



**LOCAL RULES and TERMS of the COMPETITION for 2021  
MIDDLE ATLANTIC GOLF ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS**



The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and R&A Rules Limited govern play. See applicable championship or qualifying round *Notice to Players* and *Entry Application* for modifications and/or additions to these Local Rules and Terms of the Competition. Complete text of the Rules and Local Rules may be found in the *Official Guide to the Rules of Golf*, effective January 2019.

**UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, THE PENALTY FOR BREACH OF A LOCAL RULE IS THE GENERAL PENALTY.**

**BALL PLAYED FROM OUTSIDE RELIEF AREA WHEN TAKING BACK-ON-THE-LINE RELIEF** – Local Rule as prescribed in the Clarifications to the 2019 Rules of Golf is in effect. Model Local Rule E-12.

**CODE OF CONDUCT** – See separate memorandum to players for code of conduct policy.

**DAMAGED AREAS TYING INTO ARTIFICIALLY SURFACED ROADS AND PATHS** – Areas of damaged ground (whether white-lined or not) and the artificially surfaced roads, paths or other identified obstructions that they are connected to are treated as a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.

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

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 immovable obstruction, such an area is part of that obstruction.

**INTEGRAL OBJECTS** – Include cables, rods, wires and wrappings when closely attached to trees, and artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas or in or adjacent to bunkers, and bunker liners.

An exposed bunker linker may be treated as ground under repair, but interference does not exist if the liner interferes with only the player's stance.

**LIMITING WHEN STROKE MADE FROM PUTTING GREEN MUST BE REPLAYED UNDER EXCEPTION 2 TO RULE 11.1B** - Local Rule as prescribed in the Clarifications to the 2019 Rules of Golf is in effect. Model Local Rule D-7.

**LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER Heads** – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-1.

**LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS** – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-3.

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

**OUT OF BOUNDS** – Defined by the line is determined by the line between the course-side points of white stakes and fence posts at ground level. When defined by a line on the ground, the line itself is out of bounds.

**PACE OF PLAY** – See separate memorandum to players for pace of play policy, when applicable.

**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.

**PROHIBITING USE OF SHOES WITH METAL OR TRADITIONALLY DESIGNED SPIKES** – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-7.

**RELIEF FROM SEAMS OF CUT TURF (SOD SEAMS)** – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-7.

**REPLACEMENT OF BROKEN OR SIGNIFICANTLY DAMAGED CLUB** – Local Rule as prescribed in the Clarifications to the 2019 Rules of Golf is in effect. Model Local Rule G-9.

**STOPPING AND RESUMING PLAY** – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule J-1.

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.

An immediate suspension will be signaled by one prolonged air horn note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive air horn notes. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short air horn notes.

**TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS** – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-23.

**USE OF AUDIO AND VIDEO DEVICES** – Electronic devices may be used in accordance with the Rules of Golf and any Local Rules and Terms of the Competition in effect. These devices are not to be used in a manner that distracts other players. A violation could be regarded as unbecoming conduct and constitute grounds for disciplinary action, including disqualification for serious misconduct.

**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 Committee has approved the result as posted on the public scoreboard. (As of 2/25/2021)

