

**Utah Section PGA
“Hard Card Rules” and
Tournament Conditions.**

Disregard Local Rules On The Scorecard

The Rules of the United States Golf Association govern play. Complete text of Rules and Appendix 1 may be found in the current Rules of Golf.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is two strokes.

LOCAL RULES

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

WATER AND LATERAL WATER HAZARD STAKES AND LINES –

Water hazards are defined by yellow stakes or yellow lines. Rule 26-1

Lateral water hazards are defined by red stakes or red lines. Rule 26-1

When stakes and lines are used to define water and lateral water hazards, stakes identify hazards and lines define margins.

When a lateral water hazard is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend to infinity

When water hazards and lateral water hazards are 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

WHITE-LINED AREAS TYING INTO ARTIFICIALLY SURFACED ROADS AND PATHS – have the same status as the roads and paths, that of obstructions. Rule 24-2.

WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH – are loose impediments unless otherwise provided for in Notice to Competitors.

EMBEDDED BALL THROUGH THE GREEN – Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix 1 shall be in effect. (Expands relief “Through-the-Green”).

INTERGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE – includes 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 Competitors.

TEMPORARY POWER LINES AND CABLES – Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix 1 shall be in effect.

TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS – Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix 1 shall be in effect.

CONDITIONS

LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS – Note under Rule 5-1 and optional condition as prescribed in Appendix 1 shall be in effect.

LIMITATION ON GOLF BALLS (One Ball Rule) – Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix 1 is in Effect.

TIME OF STARTING – Note under Rule 6-3 and optional condition as prescribed in Appendix 1 shall be in effect.

PACE OF PLAY – See separate memorandum to players for pace of play guidelines.

DISCONTINUANCE OF PLAY – Note under Rule 6-8b and Optional condition as prescribed in Appendix 1 shall be in effect.

All practice areas shall be closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the committee has declared them open. A player using such areas will be subject to a penalty of disqualification.

NOTE – A suspension for a dangerous situation shall be signaled by one prolonged airhorn note, and the Committee shall verbally inform all players. All other types of suspension shall be signaled by three consecutive airhorn notes, repeated. Two short airhorn notes, repeated shall signal resumption of play.

AUTOMOTIVE TRANSPORTATION – Players may use motorized carts. In keeping with the policy of Alpine C.C. only 2 people are allowed in the cart.

SCORE CARDS – are deemed to be returned when the player has left the scoring area.

SPIKELESS SHOES – are required.

CLOSE OF COMPETITION – The competition shall be deemed to have closed when the Committee has approved all scores

PLAYOFFS: All Section Championships or National Qualifying Events playoff procedures and designated playoff holes will be announced by the Committee at the close of regulation play. Playoffs shall begin as soon as possible after the regular competition closes and as designated by the Committee.

Pace of Play: The following Utah Section PGA Pace of Play Guidelines shall supplement those listed under Rule 6-7. Undue Delay; Slow play as listed in *The Rules of Golf*:

- 1) No group of two shall take longer than 3 hrs. 54 min. per 18 holes (13 minutes per hole average);
- 2) No group of three shall take longer than 4 hrs. 12 min. per 18 holes (14 minutes per hole average);
- 3) No group of four shall take longer than 4 hrs. 30 min. per 18 holes (15 minutes per hole average).
- 4) A group is out of position if its cumulative playing time the guidelines listed above.
- 5) A specific outline and or schedule of pace of play procedures may be used by the Committee and supercede the above listed Pace of Play Rules.
- 6) Additionally a group is deemed out of position when: on any par three tee the group in front has left the green prior to your putting out on the previous hole; on any par four the group ahead has left the green prior to your teeing off; or on any par five hole the group ahead has left the green prior to your playing your second shots on that hole.
- 7) Committee Members and/or designated rules officials may monitor and penalize violations of the above guidelines and/or those listed under Rule 6-7.

The committee may, by local rule, permit the use of devices that measure distance only (i.e., the device may not be used to measure other conditions such as wind-speed or the slope of the ground). (Decision 14-3/0.5)

14-3/0.5 Local Rule Permitting Use of Distance-Measuring Devices

If the Committee elects to adopt a Local Rule permitting the use of distance-measuring devices, the following text is recommended:

Distance-Measuring Devices:
[Specify as appropriate, e.g., “In this competition,” or “For all play at this course,” etc.], 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.

A local Rule allowing the use of distance-measuring devices that are capable of gauging or measuring other conditions is not authorized.