



PGA

Metropolitan Section

SPORTSMANSHIP AND CONDUCT

The Met PGA expects a high standard of conduct and sportsmanship from all players in Met PGA events. Players who conduct themselves in a discourteous or unsportsmanlike manner are subject to disqualification (Rule 33-7) according to the discretion of the tournament committee. The Met PGA Tournament Committee, Grievance Committee, and/or the Executive Committee can extend the disqualification to additional future events if circumstances warrant.

Foul and abusive language, cheating, throwing clubs, drinking alcohol in excess on the course, and showing disrespect for club facilities, tournament officials, volunteers, spectators and fellow competitors are actions subject to reprimand, disqualification and/or suspension.

If a player is disqualified under this policy he shall not be permitted to continue play in that particular tournament and shall be asked to leave the course if his conduct remains abusive or threatening.

GAMBLING - The Met PGA does not object to participation in wagering among individual golfers or teams of golfers when participation in the wagering is limited to the players, the players wager only on themselves or their teams, the sole source of money won by the players is advanced by the players themselves and the primary purpose is the playing of the game for enjoyment. Wagering should be done discreetly and should not cause embarrassment to the host professional or the Association.

FACILITY USE AND GRATUITIES - Professionals and amateur partners competing in Met PGA events are expected to use the facilities of the host club. They are expected to satisfy all financial obligations including gratuities for appropriate host club personnel.

DRESS - Neat and clean traditional golf clothes will be considered appropriate dress. In general, the Met PGA will mirror the dress codes of the PGA Tour for men and LPGA Tour for women.

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS - The driver head the player plays must be named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the USGA. Penalty- Disqualification.

LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS - The ball the player plays must be named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the USGA. Penalty- Disqualification.

PACE OF PLAY - Rule 6-7 will be enforced. See Pace of Play Guidelines at the starting tees.

FORM AND MAKE OF CLUBS - The player's clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf that are effective from January 1, 2010. (see 4-1/1)

PRACTICE - Prior to his round in stroke play, a player may practice in the designated practice areas only. Rule 7-1b applies to other practice in stroke play, and Rule 7-1a covers practice before the round in match play.

HARD CARD

2018

Including:

LOCAL RULES

**CONDITIONS OF
COMPETITION**

CONDUCT POLICIES

Disregard any Local Rules printed on the course scorecard or otherwise posted

Play is governed by the USGA Rules of Golf and by the following Local Rules and definitions where applicable. Any changes and/or additions to these Local Rules will be provided on a Notice to Competitors/Players.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is:

**Match Play - Loss of Hole
Stroke Play - Two Strokes**

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICES – In all Met PGA events, a player may use a device to measure or gauge distance only (see the Note to Rule 14-3). However, if a distance-measuring device has additional functionality that can gauge or measure other conditions that might affect a player's play (e.g. elevation change, wind speed, etc.), the use of any such additional function would be a breach of Rule 14-3.

Etiquette Note: Players should ensure that any electronic device taken onto the course does not distract other players or is used in a way that breaches Rule 14-3.

CLOSE OF COMPETITION - The competition shall be deemed closed when the winner has been announced, or in the absence of a prize ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the committee.

LOCAL RULES

OUT OF BOUNDS - Defined by inside points, at ground level of white stakes, property fence posts or walls. All public roads are deemed out of bounds and if not otherwise marked, the inside edge of the curbing shall be the boundary. In the absence of a curb, the nearest edge of the asphalt shall be the boundary. If a ball crosses a public road and comes to rest on another part of the golf course the ball is deemed out of bounds.

WATER HAZARDS AND LATERAL WATER HAZARDS - When a water hazard or a lateral water hazard is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend to infinity. When water hazards or lateral water hazards are bounded by out of bounds, the hazard margin extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line. When both stakes and lines are used to define water hazards or lateral water hazards, the stakes identify the hazard and the lines define the margins. Rule 26-1.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR - Defined by an enclosed white line. French drains are deemed to be ground under repair. Rule 25-1.

SEAMS OF CUT TURF - Through the green, seams of cut turf (not the turf itself) are deemed to be ground under repair. However, interference by a seam with the player's stance is deemed not to be, of itself, interference under Rule 25-1. If the ball lies in or touches a seam or the seam interferes with the area of intended swing, relief is available under Rule 25-1. All seams within the cut turf area are considered the same seam.

WHITE-LINED AREAS TYING INTO ARTIFICIALLY-SURFACED ROADS AND PATHS - have the same status as roads and paths (which they tie into), that of obstructions.

WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH - are loose impediments unless otherwise provided for in a Notice to the Competitors/Players.

EMBEDDED BALL - Through the green, a ball that is embedded in its own pitch mark in the ground may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as nearly as possible to where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green. Exception: A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if the ball is embedded in sand in an area that is not closely mown.

INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE - includes cables, rods, wires or wrappings when closely attached to trees; artificial walls and pilings when located in hazards, unless otherwise provided for in Notice to Competitors/Players.

PERMANENT ELEVATED POWER LINES - If a ball strikes an elevated power line, 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. If the ball is not immediately recoverable, another ball may be substituted.

LOCAL RULES

ACCIDENTAL MOVEMENT OF A BALL ON THE PUTTING GREEN

GREEN - 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.

TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS – Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I, Part A, 4b is in effect.

LINERS IN BUNKERS – **Exposed liners** in bunkers are deemed to be ground under repair. However, interference by a liner with a player's stance is deemed not to be, of itself, interference under Rule 25-1.

RETURNING SCORECARD: For the purpose of applying Rule 6-6c, a competitor is considered to have returned his scorecard when he has first left the scoring area designated by the outside edge of the scoring tent.

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.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREEN

(E.G. SPRINKLER HEADS) – Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 24-2. In addition, if a ball lying in a closely-mown area lies through the green and an immovable obstruction on or within two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club-lengths of the ball intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may take relief as follows: The ball must be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay that (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids intervention and (c) is not in a hazard or on a putting green. If a player's ball lies on the putting green and an immovable obstruction within two club-lengths of the putting green intervenes on his line of putt, the player may take relief as follows: The ball must be lifted and placed at the nearest point to where the ball lay that (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids intervention and (c) is not in a hazard. The ball may be cleaned when lifted. Exception: A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if interference by anything other than the immovable obstruction makes the stroke clearly impracticable.