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2010 NCPGA Junior Golf Tour

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Conditions of Competition
&
Local Rules

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NCPGA Junior Golf Tour play is governed by the USGA Rules of Golf and supplemented by the following Conditions of Competition & Local Rules. Unless otherwise noted, penalty for breach of any rule or condition contained in the following will be: Two Strokes: Stroke Play / Loss of Hole: Match Play

Conditions of Competition

Time of Starting (Rules 6-3):

Note to Rule 6-3 is in effect: If a player arrives at his starting tee, ready to play, within five minutes after his starting time, the failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole instead of disqualification. A player is deemed to be late when he/she is not present, ready to play at their designated tee time, or, in the case of a delayed tee time, when the 1st player is called to play away.

Golf Balls:

The only golf balls that may be used in any NCPGA Junior Golf Tour event are listed on the USGA *List of Conforming Golf Balls* (please refer to www.usga.org for details)

Note: The NCPGA Junior Golf Tour **will not** put the one ball rule into effect.

PENALTY OF CONDITION: Disqualification

Driver Heads (Rule 4-1):

Note to Rule 4-1 is in effect: It is a condition that all eTOUR players carry a driver with a club head identified by model and loft that is listed on the current USGA *List of Conforming Driver Heads* (please refer to www.usga.org for details)

PENALTY OF CONDITION: Two strokes per hole for a maximum of four strokes per round **for carrying a non-conforming club.**

PENALTY OF CONDITION: Disqualification **for using a non-conforming club.**

Yardage Markers:

NCPGA Junior Golf Tour Yardage Rings will be placed in the center of each fairway to indicate the distance, in yards, to the front of each green

Practice Between Holes (Rule 7-1,2 & Note 2):

Between the play of two holes, a player must not make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole last played and must not test the surface of the putting green of the hole last played by rolling a ball.

Exception: A player may practice by putting or chipping on or near the first *teeing ground* before starting a round or play-off.

PENALTY OF CONDITION: Disqualification

Exception: When play has been suspended by the Committee, a player may, prior to resumption of play, practice anywhere but on the competition course.

PENALTY OF CONDITION: Stroke play – Two Strokes / Loss of Hole: Match Play.

Suspending and Resuming Play (*Rule 6-8, 6-8b* and corresponding notes):

Suspension for a dangerous situation: One long prolonged siren or air horn blast.

All other types of suspensions (i.e. for darkness): Three consecutive air horn blasts.

Resumption of play: Two air horn blasts

When play has been suspended for a dangerous situation, all practice facilities are deemed to be closed until declared open by the Committee.

Results of Competition (*Rules 6-6b*):

The competition is deemed closed when all results have been posted.

PENALTY OF CONDITION: Disqualification

Caddies & Transportation (please refer to the Caddie Policy in the Tour Manual):

- a) All NCPGA Junior Golf Tour players are permitted to utilize caddies during a stipulated round. eTOUR players may only utilize a caddie that is 13 years of age or older and who is not their parent or guardian. iTOUR players are permitted to have a parent caddie for them.
- b) Push cars are permitted for both eTOUR & iTOUR players unless otherwise noted by the Committee.
- c) Golf Cars are not permitted for any NCPGA Junior Golf Tour player or caddie unless given permission to ride, by the committee, due to a physical condition or impairment. This policy also applies to spectators (you must present a valid disabled placard or paperwork prior to the round at the spectators booth in order to purchase a golf car from the host facility golf shop.

*Note: A player may ride in a golf car if they are being shuttle from hole-to-tee, must be evacuated for medical reasons, or must return to the tee to put a ball into play.

Conduct: Objectionable behavior by players or spectators includes the following:

- a) Club throwing
- b) Obscene or vulgar language/motions
- c) Littering
- d) Defacing or destroying host facility or fellow competitor property
- e) Abuse of NCPGA Junior Golf Tour staff, officials, field reps, PGA Members, or volunteers
- f) Absolutely no use of alcohol (after completion of a stipulated round, parents may enjoy an alcoholic beverage at their own expense), tobacco products, or drugs
- g) Anything else to be declared objectionable by the committee

Local Rules

Distance Measuring Devices:

- a) eTOUR players may NOT use any kind of distance measuring devices while playing in an NCPGA Junior Golf Tour Championship.
- b) iTOUR players may utilize distance measuring devices that do not have a wind, angle, altitude, etc. feature (used only to determine yardage and MUST NOT SLOW PLAY).

Out of Bounds (*Rule 27-1*):

- a) Defined by inside edge of white stakes and/or property fence posts at ground level. When defined by a white line, the line itself is out of bounds.
- b) The inside edge of a paved road or curb defines out of bounds. A ball that is on or beyond the road or curb is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the golf course.

Ground Under Repair: Ground under repairs is defined by white lines. Other areas of ground under repair, even when not marked, include:

- a) French drains, which are trenches filled with rocks or stones.
- b) Fire ant beds or mounds. (Note: For a player whose ball is in a water hazard and is affected by a fire ant bed or mound, see decision 1-4/10)

Integral Part of the Golf Course: Integral parts of the course are areas on the course from which relief is not granted. Integral parts of the golf course include (unless otherwise provided in the Notice to Competitors):

- a) Cables, rods, wires or wrappings when closely attached to trees.
- b) Liners in bunkers.
- c) Artificial walls and pilings when located in hazards.

Sod Seams: Except in a hazard, 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.

Temporary Immovable Obstructions: Temporary Immovable Obstructions include any temporary obstruction installed for the competition, including ropes and stakes surrounding any NCPGA Junior Golf Tour tent or structure.

Roads and Paths (*Rule 24-2*): Curbing and artificial materials bordering cart paths are considered part of the obstruction. White-lined areas tying into roads and paths are part of the obstruction.

Embedded Ball Through the Green: as prescribed in Appendix I: Through the green, a ball that is embedded in its own pitch-mark in the ground may be lifted, without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to where it lay but not nearer the hole.

Wood Chips and Mulch: Wood chips and mulch are loose impediments (unless otherwise provided in the Notice to Competitors).

Undue Delay; Slow Play: Please reference *Rule 6-7* in your USGA *Rules of Golf* Book.