



## **CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION AND LOCAL RULES**

The United States Golf Association (“USGA”) Rules of Golf and its Decisions govern play, as modified by the Local Rules and definitions. **See applicable competition’s “Notice to Competitors (Players)” for additional Definitions, Local Rules and Conditions.** The following Conditions of Competition and Local Rules apply and may be found in the USGA Rules of Golf.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for a breach of a Local Rule or Condition is: Two (2) Strokes.

### **Section A – Conditions of Competition**

1. **Specification of the Ball (Rule 4.2a)**

A. List of Conforming Golf Balls – See List Of Approved Golf Balls

B. One Ball Condition – Applies only to players in the Championship Flight.

2. **Time of Starting (Rule 5.3a)**

3. **Pace of Play (Rule 5.6)**

See McAllen Amateur Golf Championship Pace of Play Guidelines and Penalties

4. **Suspension of Play Due to a Dangerous Situation (Rule 5.7)**

Note: All practice areas shall be closed during a suspension for a dangerous situation until the McAllen Amateur Rules Committee has declared them open. Players who disregard such closing shall be subject to disqualification.





5. **Practice Between Holes (Rule 5.2b)**-Practice is prohibited on or near the putting green of the hole last played
6. **Doubt As To Procedure (Rule 20.1c)**-If a *competitor* is doubtful of his rights or the correct procedure during the play of a hole he may without penalty, complete the hole with two balls. After the doubtful situation has arisen and before taking further action, the *competitor* must announce to his *marker* or a fellow competitor that he intends to play two balls and which ball he wishes to count if the *Rules* permit. If he fails to do so, the provisions of Rule 33(ii) apply. The *competitor* must report the facts of the situation to the *Committee* before returning his scorecard. If he fails to do so, **he is disqualified.**
7. **Close of Competition** -The competition shall be deemed to have closed when the McAllen Amateur Rules Committee has approved all scores. In the event of a playoff, the competition shall be deemed to have closed when the playoff scores have been approved by same
8. **Ties** for First Place will be broken using a sudden death playoff; sudden death hole will be determined by the Committee and will depend on the flow of other competitors still on the golf course. All other ties will be broken using a scorecard play-off, starting on the first handicap hole, going forward to the second and so on until the winner is determined.
9. **CADDIES** must walk and carry the competitor's bag unless the competitor uses a privately owned golf cart; in such case, caddies are allowed to put the clubs on the cart and ride if the Competitor personally registers the caddie in the Official Caddie Registration Roster located in the Golf Shop
10. **2nd Day Low Score Prizes**-Only players positioned in the bottom 1/2 of the field or 6 or more strokes behind the 3rd place score after the first round will be eligible for 2nd day low round prizes; the 2nd Round scorecard will be used to break ties, starting on the first handicap hole going forward to the second and so on until the winner is determined.
11. **Adverse Weather Conditions**-STIPULATED ROUNDS: The Competition will be played in four (4) stipulated nine (9) hole rounds; unless specified otherwise by the Committee, players will be required to turn in their scorecard only at the end of the second and fourth rounds. The following guidelines will apply:





- a. All players in the flight must complete at least 18 holes to constitute a tournament
- b. If less than 18 holes are completed on the scheduled tournament dates, then Saturday, July 1, 2023 will be used
- c. If all players within the flight complete 18 but less than 27 holes, then 18 hole scores will be used to determine the winners for that flight only
- d. If all players within the flight complete 27 but less than 36 holes, then 27 hole scores will be used to determine the winners for that flight only

## SECTION B-LOCAL RULES

1. **Tees:** Play for all players will be from the VANTAGE BANK Tournament tees; **4<sup>th</sup> FLIGHT WILL PLAY FROM THE BLUE TEES**
2. **Out of Bounds:** Defined by inside edge of white stakes, parking lot curbs and/or perimeter fencing.
3. **Yellow Penalty Areas:** Defined by yellow lines. The lines define the margin of the penalty area
4. **Red Penalty Area:** Defined by red lines. The lines define the margin of the penalty area.
5. **Environmentally Sensitive Areas:** Are all high grass areas out in the roughs and are hereby declared red penalty areas. The high grass itself defines the margin of the penalty area
6. **Ground Under Repair:**
  - a. Areas defined by white lines.
  - b. Drain lines that are still exposed trenches or that are filled with sand or gravel.
  - c. Sunken trenches, newly sodded areas, Ornamental Flower beds
  - d. Ruts or washouts resulting from water erosion
  - e. AERATION HOLES-Any ball laying in the fairway and in an aeration hole; no relief for aeration hole interference with stance or path of intended swing.
7. **Embedded Ball Rule:** In effect through the Green
8. **Obstructions:**
  - a. **Immovable**-Restroom structures, *Cart Traffic Control Stakes and Wire at Pilot Channel crossing Hole 7*, concrete and artificially-surfaced paths, white-lined areas tying into artificially-surfaced roads or paths, ball washers, all course signs, benches, bridge structures, drinking water stands and stakes and wires of all newly planted trees
  - a. **Movable**- Yardage Indicator stakes in fairways, PVC pipes, ropes, red top poles and all signs used for cart traffic control.
  - b. **Temporary Immovable**-Sponsor signs and grandstands are hereby declared temporary immovable obstructions





9. **TREE WELLS**-Decisions Book, Rule 33-2a/10.5-Status Of Tree Basins-*There is no relief from tree wells*
10. **Permanent Elevated Power Lines or Cables**  
If a ball strikes a permanent elevated power line or cable, the stroke **shall be** cancelled and replayed, without penalty (see Rule 20-5). If the ball is not immediately recoverable another ball may be substituted.
11. **Casual Water on Putting Green**  
If a temporary accumulation of casual water exists on the putting green, the McAllen Amateur Committee may:
- Require the player to proceed under Rule 25-1b(iii);
  - Squeegee the line of putt when a player's ball lies on the green;
  - Squeegee the putting green until the players are near the putting green; or
  - In extreme cases any combination of a, b and c above.
12. **Electronic Yardage Measuring** devices are permitted during the competition rounds
13. **Audio Devices**- Model Local Rule G-8 "Rule 4.3a(4) is modified this way: during a round, a player must not listen to content of any nature on a personal audio device.

## PACE OF PLAY TIMESHEET

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Allotted Minutes/Hole	16	12	13	14	15	15	18	11	14	14	14	14	14	10	16	14	9	21
Cumulative for Tee 1 Start		28	41	55	1:10	1:25	1:43	1:54	2:08	2:22	2:36	2:50	3:04	3:14	3:30	3:44	3:53	4:14
Cumulative for Tee 10 Start	2:22	2:34	2:47	3:01	3:16	3:31	3:49	4:00	4:14		0:28	42	56	1:06	1:22	1:36	1:45	2:06

Group No.																		
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Time allotted																		

