

## LOCAL RULES AND TERMS OF THE COMPETITION FOR 2021 CENTRAL LINKS GOLF COMPETITIONS

The Rules of Golf as approved by the USGA and R&A govern play.

See applicable Championship or qualifying round *Notice to Players and Entry Application* for additional Local Rules & Conditions. Complete text of Rules and Local Rules may be found in the

**Official Guide to the Rules of Golf**, effective January 1, 2019

Unless otherwise noted, penalty for breach of a Local Rule/Condition is:

*Match play – Loss of hole; Stroke play – Two strokes.*

### **LOCAL RULES**

**Penalty Area Stakes and Lines** - When a penalty area is defined on only one side, it extends to infinity. When a penalty area is connected to out of bounds, the penalty area extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line.

**Ground Under Repair** - Defined by white lines. French drains are ground under repair. For grass covered trenching, see Temporary Power Lines and Cables.

Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage, including areas where spectators or other traffic have 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.

**Relief from Seams of Cut Turf (Sod Seams)** – The Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. All seams within the cut turf area are considered the same seam. Model Local Rule F-7.

**Aeration Holes** – The Local Rule for Aeration Holes as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Relief is for lie of ball only. Model Local Rule E-4.

**White-Lined Areas Tying Obstructions** - Have the same status as the roads and paths, that of obstructions.

**Wood Chips and Mulch** - are loose impediments.

**Integral Objects** - Include cables, rods, wires, or wrappings when closely attached to trees, and artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas and bunkers.

**Ball Deflected by Power Lines** - Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

Model Local Rule E-11

**Temporary Immovable Obstructions** - Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

Model Local Rule F-23.

**Limitation of Stroke From Putting Green to be Replayed Under Exception 2 to Rule 11.1b** - Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule D-7.

### **CONDITIONS**

**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.

**Replacing Club that is Broken or Significantly Damaged:** Model Local Rule G-9 is in effect.

**Ball Played Outside of Relief Area When Taking Back-On-the-Line Relief.** Model Local Rule E-12 is in effect.

**Pace of Play:** See separate memorandum for pace of play guidelines posted on the website and at the starting tee.

**Code of Conduct:** See separate memorandum for Code of Conduct posted on the website and at the starting tee.

**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.

*Signals for discontinuance and resumption of play:*

1 One prolonged airhorn note – Discontinue Play Immediately, Dangerous Situation

3 Three Consecutive airhorn notes repeated – Other Suspensions

2 Two Short airhorn notes repeated – Resumption of Play

**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.