

ILLINOIS PGA
2018 CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION AND LOCAL RULES

Play is governed by the Rules of Golf and its Decisions, as modified by the Illinois PGA. See applicable competition's "Notice to Competitors" for additional Definitions, Local Rules and Conditions. The following Conditions of Competition and Local Rules apply and may be found in the current Appendix I of the Rules of Golf as referenced on page numbers below. The Illinois PGA reserves the right to reject any player's entry to an event at any time. The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct. *Decisions made by the Rules Committee are FINAL.*

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is: **Match Play – Loss of Hole; Stroke Play – Two Strokes.** *Players disqualified from a tournament shall be required to pick-up immediately and leave the golf course.*

SECTION A: CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

1. Specifications of Equipment

a. Any driver the player carries must have a club head, identified by model and loft that is named on the current USGA List of Confirming Driver Heads. (Appendix 1, Part B, 1-a).

b. Only brands of golf balls named on the most current USGA List of Conforming Golf Balls may be used. (Appendix 1, Part B, 1-b)

Penalty: DISQUALIFICATION

2. Time of Starting – Rule 6-3a

3. Suspension of Play For a Dangerous Situation (Note to Rule 6-8b)

Players must discontinue play immediately and not resume play until the Rules Committee has ordered a resumption of play.

Penalty: DISQUALIFICATION

All practice areas are closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open for use. Players who disregard such closing will be subject to disciplinary action by the Section Tournament Committee.

Note: A suspension and resumption of play will be signaled by:

- a. Discontinue Play Immediately: One prolonged siren.
- b. Resume Play: Two short siren notes.
- c. Discontinue Play: Three short siren blasts

4. Practice:

Prior to a stroke play round, a player may only practice on the designated areas. Between the play of two holes,, a player must not play any practice stroke on or near, or roll a ball on the putting green of the hole last played and must not test the surface of the hole last played by rolling a ball. (Rule 7-2 – Note 2).

Note: This condition does not apply if the stipulated round is a Pro-Am and the round does not count in the official competition or in any Match Play competition.

5. Close of Competition:

The competition shall be deemed to have closed when the trophy has been presented to the winner, or in the absence of a prize ceremony, when the scores have been approved by the committee.

The result of a match is considered to have been "officially announced" when the committee has approved the result and posted the result on the scoreboard.

6. Dress Code:

Players and caddies may not wear blue jeans and may not wear collarless t-shirt or tank tops. Men will observe the dress code of the PGA Tour, NO SHORTS. Additionally, all individuals (participants or caddies) in any Illinois PGA sanctioned event wear spikeless/non-metal (alternative spike) golf shoes. Exception: Caddies may wear tailored shorts.

Penalty: DISQUALIFICATION

SECTION B: LOCAL RULES

1. Abnormal Ground Conditions – Rule 25:

Ground Under Repair:

- a. Defined by areas completely enclosed with white lines.
- b. French drains.
- c. Active fire ant mounds or hills.
- d. Grass-covered cable trenches.
- e. Other areas as determined by Rules Committee.

2. Embedded Ball "Through the Green":

As described in Appendix I is in effect for all events.

3. Sod Seams:

Through the green, sod seams (not the sod itself) are deemed to be ground under repair, and relief is available under Rule 25-1 if the ball lies in or touches a sod seam or the sod seam interferes with the area of intended swing. All seams within the sodded area are considered the same seam.

4. Immovable Obstructions – Rule 24:

- a. White lined areas tying into obstructions are deemed to have the same status as the obstruction and are not ground under repair.
- b. Landscaped garden areas completely encircled by an obstruction are part of the obstruction.
- c. When railroad ties, curbing or the like are adjoined to the road or path, they are deemed to be part of the obstruction.
- d. Stakes, ropes, wires, or other objects supporting trees or tree limbs, provided they are not closely attached, are immovable obstructions.

5. Sprinkler Heads Around the Putting Green (2+2 rule):

If a ball that lies through the green is on or within two club-lengths of an immovable obstruction, and that obstruction lies on or within 2 club-lengths of the green, a player is entitled to relief.

6. Stones in Bunkers (Appendix 1, Part A, 3-f):

Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions (Rules 24-1 applies)

7. Turf Plugs on Putting Green:

Turf plugs on putting greens have the same status as old hole plugs and may be repaired as provided in Rule 16-1c.

8. Integral Parts of the Course:

- a. Wrappings, wires, cables and other objects when closely attached to trees or objects defining out of bounds.
- b. Artificial retaining walls and pilings when located within water hazards or when used to define the margin of bunkers unless otherwise provided for in Notice to Competitors.

9. Distance-Measuring Devices:

A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. 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.

Penalty–First Breach: 2 Strokes. Second Breach: DISQUALIFICATION

10. Accidental Movement of a Ball on a Putting Green:

When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in the Rules.

11. Modification of Score Card Penalty:

The exception to rule 6-6d is modified as follows:

Exception: If a competitor returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken due to failure to include one or more penalty strokes that, before returning his score card, he did not know he had incurred, he is not disqualified. In such circumstances, the competitor incurs the penalty prescribed by the applicable rule, but there is no additional penalty for a breach of Rule 6-6d. This exception does not apply when the applicable penalty is disqualification from the competition.

ILLINOIS PGA PACE OF PLAY GUIDELINES

1. OUT OF POSITION: The first group of an event or tee schedule with three (3) competitors will be expected to play at a pace equivalent to 13 minutes for par 3's, 14 minutes for par 4's and 15 minutes for par 5's. For each player in excess of three (3) in a group, the time per hole increases by one (1) minute and likewise, one (1) minute less for each player under three (3) per group. The first group may be placed "on the clock" and in addition to provisions of #2 below, will be expected to regain their position relative to the Pace of Play chart or be subjected to a subsequent penalty.

2. WARNING: A group found to be two full shots and a putting green behind the group in front of them AND which is not on schedule with the pace of play chart established by #1 above, shall be informed that their group is being timed. This will serve as the only warning for each competitor prior to being penalized for subsequent slow play. Players will then have 40 seconds to play a stroke. It is reasonable for a player to have a few extra seconds on trouble shots. The player having the honor on the teeing ground or making the first stroke on the putting green of the hole being played has an additional 10 seconds for preparation. If the player exceeds this 40 second limit, he/she will be penalized as follows:

First Offense: One (1) stroke penalty and \$50.00 fine. Second Offense: Two (2) stroke penalty and \$100.00 fine. Third Offense: The player will be disqualified

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