

2015 Missouri Mid-Amateur Championship at Fox Run Golf Club – September 14-15

NOTICE TO PLAYERS

(This NOTICE TO PLAYERS supplements and modifies any information on the Missouri Golf Association's website and the Missouri Golf Association's Local Rules and Conditions of Competition as set forth on the Missouri Golf Association's Hard Card)

CONDITIONS

Play-off Procedure: If there is a tie for the Championship, the Champion will be determined by a hole-by-hole play-off immediately following the conclusion of the last stipulated round. All announcements will be made at the Scoreboard.

Electronic Devices: The use of an Electronic Device(s), while not prohibited, **May lead to Disqualification.** See Decisions 14-3/16 through 14-3/18.

LOCAL RULES

Teeing Ground: All play will be from the teeing ground with **Blue tee markers.**

Teeing Area Defined: For the purpose of applying Rule 6-3a (including the penalty statement and exception) and Rule 4-4, (including the penalty statement and exception), the teeing area is defined by the scoring tent and ropes.

Out of Bounds: Defined by inside points, at ground level, of white stakes and/or fence posts. On the right side of hole #10, **out of bounds** is also defined by the edge of the side walk (golf course side). **Rule 27-1 Note:** A ball which crosses a road when playing hole 11 and comes to rest beyond that road the ball is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course.

Score Cards: Any unresolved Rule issues or Rule questions **should be** resolved among the players and the Official in Charge before returning the score card. **See "Scoring Area Defined"**. Additionally, a Committee notification required of the player for playing a second ball pursuant to Rule 3-3 or Rule 20-7c "Playing a second ball" **must be** made before the score card is returned. The penalty for not reporting to the Committee is **Disqualification.**

Doubt as to Procedure or Potential Serious Breach When Playing from a Wrong Place (See Rules 3-3a and 20-7c): If a player is doubtful of his rights or the correct procedure during the play of a hole or has played from a wrong place and believes he may have committed a serious breach and a Rules Official is not available, he may, without penalty, complete the hole with two balls. After the doubtful situation has arisen and before taking further action, the player 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. The player **must report** the facts of the situation to the Committee before returning his score card. If he fails to do so, he is **Disqualified.**

Scoring Area Defined: For the purpose of applying Rules 6-6b and 6-6c, the scoring area is defined by the scoring tent and ropes located on the grass area in front of the scoreboard behind hole 18. In case of inclement weather, it will be in the lower level of the card room in the club house.

Distance Measuring Device(s): For this Competition, the Committee has adopted the Local Rule allowing Distance Measuring Devices that measure Distance Only pursuant to the Note under Rule 14-3. See Appendix I Part B9. Penalty for breach of the Condition: Disqualification.

Water and Lateral Water Hazards:

- Water Hazards- Defined by yellow lines and/or yellow stakes. Rule 26-1
- Lateral Water Hazards- Defined by red lines and/or red stakes. Rule 26-1

Note: Hole #5: The water hazard situated in front of Hole #4 shall be treated as a lateral water hazard during the play of Hole #5.

Dropping Zones for Water Hazards on Holes #3, #4 and #13: If a ball is in or if it is known or it is virtually certain that a ball that has not been found is in the water hazard, the player MAY proceed under Rule 26-1 or under the penalty of one (1) stroke, drop a ball in the area marked "DZ" (#3 End of Fairway; #4-Forward Tee before crossing water spillway; #13-Right side of fairway approx. 100 yds.).

Immovable Obstruction: The fence between the Fairways of hole #5 and of hole #6 is not a boundary fence. It is an immovable obstruction. Rule 24-2 applies.

Temporary Immovable Obstructions: Greenside fans are Temporary Immovable Obstructions. Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

Power Lines: If a ball strikes the **power line** during play of the 13th hole, the stroke is canceled and the player **must** play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was played in accordance with Rule 20-5. The post and supporting wires are obstructions. Rule 24-2 applies.

Bunker Fiber Mesh: The fiber mesh is an immovable obstruction. Rule 24-2 applies.

Discontinuance of Play: Note under Rule 6-8b and the Optional Condition set forth in Appendix I of the USGA Rules of Golf shall be in effect. All practice areas shall be closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. When play is suspended by the Committee for a dangerous situation, if players 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. If a Player fails to discontinue play immediately, he is disqualified, unless circumstances warrant waiving the penalty as provided in Rule 33-7. See Appendix I Part C4.

Note: A suspension for a dangerous situation shall be signaled by one (1) prolonged siren or airhorn note. All other types of suspension shall be signaled by three (3) consecutive siren or airhorn notes. Resumption of play shall be signaled by two (2) short siren or airhorn notes, repeated.

Pace of Play: See Pace of Play Policy for this tournament (4:40 #1 tee).

Rules Assistance: To call for a Rules Official: Scott Hovis 573-230-8994

MISSOURI GOLF ASSOCIATION – LOCAL RULES AND CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION HARD CARD

(Play governed by The Rules of Golf as approved by the USGA)

LOCAL RULES-

Out of Bounds: Defined by inside points, at ground level, of white stakes and/or fence posts. Rule 27-1b.

Water and Lateral Water Hazards:

- Water Hazards- Defined by yellow lines and/or yellow stakes. Rule 26-1
- Lateral Water Hazards- Defined by red lines and/or red stakes. Rule 26-1
- 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 and also includes French drains. Rule 25-1

Seams of Cut Turf (Sod Seams): The Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

White-Lined Areas Tying into Artificially-Surfaced Roads and Paths have same status as the roads and paths. They are obstructions. Rule 24

Landscaped garden areas completely encircled by an obstruction are part of the obstruction. Rule 24

Worn areas adjacent to the approaches and exits from cart paths are part of the obstruction. Rule 24

Embedded Ball Through the Green: Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

Aeration Holes: Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

Integral Parts of the Course: These Include cables, rods, wires or wrappings when closely attached to trees; artificial walls/pilings when located in hazards unless provided for otherwise in Notice to Players.

Temporary Immovable Obstructions: Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect. (Includes greenside fans.)

CONDITIONS-

List of Conforming Golf Balls; Driver Heads: Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

Limitations on Golf Balls (“One-Ball Rule”): Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

Footwear: Shoes with traditionally-designed spikes comprised with partially or entirely of metal are **Prohibited**. Penalty for breach is **Disqualification**.

Close of Competition: Match Play- When Committee accepts results; Stroke Play-When Committee approves all scorecards and, if applicable, when trophy is presented.

Note: MGA does not have an evacuation plan for severe weather. Players are responsible for their own safety.