



# Notice to Players

**USGA Rules of Golf effective January 1, 2016 and the local rules on both sides of this sheet govern play at this TYGA event. Disregard local rules printed on the club score card.**

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**CADDIE POLICY:** Caddies must be 18 years of age or younger. Caddies must walk at all times

**THE ONE-BALL RULE IS NOT IN EFFECT:** Any golf ball may be used in this TYGA 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.

**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 unless otherwise stated on opposite side of this page) 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.

**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.

**PLAYOFF:** Ties for the boys' and girls' overall and division winners will be broken by an on course playoff. Ties for second and third places in any division will be broken by the USGA scorecard playoff recommendation.

**TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS:** Greenside fans, starting, scoring and concession tents are deemed to be temporary immovable obstructions (TIO's). See page 147-149 of the 2016 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).

**DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES:** In this competition, a player may use a device to measure distance only. However, if, during a stipulated round, a player uses a function to measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.); the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

**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.

**STONES IN BUNKERS:** Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions.

**ELEVATED POWER LINES:** If a ball strikes an elevated power line or cable, the stroke **must be canceled and replayed**, without penalty (see Rule 20-5). If the ball is not immediately recoverable, another ball may be substituted.

**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 40 seconds to play their next shot will result in a warning. 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.

**STIPULATED ROUND:** The competition is 18 holes of stroke play consisting of two nine-hole stipulated rounds.

**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 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.

**Tarheel Youth Golf Association**  
*Local Rules and Conditions of Competition*  
*The Rules of Golf of the United States Golf Association govern play.*

**PLAY THE BALL AS IT LIES**

**Disregard all rules on club scorecard except as noted below.**

**Tees** - See score card for details.

**Stroke limit:** With the exception of the 11 and under division, there is no stroke limit. Ball must be played until it is holes out. 11 and under division plays a modified stableford points system (list below). Once an 11 and under reaches triple bogey, they are asked to pick up and move to the next hole.

**Out of Bounds** - Defined by inside points, at ground level, of white stakes, all public roads and beyond even if the ball comes to rest on another part of the golf course and all out of bounds listed on club scorecard. Rule 27-1.

**Motorized carts** – Players must walk at all times unless otherwise announced, in case of a dangerous situation or player emergency due to illness or injury. Penalty is 2 strokes for each offense.

**Ties** for division first, second and third place will be broken by the following score card playoff.

1. Total score on holes 10 - 18
2. Total score on holes 13 - 18
3. Total score on holes 16 - 18
4. Score on hole 18, then hole 1 forward until tie is broken

**Tournament of Champions** – All players that finish in first place in their division, including ties, will be invited to the tournament of champions.

**Questions** regarding procedure should be handled by playing two balls as described in Rule 3-3, USGA Rules of Golf. You must:

- Declare, in advance, your intention to invoke this rule.
- Declare, in advance, which ball, if the rules allow, you want to score on the hole.
- Report the facts to the committee immediately upon completion of the round.

**Rulings** - Incorrect rulings given by individuals other than TYGA Committee members will not exempt the player in question from any applicable penalties.

**11 and under division** play modified stableford points. Triple bogey or higher=1 pt; Double bogey=2 pts; Bogey=3 pts; Par=4 pts; Birdie=5 pts; Eagle=6 pts; Hole in one=10pts.