



Play is governed by the current USGA Rules of Golf, the following Local Rules subject to amendments by the SCGA Rules Committee, and the *Notice to Players* distributed at each site.

Complete text of the Rules and Appendix I may be found in the current *Rules of Golf*.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is:  
Match Play - Loss of hole; Stroke Play - Two strokes.

### **CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION**

**LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS (NOTE TO RULE 4-1a)** – Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

**LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS (NOTE TO RULE 5-1)** – Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

**PACE OF PLAY (NOTE 2 TO RULE 6-7)** – See separate memorandum to players for pace of play guidelines.

**DISCONTINUANCE OF PLAY (NOTE TO RULE 6-8b)** – Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

**SCORECARDS** – A player is deemed to have returned his scorecard once he has left the scoring area.

**CLOSE OF COMPETITION** – A competition is deemed to have closed when the result (including the result of a playoff, if applicable) has been officially announced or, in stroke play qualifying followed by match play, when the player has teed off in his first match.

### **LOCAL RULES**

**DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICES (NOTE TO RULE 14-3)** – The use of Distance-Measuring Devices is permitted in all SCGA competitions.

**EMBEDDED BALL THROUGH THE GREEN** – Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

**WATER AND LATERAL WATER HAZARD STAKES AND LINES** – When a water hazard or a lateral water hazard is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend to infinity. When a water hazard or lateral water hazard is bounded by out of bounds, the hazard margin extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line.

**OUT OF BOUNDS (DEC. 27/20)** – A ball which crosses a public road defined as out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that road is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course.

**GROUND UNDER REPAIR** – Defined by white lines. French drains are deemed to be ground under repair.

**WHITE-LINED AREAS TYING INTO ARTIFICIALLY-SURFACED ROADS AND PATHS (DEC. 33-8/25)** – have the same status as the roads and paths, that of obstructions.

**AERATION HOLES** – The Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

**SEAMS OF CUT TURF (SOD SEAMS)** – The Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

**EDGING GROOVES (DEC. 33-8/24)** – If a ball lies on an edging groove around a putting green, the player may, without penalty, lift the ball, clean it and place it out of the groove in the nearest position to where it lay, whether on or off the putting green, which is not nearer the hole.

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

**INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE** – include artificial walls and pilings when located in hazards, unless otherwise provided for in *Notice to Players*.

**POWER LINES (DEC. 33-8/13)** – If a ball strikes an overhead power line, the stroke is canceled and the player must play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was played in accordance with Rule 20-5. See *Notice to Players* for further clarification.

## SCGA POLICIES

**DRESS ATTIRE AND FOOTWEAR** – Players must adhere to the dress code and footwear requirements as stated in the *Player Information Sheet*.

**CODE OF CONDUCT** – By submitting an entry for any SCGA-administered competition, the contestant understands that his/her participation is at the sole discretion of the SCGA. A contestant may be removed from any competition at the discretion of the SCGA staff or Rules and Competitions Committee at any time before or during the competition. Incidents of unbecoming conduct or actions deemed to be detrimental to the image of the SCGA or the “Spirit of the Game” are grounds for such removal and suspension from future SCGA-administered competitions. These include, but are not limited to the following: 1) Willful damage of the golf course or golf course property 2) Club throwing or unnecessary club tossing 3) Offensive or unbecoming language 4) Public criticism of golf course or verbal abuse of SCGA staff, officials, volunteers, host club staff or other contestants 5) Potential endangerment of others and 6) Conduct deemed unbecoming.

**WITHDRAWAL POLICY** – To withdraw for any reason prior to the start of an SCGA competition, a player must notify the SCGA Rules and Competitions Department. During business hours (7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) you may call the Rules and Competitions Department at (818) 980-3630. To withdraw on a weekend, or during non-business hours, e-mail the SCGA staff person in charge of the event. If a player needs to withdraw on the morning of the event, notify the SCGA staff person through the golf shop staff at the host venue. Failure to notify the SCGA will subject the player to suspension from future SCGA competitions.

**DURING AN SCGA COMPETITION:** All players are expected to complete the competition which they start. Acceptable reasons for withdrawal during a competition are physical injury, illness, or an emergency. Poor play is not an acceptable reason for withdrawal. A player who withdraws without an acceptable reason or without notifying SCGA personnel will be subject to suspension from future SCGA competitions. If a player is aware of a possibility of withdrawal (e.g. injury), he should notify the SCGA as soon as possible and before pairings are announced for the next day. All players who start a round must return a scorecard personally to SCGA staff or an SCGA official – even if they are officially withdrawing. Players who do not follow this policy will be subject to suspension from future SCGA competitions. Players who withdraw also must sign and attest that the hole-by-hole scores are correct for the fellow-competitor’s scorecard they were keeping and return that card to the fellow-competitor or another marker in the group.

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