

2018 Porto Cima Classic
The Club at Porto Cima – April 21-22, 2018
NOTICE TO PLAYERS

(This Notice to Players supplements and modifies any MGA and The Club at Porto Cima correspondence to competitors and the Missouri Golf Association Local Rules and Conditions of Competition.)

Conditions

Limitations on Golf Balls (“One-Ball Rule”): Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix 1 is NOT in effect.

Pace of Play: See MGA Pace of Play Policy. For this tournament groups will be expected to play as follows: (4 hours and 45 minutes.

Suspension of Play Due to a Dangerous Situation (Note to Rule 6-8b): Note under Rule 6-8b and the Optional Condition set forth in Appendix 1 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.** Appendix 1 Part B4.

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.

Practice on or Near Hole Last Played Prohibited: See Rule 7-2 Note 2 and Appendix 1 Part B5b

Ties: Champions will be determined by a hole-by-hole play-off immediately following the final Round. All announcements will be made at the scoreboard located inside the clubhouse by the scorer’s table immediately following the conclusion of the final Round. The scorer’s table will be located inside the clubhouse room on the lower level facing the golf course to the side of the bar area.

Local Rules

Tee Markers: Championship flight - Black Tee markers; Senior flight - Gold Tee markers

Teeing Area Defined: For the purpose of applying Rule 6-3a (including the penalty statement and exception) and Rule 4-4, the teeing area includes the teeing ground and surrounding area.

Score Cards and Scoring Area (For the purpose of applying Rules 6-6b and 6-6c):

Players should return their score cards, as soon as possible, to the scorer’s table located inside the clubhouse room on the lower level facing the golf course to the side of the bar area. The clubhouse room is considered the scoring area.

NOTE: Any unresolved Rule issues or Rule questions should be resolved among the players and the Official in Charge before returning the score card. 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 (See Rule 3-3a): If a competitor is doubtful of his rights or the correct procedure during the play of a hole, he may, without penalty, complete the hole with two balls. To proceed under this Rule, he must decide to play two balls after the doubtful situation has arisen and before taking further action (e.g., making a stroke at the original ball). The competitor should 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 procedure used for that ball.

Before returning his card, the competitor must report the facts of the situation to the Committee. If he fails to do so, he is **Disqualified**.

Out of Bounds: Is also defined the inside edge (golf course side) of public streets including curbing.

Dropping Zone for Water Hazard on Hole #3: 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 (yellow lined) the player **MAY** proceed under Rule 26 or under penalty of one (1) stroke, drop a ball in the area marked “DZ” (Forward Tee). See Note to local Rule for Dropping Zones in Appendix I.

Dropping Zone for Water Hazard on Hole #17: 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 (yellow lined) the player **MAY** proceed under Rule 26 or under penalty of one (1) stroke, drop a ball in the area marked “DZ” approximately 100 yds. on the left side of the fairway. See Note to local Rule for Dropping Zones in Appendix I.

Hole #6 Water Hazard - Playing Ball Provisionally under Rule 26-1: If there is doubt whether a ball is in or is lost in the water hazard, the player may play another ball provisionally under any of the applicable options in Rule 26-1. The Local Rule Appendix I Part A5 is in effect. **NOTE:** This Local Rule is **NOT** the same as playing a Provisional Ball under Rule 27-2.

Mulched Paths: Paths covered by mulch are immovable obstructions. The mulch is a loose impediment. Sand or dirt paths are not obstructions.

Halfway House: The halfway house between holes #5 and #6 and the surrounding cart path are deemed to be the same immovable obstruction.

Immovable Obstructions:

- Flower beds encircled by or adjacent to cart paths are deemed part of the obstruction
- Stakes and wires supporting newly planted trees are treated as immovable obstructions.

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. Decision 14-3/17 addresses listening to music during the stipulated round.

Exception to Rule 6-6d – Exception: If a competitor returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken due to failure to include one or more penalty strokes that, before returning his score card, he did not know he had incurred, he is not disqualified. In such circumstances, the competitor incurs the penalty prescribed by the applicable Rule, but there is no additional penalty for a breach of Rule 6-6d. This Exception does not apply when the applicable penalty is disqualification from the competition.

Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows: When a player’s ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1. This Local Rule applies only when the player’s ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

Note: If it is determined that a player’s ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.”

Rules Assistance: To call for a Rules Official: Fred Kostecki 314-800-6636