



Jacksonville Area Golf Association - Local Rules and Conditions for Championships

The Rules of the USGA govern play. See Notice to Players and/or Entry Application for additional local rules or conditions. Appendix I may be found in the current *Rules of Golf*.

Penalty statement for breach of Local Rule or Condition: Match Play – loss of hole; Stroke Play – two strokes

Local Rules

Out of bounds – defined by inside points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts. When water and lateral water hazards are bounded by out of bounds, the out of bounds line is deemed to coincide with the far edge of the margin of the hazard.

Water hazards – defined by yellow stakes and/or lines

Lateral water hazards – defined by red stakes and/or lines

Ground under repair – defined by enclosed white lines. Fire ant hills and French drains are deemed to be GUR even if not marked. (Rule 25). Relief from unmarked areas must be approved by the Committee.

Seams of cut turf (sod seams) – Local rule in Appendix I-3e applies. Seams only are considered GUR, not the sod itself.

Obstructions – white lined areas tied into paved roads, paths, etc. have the same status as the obstructions

Immovable obstructions close to putting green – Local rule in Appendix I-4a

Loose impediments – include wood chips and mulch

Stones in bunkers – deemed movable obstructions (Rule 24-1 applies)

Embedded ball – through the green per Appendix I-3a except a ball embedded in sand

Integral parts of the course – includes cables, rods, wires, wrappings when closely attached to trees; artificial walls and pilings within hazards.

Distance-measuring Devices – Rule 14-3; may be used to measure distance only

Caddies – not permitted

Conditions of Competition

List of conforming driver heads – Optional condition as prescribed in Appendix I-1a in effect

List of conforming golf balls – Optional condition as prescribed in Appendix I-1b in effect

Pace of play – see Notice to Players or separate memorandum

Suspension of play due to dangerous conditions – optional condition as prescribed in Appendix I-4. Suspension of play will be signaled by one prolonged siren blast. Players must discontinue play immediately. All practice areas are closed until the Committee reopens them. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short siren blasts. Failure to comply with this condition may result in disqualification.

Practice – see Rule 7-1. On the day of play, players in a stroke play competition may not practice on the competition course prior to the round or between rounds in a multiple-round competition.

Close of Competition – when a winner has been announced or when the Committee has approved all scores. In a stroke play qualifier for a match-play tournament, competition is closed when a player tees off in his first match.