**RESULTS OF THE COMPETITION:** When all scores have been posted on the official scoreboards, the results of the competition will be announced. The conclusion of the competition shall be deemed to have been officially announced. In the event of a playoff, the competition shall be deemed to have closed when the playoff scores have been approved by the Rules Committee.

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**1. SUSPENSION OF PLAY FOR A DANGEROUS SITUATION:** When play is suspended for a dangerous situation, i.e.: lightning, tornado, etc., the competition shall be deemed to have closed when the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. Exception – An additional 10 seconds will be allowed for the player who is first to play from the tee ground. Time begins when it is a player’s turn to play. Players are expected to be ready to play when it is their turn.

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**2. PACE OF PLAY:** During a round, a player’s time begins when it is a player’s turn to play. Players are expected to be ready to play when it is their turn. Excessive pacing or indecision constitutes “Undue Delay.”

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**3. OUT OF BOUNDS:** Defined by inside edge of white stakes, white lines and/or property fence posts at ground level. When present white lines take precedence and the line itself is out of bounds.

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**4. GROUND UNDER REPAIR:**
   a. Areas defined by white lines.
   b. French drains which are exposed trenches, filled with rocks or stones.
   c. Newly trenched areas and seams of cut turf. Relief is for lie of ball only.

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**5. ARTIFICIALLY SURFACED ROADS & PATHS:** Asphalt and artificially surfaced roads and paths are obstructions. White lined areas tying into roads and paths have the same status as the roads or paths and thus they are a part of the obstruction. Wood chip, gravel or mulch paths are obstructions, however, individual pieces of wood chips, gravel or mulch paths are loose impediments when the ball is played as it lies.

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**6. INTEGRAL OBJECTS:** Includes (a) wrappings, wires and cables when closely attached to objects, (b) artificial walls and/or pilings when located within penalty areas or within and/or used to define the margin of bunkers. NO RELIEF

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**7. RED AND YELLOW PENALTY AREAS:** When both stakes and lines are present, stakes identify the penalty area and lines define the penalty area. When a penalty area is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend to infinity.

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**8. STAKED TREES:** If lie of ball, stance and/or area of intended swing is interfered with by the stake attached to a tree, the stake and/or rope/wire is treated as an immovable obstruction. Relief without penalty from the tree itself is not permitted.

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**9. PERMANENT ELEVATED POWER LINES AND CABLES:** If a ball strikes the 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. Another ball may be substituted.

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**10. MOBILE PHONE POLICY:** The use of a mobile phone is permitted for official, emergency, report an emergency, or for any weather issues is permitted during a round. A player may also use a mobile phone to access and utilize USGA approved yardage apps. Any other use of a mobile phone is NOT permitted. First violation is 2-stroke penalty, Second violation is disqualification.

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**11. COACHING:** During a round, only one single-identifiable coach from each team may give advice to the players. The single-identifiable coach must cease to give advice when their player steps onto the putting surface with the intention of marking or putting a golf ball that has come to rest on the putting surface. Coaches are not permitted on the green unless there is a rules question from a golfer in the group. Coaches are deemed outside agencies at all times. Therefore, there is no penalty if the coach or their cart are hit by a ball in motion. The penalty for a coach or a non-appointed individual giving advice in violation of this rule would be a general penalty (2-strokes) per incident for the golfer (Rule 10.2). Additionally, when a player begins taking a stance and until the stroke is made, the coach or advice giver must not deliberately stand in a location on or close to an extension of the line of play behind the ball for any reason. This would also result in a 2-stroke penalty per incident.

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**12. DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES:** In competition, a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 4.3. Penalty – 2 strokes for first breach. Disqualification for subsequent or multiple breaches.

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**13. IPODS, MP3 PLAYERS & LIKE ITEMS:** These items are not permitted for any reason during the stipulated round. The wearing of headphones is also prohibited. First violation is 2 Strokes, Second violation is disqualification.

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**14. BROKEN OR DAMAGED CLUBS:** Model Local Rule G-9: Rule 4.1b(3) is modified in this way: If a player’s club is “broken or significantly damaged” during the round by the player or caddie, except in cases of abuse, the player may replace the club with any club under Rule 4.1b(4).

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**15. RETURNING SCORECARDS:** For the purpose of applying Rule 3.3b(2), a competitor is considered to have returned his scorecard when the player has left the designated scoring area.

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**16. PLAYER CONDUCT:** The use of profanity and club tossing/throwing is strictly prohibited. This includes any damage to the golf course, whether or not repaired, and other’s property. The Local Committee may determine the severity of misconduct and issue a warning for the first offense if deemed necessary. Otherwise, the penalty for breach of first offense is 2 strokes. The Committee may disqualify a player for serious misconduct for acting contrary to the spirit of the game. When deciding whether a player is guilty of serious misconduct, the Committee should consider whether the player’s action was intentional and whether the act was significant enough to warrant disqualification.

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**17. PRACTICE BEFORE OR BETWEEN ROUNDS:** Model Local Rule I-1 is in effect and Rule 5.2b is modified as follows: A player must not practice on the competition course but may practice on the designated practice areas on the day of competition or between rounds. Penalty for breach of Local Rule: First Breach: 2 Shot Penalty, Second Breach: Disqualification.

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**18. RESULTS OF THE COMPETITION:** When all scores have been posted on the Official Scoreboard and approved by the Rules Committee, the result of the competition shall be deemed to have been officially announced. In the event of a playoff, the competition shall be deemed to have closed when the playoff scores have been approved by the Rules Committee.