



CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION **AND LOCAL RULES**

The United States Golf Association (“USGA”) Rules of Golf and its Decisions govern play, as modified by the Local Rules and definitions. **See applicable competition’s “Notice to Competitors (Players)” for additional Definitions, Local Rules and Conditions.** The following Conditions of Competition and Local Rules apply and may be found in the USGA Rules of Golf.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for a breach of a Local Rule or Condition is: Two (2) Strokes.

Section A – Conditions of Competition

1. Modifications to USGA Rules as per TAAF Article 13 Junior Golf

A. Maximum score per hole is 9

B. CADDIES-Please refer to TAAF Article 13.6 Junior Golf which states:

- i) Caddies can be relatives, friends, etc.
- ii) Only caddies will have direct contact with players during each round. Spectators will be required to remain at a distance from caddies and players
- iii) Caddies will be required to wear either an “official” caddie “t-shirt” or caddie bib. There will be no exceptions and this applies to all days.
- iv) Caddie Bibs must be pre-ordered online at www.taaf.com
- v) Caddie T-shirts will be available for purchase at check in
- vi) Caddie T-shirts and bibs from previous years are acceptable
- vii) Caddies and players may use pull carts
- viii) Caddies may rent a cart to carry the player’s bag, but the player must walk

Spectators CANNOT ride with caddies

2. Specification of the Ball (Note to Rule 5-1).

A. List Of Conforming Golf Balls – See List Of Approved Golf Balls

3. Time of Starting (Note to Rule 6-3a)

4. SPECTATORS: Spectators will be required to remain a minimum of 30 yards from caddies and players; spectators are not allowed to communicate with players in any way, shape or form during the course of the stipulated round; spectators may provide food and beverage to players.

5. SCOREKEEPERS-are NOT Rules Officials and will only be responsible for monitoring scores

6. Suspension of Play Due to a Dangerous Situation (Note to Rule 6-8b)

Note: All practice areas shall be closed during a suspension for a dangerous situation until the Games of Texas Rules Committee has declared them open. Players who disregard such closing shall be subject to disqualification

7. Practice Between Holes (Note 2 to Rule 7)-Practice is prohibited on or near the putting green of the hole last played

8. Doubt As To Procedure (Rule 3-3)-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. 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 33(ii) apply. The *competitor* must report the facts of the situation to the *Committee* before returning his scorecard. If he fails to do so, **he is disqualified.**

9. Close of Competition -The competition shall be deemed to have closed when the Games of Texas Rules Committee has approved all scores. In the event of a playoff, the competition shall be deemed to have closed when the playoff scores have been approved by same

10. Ties for First, Second and Third Place will be broken using a sudden death playoff starting on hole one (1)

11. Adverse Weather Conditions-STIPULATED ROUNDS: The Competition will be played in four (4) stipulated nine (9) hole rounds; unless specified otherwise by the Committee, players will be required to turn in their scorecard only at the end of the second and fourth rounds. The following guidelines will apply:

- A. All players in the flight must complete at least 9 holes to constitute a tournament
- B. If less than 9 holes are completed on the scheduled tournament dates, the tournament shall be cancelled
- C. If all players within the flight complete 9 but less than 18 holes, then 9 hole scores will be used to determine the winners for that flight only
- D. If all players within the flight complete 18 but less than 27 holes, then 18 hole scores will be used to determine the winners for that flight only
- E. If all players within the flight complete 27 but less than 36 holes, then 27 hole scores will be used to determine the winners for that flight only

SECTION B-LOCAL RULES

1. **Tees:**
 - a. **MEN 21 AND UNDER AND ALL BOYS 16-18 WILL PLAY THE BLACK TEES**
 - b. **BOYS 14-15 WILL PLAY THE BLUE TEES**
 - c. **BOYS 12-13 WILL PLAY THE WHITE TEES**
 - d. **WOMEN 21 & UNDER, GIRLS 16-18, GIRLS 14-15 WILL PLAY THE RED TEES**
2. **Out of Bounds:** Defined by inside edge of white stakes, parking lot curbs and/or perimeter fencing.
3. **Water Hazards:** Defined by yellow lines. The lines define the margin of the hazard
4. **Lateral Water Hazards:** Defined by red lines. The lines define the margin of the hazard.
5. **Environmentally Sensitive Areas:** Are all high grass areas out in the roughs and are hereby declared lateral water hazards. The high grass itself defines the margin of the hazard
6. **Ground Under Repair:**
 1. Areas defined by white lines.
 2. Drain lines that are still exposed trenches or that are filled with sand or gravel.
 3. Fire ant beds or mounds (In a water hazard, relief from fire ant mounds is provided by Decision 1-4/10)
 4. Sunken trenches, Newly sodded areas, Ornamental Flower beds
 5. Ruts or washouts resulting from water erosion

6. Hole 7: At the end of fairway, the area within the golf cart traffic control **cable**, from the line defining the **OB boundary** on the West side of the hole to the inside edge of the **bridge** on the east side of the hole and along the channel's **hazard line**, all boundaries extend up and down on a vertical plane.

7. **Embedded Ball Rule:** In effect through the Green

8. **Obstructions:**

- a. **Immovable**-Restroom structures, Cart Traffic Control Stakes and Wire at Pilot Channel crossing Hole 7, concrete paths, ball washers, tee signs, benches, bridge structures, drinking water stands and stakes and wires of all newly planted trees
- b. **Movable**-Environmentally Sensitive area signs, PVC pipes and ropes used for cart traffic control and red top poles located short of each green
- c. **Temporary Immovable**-Sponsor signs and grand stands are hereby declared temporary immovable obstructions

9. **TREE WELLS**-Decisions Book, Rule 33-2a/10.5-Status Of Tree Basins-*There is no relief from tree wells*

10. **Permanent Elevated Power Lines or Cables**

If a ball strikes a permanent elevated power line or cable, the stroke **shall be** cancelled and replayed, without penalty (see Rule 20-5). If the ball is not immediately recoverable another ball may be substituted. This includes the cart traffic control cable and poles in front of channel on hole 7.

11. **Casual Water on Putting Green**

If a temporary accumulation of casual water exists on the putting green, the Games of Texas Golf Rules Committee may:

- i. Require the player to proceed under Rule 25-1b(iii);
- ii. Squeegee the line of putt when a player's ball lies on the green;
- iii. Squeegee the putting green until the players are near the putting green; or
- iv. In extreme cases any combination of a, b and c above.

12. **Electronic Yardage Measuring** devices are permitted during the competition rounds

13. **Games of Texas Golf Championship Rules Committee** will consist of Mr. Bo Hartline, TAAF Golf Commissioner, Carlos Espinosa, Games of Texas Golf Coordinator, Mike Perez, PGA Golf Professional MCC, Rex Flores, Golf Professional PVGC; ALL decisions will be final

GAMES OF TEXAS GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP PACE OF PLAY TIMESHEET

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Allotted Minutes/ Hole	16	12	13	14	15	15	18	11	14	14	14	14	14	10	16	14	9	21
Cumulative for Tee 1 Start		28	41	55	1:10	1:25	1:43	1:54	2:08	2:22	2:36	2:50	3:04	3:14	3:30	3:44	3:53	4:14
Cumulative for Tee 10 Start	2:22	2:34	2:47	3:01	3:16	3:31	3:49	4:00	4:14		0:28	42	56	1:06	1:22	1:36	1:45	2:06

Group No.																		
Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18

