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## TEXAS JUNIOR GOLF TOUR/ iALLIANCE

### Local Rules and Conditions of Competition

Play is governed by the USGA Rules of Golf and its Decisions, as modified by the Texas Jr. Golf Tour. See applicable competition's "Notice to Competitors" for additional definitions.

Local Rules and Conditions. The following Conditions of Competition and Local Rules apply and may be found in the current Appendix I of the USGA Rules of Golf as referenced on page numbers below. Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is: Match Play - Loss of Hole; Stroke Play - Two Strokes.

### SECTION A: CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

1. Specifications of the Ball (Note to Rule 5-1)
  - a. Only brands of golf balls named on the most current USGA List of Conforming Golf Balls may be used. Penalty: Disqualification. Page 106.
  - b. One Ball Condition is in NOT effect, except for amateurs in junior-am competitions. Pages 106-107.
2. Time of Starting (Note to Rule 6-3a) - Page 80
3. Pace of Play (Note 2 to Rule 6-7) - Page 108 See posted TJGT Pace of Play Guidelines.
4. DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE: Rule 3-3, In stroke play, if a competitor is doubtful of his rights or the correct procedure during play of a hole the player may, without penalty, complete the hole with two balls. After the doubtful situation has arisen and before taking further action, The competitor must announce to his marker or a fellow-competitor that he intends to play two balls and which ball he wishes to count if the Rules Permit. If he fails to do so, the provisions of Rule 3-3b(ii) apply. The Competitor MUST report the facts of the situation to the Committee before Returning his scorecard. If the player fails to do so, they are disqualified.
5. Suspension of Play Due to a Dangerous Situation (Note to Rule 6-8b) - Pages 108-109 When play is suspended by the Committee for a dangerous situation, if the players in a match or group are between

the play of two holes, they must not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If they are in the process of playing a hole, they must discontinue play immediately and not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play.

### Penalty: Disqualification.

All practice areas are closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open for use. Players who disregard such closing will be subject to disciplinary action by the TJGT Tournament Committee.

*NOTE: A suspension for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged note of the siren. All other types of suspension will be signaled by several short intermittent notes of the siren.*

6. Practice (Note 2 [a] and [b] to Rule 7) - Page 109 A player must not play any practice stroke on or near, or roll a ball on, the putting green of the hole last played.
7. How to Decide Ties In the event of a tie for the top three places, there will be a hole by hole sudden death playoff, unless otherwise provided for in Notice to Competitors. TJGT Tournament Chairman reserves the option of scorecard playoff due to inclement weather or course restrictions. Every effort will be made to conduct the sudden death playoff as the primary option for tie-breakers. In the event of a scorecard playoff, the last 3 holes starting on hole number 18 (18,17,16) will be used to break the tie, in the event the tie is not broken, the last 6 holes, then, last 9 holes, then, 12, 15, 18. Thereafter, if the tie are not broken, scorecards will be match starting on the #1 handicap hole proceeding to the 18th handicap hole until the tie is broken.
8. Scoring Area/Score Card The score card is considered returned to the Committee when the player handed their card to the official scorer at the scoring tent. The scoring area may include but is not limited to tents or rooms.
9. RESULTS OF COMPETITION: Scorecards must be signed, attested, and returned to the Official scoring area immediately following play. Scores are official once the player signs and review cards with scoring official and leaves scoring table. The tournament is deemed official once TJGT provides tournament re-

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sults to the national ranking systems. I.e. AJGA, Golfweek, Junior Golf Scoreboard.

## SECTION B: LOCAL RULES

1. Out of Bounds - Rule 27 When the inside edge of a road or curb defines out of bounds, a ball that crosses such boundary is out of bounds even though it may lie on another part of the course.
2. Water Hazards and Lateral Water Hazards Rule 26 Water hazards are defined by yellow lines. Lateral water hazards are defined by red lines.
3. Abnormal Ground Conditions Rule 25 Ground Under Repair
  - a. Defined by areas completely encircled with white lines, or white dots on putting greens
  - b. French drain filled with stones.
  - c. Active fire ant mounds or hills.
  - d. In a water hazard relief for active fire ant mounds or hills is provided by Decision 1-4/10. Nearest point of relief not nearer the hole in the same water hazard, or if not, in a similar nearby water hazard.
  - e. For the lie of the ball and area of intended swing ONLY, sod seams are ground under repair when located through the green. All seams within the sodded area are considered the same seam.
4. Embedded Ball Through the Green Page 98
5. Obstructions Rule 24
  - a. White lined areas tying into obstructions are deemed to have the same status as the obstruction and are not ground under repair.
  - b. Landscaped garden areas completely encircled by an obstruction are part of the obstruction.
6. Stones in Bunkers Page 100 Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions (Rule 24-1 applies).
7. Integral Parts of the Course
  - a. Wrappings, wires, cables and other objects when closely attached to trees.
  - b. Artificial retaining walls and pilings when located within water hazards or when used to define the margin of bunkers, unless otherwise provided for in Notice to Competitors.
8. Permanent Elevated Power Lines or Cables If a ball strikes a permanent elevated power line or cable, the stroke shall be canceled and replayed, without penalty (See Rule 20-5). If the ball is not immediately recoverable another ball may be substituted.

9. Temporary Obstructions Pages 101-105 Turf plugs on putting greens have the same status as old hole plugs and may be repaired as provided in Rule 16-1c.

## TJGT PACE OF PLAY GUIDLINES

**OUT OF POSITION:** A group is deemed out of position when starting play on any hole which is clear of all players and the elapsed time for the round averages more than 13 1/2 minutes per hole for groups of three or 15 minutes for groups of four for the holes completed (unless otherwise stated).

**NOTE:** The Committee reserves the right to time a group when the Committee deems it necessary.

**WARNINGS / OFFENSE:** All players in a group that is out of position will be informed that they are being timed. Such a warning to a group will be given after all players have left the teeing ground and prior to any other stroke.

**TIMING:** Players will have 45 seconds to play a stroke. It is reasonable for a player to have a few extra seconds on trouble shots. The player having the honor on the teeing ground and the player making the first stroke on or near the putting green on the hole being played has an additional 10 seconds for preparation.

The timing of a player's stroke will begin when it is his turn to play and he can play without interference or distraction. Any time spent determining yardage's will count as time taken for the next stroke.

On the putting green, timing will begin after the player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to mark, lift, clean and replace his ball, repair his ball mark and other ball marks on his line of putt and remove loose impediments on his line of putt.

**FOLLOWING WARNING:** Once a group has been informed that they are being timed, any player that exceeds the allotted time to play will be informed that any subsequent bad time will be subject to the following penalties:

**FIRST OFFENSE:** A one stroke penalty will be assessed. **SECOND OFFENSE:** A two stroke penalty will be assessed. **THIRD OFFENSE:** The player will be disqualified.

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All penalties are subject to review by the Senior Rules Official and Tournament Chairman.

Caddies/Golf Carts/Pull Carts: Except when permitted by the TJGT Rules Committee or On-Course Rules Officials, players are prohibited from using caddies, golf carts, or pull carts. Players will only be allowed in carts if directed by a TJGT official/staff for pace of play issues such as shuttles from green to tee boxes or individual situations warranted by TJGT Staff. Ie. Returning to the tee box for a lost ball not found etc. Players are responsible for carrying their own bag during the competitive round. All questionable situations will first be discussed with a TJGT official or tournament chairman.

CELL PHONES: COMPETITORS ARE TO TURN OFF PERSONAL CELL PHONES AT THE START OF THE ROUND. PLAYERS CAUGHT USING CELL PHONES WILL RECEIVE AN AUTOMATIC ONE STROKE PENALTY FOR FIRST OFFENSE. SECOND OFFENSE WILL CARRY A DISQUALIFICATION FOR THE OFFENDING PLAYER.