 for full text

#### No. 8 -

- **GROUND UNDER REPAIR**: A) Areas completely encircled by white lines. B) French drains filled with rocks or stone. C) Areas in bunkers or sandy areas in the General Area where sand has been removed by the movement of water resulting in deep furrows through the sand are ground under repair
- **CLUB HOUSE & BRICK PATH**: The brick path, club house, and shrubbery beds behind #18 green are deemed to be immovable obstructions from which play is prohibited. A competitor must use the closest drop zone on either side of the green
- **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS**: A) Pump house & fencing on hole 13 B) Sprinkler control boxes C) Water fountains D) Starter's house or any restroom structure
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- **SANDY AREAS**: All sandy/natural areas not completely enclosed by sod whether prepared areas or not are deemed to be part of the general area. These areas are not bunkers. Note: no free relief for an embedded ball in loose sand in these areas. Sandy areas that are fully enclosed with sod or painted lines are considered bunkers. MLR C-2.1
- **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREEN**: (Lie of ball must be in a closely mown area) Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 16.1. The competitor also has these extra options to take relief when such immovable obstructions are close to the putting green and on the line of play: For a ball in the General Area the competitor may take relief under 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is: On the line of play and is; Within two club-lengths of the putting green, and Within two club-lengths of the ball. MLR F-5
- **PROVISIONAL BALL FOR A BALL IN A PENALTY AREA** : Course No. 8, Hole #14 If a competitor does not know whether his or her ball is in the penalty area the competitor may play a provisional ball under Rule 18.3. MLR B-3 for full text