



2018 Missouri Amateur Championship – Dalhousie Golf Club – June 19-24, 2018

## NOTICE TO PLAYERS

(This Notice To Players supplements and modifies any Championship information on the Missouri Golf Association's website, Correspondence with Players, the Local Rules as set forth on the back of the Official Score Card and the Local Rules and Conditions of Competition Hard Card on the back of this Notice and on the Missouri Golf Association's website.)

## CONDITIONS

**Pace of Play:** Stroke Play (4:50); Match Play (4:00). The Pace of Play policy is available on the MGA website and at the starting hole.

**Suspension of Play Due to a Dangerous Situation:** Note under Rule 6-8b and the Optional Condition set forth in Appendix I is 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 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, repeated. Resumption of play shall be signaled by two (2) short siren or airhorn notes, repeated.

**Ties:** If there is a tie for the 64<sup>th</sup> place, the 64<sup>th</sup> place shall be decided by a hole-by-hole playoff. All announcements will be made **at the scoreboard immediately following** the conclusion of the 36 holes of stroke play.

**Draw for Match Play:** The Draw will be determined by General Numerical Draw. See Appendix I Part B11.

## LOCAL RULES

**Tee Markers:** Black

**Teeing Area Defined:** For the purpose of applying Rule 6-3a (including the penalty statement and exception) and Rule 4-4a, the teeing areas for Holes #1 and #10 are defined by their respective tent and enclosure ropes.

**Scoring Area Defined:** For the purpose of applying Rule 6-6b and 6-6c, the scoring area for players ending their stipulated rounds on holes 9 and 18 will be in the scoring area defined by tent and ropes close to scoreboard next to the pavilion area.

**NOTE for Stroke Play:** Any unresolved Rule issues or Rule questions should be resolved among the competitors 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) Stroke Play Only:** 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**. If the competitor has taken further action before deciding to play two balls, he has not proceeded under Rule 3-3 and the score with the original ball counts. The competitor incurs no penalty for playing the second ball.

**Doubt as to Procedure; Disputes and Claims Match Play:** In match play, if a player is doubtful of his rights or the correct procedure, he **may not** complete the play of the hole with two balls and should follow the procedures set forth in Rule 2-5.

**Dropping Zones for Water Hazards on Holes #10 and #11:** 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, marked with yellow stakes or line, the player MAY proceed under Rule 26-1 or under the penalty of one (1) stroke, drop a ball in the area marked DZ in the fairway on #10 and in the rough in front of the forward teeing area on #11..

**Electronic Devices:** The use of an Electronic Device(s), while not prohibited, may be a breach of Rule 14-3. See Decisions 14-3/16 through 14-3/18. A document setting forth these Decisions is in each Starter box for holes #1 and #10.

**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.

While a player may think he has not caused his moved ball to have moved, if the weight of evidence indicates that it is more likely than not that the player caused the ball to move, even though that conclusion is not free from doubt, the player must replace the ball without penalty. If there is doubt, in stroke play, play a second ball under R3-3.

**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 Assistance:** To call for a Rules Official: Scott Hovis 573-230-8994 or Fred Kostecki 314-800-6636

## MISSOURI GOLF ASSOCIATION – LOCAL RULES AND CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION HARD CARD (Play governed by The Rules of Golf as approved by the USGA)

**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 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.

**Distance Measuring Devices:** 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.