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Minnesota Section

MINNESOTA SECTION PGA OF AMERICA RULES OF PLAY AND INFORMATION

Play is governed by the current Rules of Golf, and where applicable, by the following Local Rules, Conditions and Definitions. Appendix 1 refers to the Appendix of Local Rules in the Rules of Golf Booklet. Any changes to this card will be supplied on a *Notice to Competitors* and/or supplementary *Local Rules* sheet.

UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED, THE PENALTY FOR BREACH OF A LOCAL RULE OR CONDITION IS:
MATCH PLAY—LOSS OF HOLE · STROKE PLAY—TWO STROKES

OFFICIAL TIME/TIME OF STARTING—The clock at the tee where the player begins their stipulated round is the official time of starting. When no clock exists, official time is determined by the Official In-Charge.

SPECIFICATION OF DRIVER HEADS—Any driver the player carries must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft, that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the USGA. Penalty for breach of condition: See Appendix I.

SPECIFICATION OF GOLF BALLS—The ball the player plays must be named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the USGA. Penalty for breach of condition: Disqualification.

PACE OF PLAY—(Note 2 to Rule 6-7) See separate memorandum to players for pace of play guidelines, when applicable.

OUT OF BOUNDS—Defined by the nearest inside points of white stakes and/or property fence posts at ground level. When OB is defined by a white line on the ground, the line itself is out of bounds. Rule 27-1.

WATER AND LATERAL WATER HAZARD STAKES AND LINES—Rule 26-1.

Water Hazards are defined by yellow stakes and/or lines.

Lateral Water Hazards are defined by red stakes and/or lines.

- 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 (except Dropping Zones). French drains are deemed to be ground under repair. Flower beds on the course are also deemed to be ground under repair. Rule 25-1.

SEAMS OF CUT TURF—Through the green, seams of cut turf (not the turf itself) are deemed to be ground under repair. However, interference by a seam with the player's stance is deemed not to be, of itself, interference under Rule 25-1. If the ball lies in or touches the seam or the seam interferes with the player's area of intended swing, relief is available under Rule 25-1. All seams within the cut turf area are considered the same seam.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS—Asphalt and artificially surfaced roads and paths are immovable obstructions. White lined areas tying into roads or paths have the same status as the roads or paths, and thus they are immovable obstructions and not ground under repair. Railroad ties, curbing or the like that are attached to cart paths are deemed to be part of the same obstruction.

RETAINING WALLS AND PILINGS—When located within water hazards or within and/or around bunkers, retaining walls and pilings are integral parts of the course.

TREE WRAPPINGS, ELECTRICAL WIRES AND CABLES—Tree wrappings, electrical wires, cables, signs and lightning rods closely attached to trees are not obstructions; they are integral parts of the course.

WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH—Are loose impediments, unless otherwise provided for in the Local Rules.

TURF PLUGS ON PUTTING GREEN: On the putting green, in addition to Rule 16-1c, the player may repair turf plugs of any size.

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

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES—A player or his/her caddie may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his/her play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, elevation, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3 for which the penalty for the first offense is 2 strokes and disqualification for any subsequent offense.

PERMANENTLY ELEVATED POWER LINES OR CABLES—If a ball strikes a permanently elevated power line or cable, while in bounds, 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.

STONES IN BUNKERS—Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions. Rule 24-1.

PRACTICE—Prior to a round in stroke play, a player may practice on the designated practice areas. Rule 7-1b applies to other practice in stroke play, and Rule 7-1b covers practice before the round in match play.

SUSPENSION OF PLAY—When play is suspended for a dangerous situation, if the players in a match or group are between the play of two holes, they must not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If they are in the process of playing a hole, they must discontinue play immediately and not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If a player fails to discontinue play immediately, they are **disqualified**, unless circumstances warrant waiving the penalty as provided in Rule 33-7.

Note: A suspension for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged siren or horn blast. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive siren or horn blasts. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short siren or horn blasts.

APPLICATION OF EXCEPTION TO RULE 6-6D FOLLOWING CUT—The cut for Minnesota PGA events is official when the following round's pairings have been approved and published by the Tournament Committee. Once the field has been reduced, and the pairings have been approved and published, no additions to the field will be made. If a player's breach of Rule 6-6d is discovered after the cut is official, and the addition of penalty strokes, from a round prior to the cut, results in the player's score being higher than the cut score, the player will be withdrawn from the field and will be considered to have missed the cut. Any such player is ineligible for any "made the cut" prize money, points or other benefits.

ACCIDENTAL MOVEMENT OF A BALL ON THE PUTTING GREEN—Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows: 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 Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1. This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-makers lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental. Note: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.

RETURNING SCORECARD—For the purpose of applying Rule 6-6c, a competitor is considered to have returned their scorecard when they have first left the scoring area.

CLOSE OF COMPETITION—The competition is deemed to have closed 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.



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