



**3rd North State High School Challenge
Club at Irish Creek Kannapolis, NC
March 20-21, 2015**



Local Rules

PLAY THE BALL AS IT LIES

FORMAT

36-hole stroke play. The best four daily scores from each team are used to determine the team score. Team and individual competition are run concurrently.

TEES

Play the BLUE TYGA tee markers.

OUT OF BOUNDS

Out of bounds is defined by the inside points of white stakes and white PVC posts at ground level; by white lines tying into white stakes; by the inside edge of all paved roads (including parking lots) and beyond even if your ball comes to rest on another part of the course.

ADVICE

See other side of this sheet for full details.

OUT OF BOUNDS

Out of bounds is defined by the inside points of white stakes at ground level; by the inside edge of road left of hole #4; by white lines connecting stakes and roads; by the fence surrounding the pool on hole #1.

OBSTRUCTIONS

The entrance driveway, parking lots, road right of hole #9 and behind #17 green, and the fenced water shed right of hole #9 are immovable obstructions. Stones adjacent to cart paths and areas encircled by cart path are deemed part of the path. Plastic wolves are movable obstructions.

DROPPING ZONES

As an additional option under the applicable rule, the following dropping zones may be used:

#5: Nearest drop zone for a ball that enters the lateral water hazard behind the green. Use the hazard stake with the Blue top as the middle point to determine which drop zone to use.

#7: Nearest drop zone for a ball that enters the lateral water hazard behind the green. Use the hazard stake with the Blue top as the middle point to determine which drop zone to use.

#8: Drop zone located on the 122-yard tee for a ball that enters the water hazard or lateral water hazard.

#9: Drop zone located 30-yards from green in left rough for interference by the pump house left of the green.

#15: Drop zone located left of greenside bunker for a ball that enters the lateral water hazard left and behind the green.

MULCHED AND PINE STRAW AREAS

Mulched and pine straw areas are "through the green". No free relief.

STAKED TREES

Ropes and stakes supporting trees are immovable obstructions. Relief is from stakes or ropes only, not from the tree itself.

AUTO TRANSPORTATION

Players must not use automotive transportation during a stipulated round except from committee members or where allowed by the committee. A player may accept transport from a rules official or coach if, under a rule, the player needs to return to the spot from which the last stroke was played. Transportation to a restroom is allowed.

TIES

A tie for first place in the team division will be broken by the fifth player's second round. If still tied, the fifth player's first round score will be used. If still tied, teams will share first place. A tie for medalist will be broken by a playoff beginning on #10 and then, if needed, #18. All other trophy ties will be broken by total score for the second round on holes 10-18. Then, if needed, holes 13-18, then 16-18 if needed.

PACE OF PLAY

Groups out of position and over the allotted pace time will be warned that individuals in the group are subject to being timed. See other side of this rules sheet for timing procedure and scorecard for pace of play timing guidelines. Penalties are applied to individuals, not to the group. Pace of play guidelines are provided on the player's scorecard. Pace of play timing guidelines are the maximum amount of time given not the actual pace of play. Players are expected to play under the maximum time limit. Note that a group out of position but within its time limit may be unofficially asked to close the gap.

CELL PHONES AND RULINGS

In case of a ruling, call the head official Jason Cox at 910-691-1109. A rules official will be dispatched to your location as soon as possible.

RULES COMMITTEE

Bob Gerard Rusty Harder Chris Zeh Jason Cox (OIC)



Notice to Players

2012-15 USGA Rules of Golf and the local rules on both sides of this sheet govern play at this tournament. Disregard local rules printed on the club score card.

CADDIES: Caddies are not allowed.

THE ONE-BALL RULE IS NOT IN EFFECT: Any golf ball may be used in this tournament; however the ball must appear on the USGA Conforming Ball List.

LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS: Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

TIME OF STARTING: A player is responsible for being at the assigned tee promptly to begin play on time. A player should arrive at the assigned tee prior to the player's starting time in order to receive all information. Players will not be called to assigned tees. Official starting clocks are located on the starting tees.

RULE 3-3 - DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE: In stroke play only, when during play of a hole a competitor is doubtful of his rights or procedure, he may, without penalty, complete the hole with two balls. After the doubtful situation has arisen and before taking further action, the competitor must 1) announce to his marker or a fellow-competitor that he intends to play two balls and 2) which ball he wishes to count if the Rules permit. The player **MUST** report the facts of the situation to the Rules Committee before returning his score card. If he fails to do so, he is disqualified.

EMBEDDED BALL: "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. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green. *Exceptions:* 1. A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if the ball is embedded in sand in an area that is not closely mown. 2. A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if interference by anything other than the condition covered by this Local Rule makes the stroke clearly impracticable.

WATER HAZARDS: Water hazards are identified by yellow stakes and defined by yellow lines. Lateral water hazards are identified by red stakes, defined by red lines and include unmarked drainage ditches and other open water courses. 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. Fire ant hills and French drains are ground under repair. White-lined areas tying into cart paths are part of those obstructions. 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 and edges within the sodded area are considered the same seam or edge.

TRANSPORTATION: Players must not use automotive transportation during a stipulated round except from committee members or where allowed by the committee. A player may accept transport from a rules official or coach if, under a rule, the player needs to return to the spot from which the last stroke was played. Transportation to a restroom is allowed.

ADVICE IN TEAM COMPETITION: In addition to the provisions of Rule 8-1, the Note under Rule 8 of the USGA Rules of Golf shall be in effect. Each team may designate **one** person as the coaches to give advice to members of that team. Advice may only be given between the play of two holes.

INTEGRAL PARTS OF COURSE: Include cables, rods, wires or wrappings when closely attached to trees; artificial walls and pilings when located in hazards, unless otherwise denoted.

TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS: Greenside fans, starting, scoring and concession tents are deemed to be temporary immovable obstructions (TIO's). See page 131 of the 2012-15 Rules of Golf for interference and relief procedure.

CELL PHONES: Except for emergencies, rulings, viewing tournament leaderboard or use as a distance measuring device, cell phone use during a stipulated round is prohibited. First Offense-Warning; Second Offense-Disqualification (Rule 33-7).

STONES IN BUNKERS: Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES: In this competition, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. However, 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, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used.

AERATION HOLES: Through the green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be lifted, without penalty, cleaned and dropped, as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. On the putting green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be placed at the nearest spot not nearer the hole that avoids the situation.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO THE PUTTING GREEN (BALL IN CLOSELY MOWN AREA): Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 24-2. In addition, if a ball lies off the putting green **and in a closely mown area through the green** and an immovable obstruction on or within two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club-lengths of the ball intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may take relief as follows: The ball must be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay that (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids intervention and (c) is not in a hazard or on a putting green. The ball may be cleaned when lifted.

PACE OF PLAY: A group that is out of position will be advised of the situation and the individuals may be timed. The first group will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, the group is behind the prescribed pace of play time chart provided to the officials. Any following group will be considered out of position if it takes more than the allotted time to play and reaches the tee of a par three hole and the hole is clear, or fails to clear the tee of a par four hole before the preceding group has cleared the putting green, or arrives at the teeing ground of a par five hole when the preceding group is on the putting green. The players will be notified that exceeding **40** seconds to play their next shot will result in a one shot penalty. A second violation will result in a two stroke penalty. A third violation will result in disqualification from the round being played. A player's time to play begins when the player has had a reasonable opportunity to reach his ball and when it is the player's turn to play and can do so without interference or distraction. Penalties are applied individually, but more than one competitor in a group may be penalized.

STIPULATED ROUND: The competition is 36 holes of stroke play consisting of two nine-hole stipulated rounds each day.

SUSPENSION OF PLAY: Signaled by three short consecutive air horn blasts. Players in the process of playing a hole may complete the hole. Players in between the play of two holes must stop play immediately.

SUSPENSION OF PLAY FOR DANGEROUS SITUATION: Signaled by one long air horn blast. All players are informed of the suspension verbally. All play must cease immediately. All practice areas are closed during a suspension of play, until the Committee has declared them open again.

RESUMPTION OF PLAY: Signaled by two short consecutive air horn blasts.

SCORE CARD: A score is deemed returned when the score is posted on the scoreboard.

CLOSE OF COMPETITION: The competition is deemed to be closed when the final result is announced and/or trophies have been awarded to teams and individuals.