



Notice to Players

2012-2015 USGA Rules of Golf and the local rules on both sides of this sheet govern play at this championship. Disregard local rules printed on the club score card.

THE ONE-BALL RULE IS NOT IN EFFECT: Any golf ball appearing on the USGA conforming ball list may be used in this NCHSAA championship.

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

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 it is clearly unreasonable for him to make a stroke because of interference by anything other than the condition covered by this Local Rule.

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.

CADDIES: Caddies will not be 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 coach to give advice to members of that team. That person will be identified to the rules committee prior to the start of play. Advice found to contribute to a delay in play shall be penalized as per the committee.

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).

CELL PHONES: Except for emergencies, cell phone use during a stipulated round is prohibited. First Offense-Warning; Second Offense-Disqualification.

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.

PACE OF PLAY: A group that is out of position will be advised of the situation and the individuals may be timed. The players will be notified that exceeding 45 seconds to play their next shot will result in a one stroke penalty. A second violation will result in a one stroke penalty. A third violation will result in a two stroke penalty followed by disqualification for a fourth violation. A player's time to play begins when the player has had a reasonable opportunity to reach his or her 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.

SUSPENSION OF PLAY: 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: A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one long air horn blast. All players will be informed of the suspension verbally. All play must cease immediately. All practice areas will be closed during a suspension of play, until the Committee has declared them open again.

RESUMPTION OF PLAY: Signaled by one long air horn blast.

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

SPORTSMANSHIP: Any competitor found to be guilty of poor sportsmanship, i.e., use of profanity, throwing of clubs in anger or general misbehavior as deemed by the NCHSAA Committee will have their playing privileges revoked and they will be dismissed from the tournament.

CLOSE OF COMPETITION: When all scores have been posted on the official scoreboard and approved by the NCHSAA Rules Committee, the results of the competition shall be deemed to have been announced and the competition officially closed.

2015 Pinecrest Girls' High School Invitational
Pinehurst CC (#6) Pinehurst, NC
October 18, 2015

Local Rules Sheet

TEES

All play will be from the **GREEN** tees.

FORMAT

The three lowest women's individual scores will be totaled to determine the women's team score. Team members may be substituted between rounds, but not during a round.

OUT OF BOUNDS

Defined by the nearest inside points at ground level of white stakes, the inside edge of any paved public road and by the fence left of #3.

SAND CART PATHS

Sand cart paths are natural terrain and not immovable obstructions. No free relief.

DROP ZONES

As an additional option, the following drop zones may be used:

- #7 Drop zone short of right greenside bunker may be used for ball coming to rest in lateral water hazard right of green.
- #16 Drop zone right of the cart path may be used for ball coming to rest in lateral water hazard right of the cart path.

IMMOVABLE OBSTUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREEN

If a ball lies off the putting green but not in a hazard and such an 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 (placed if on a putting green) at the nearest point to where the ball lay which (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids such intervention and (c) is not in a hazard or on a putting green. The ball may be cleaned when so lifted. Appendix I, page 110-111.