



Hawaii State Women's Golf Association

TERMS OF THE COMPETITION, CONDUCT POLICIES & LOCAL RULES

The USGA Rules of Golf for 2019 and the following Conditions of Competition & Local Rules govern all play. See applicable tournament's Notice to Players for modifications or additions to these.

TERMS OF COMPETITION

LOCAL RULES

SPORTSMANSHIP & CONDUCT

Players are expected to play in the spirit of the game by:

- Acting with integrity – i.e., by following the Rules, applying all penalties, and being honest in all aspects of play.
- Taking good care of the course – i.e., by replacing divots, smoothing bunkers, repairing ball-marks, and not causing unnecessary damage to the course.
- Showing consideration of others – i.e., by playing at a prompt pace, looking out for the safety of others, and not distracting the play of another player. Foul and abusive language, cheating, throwing clubs, drinking alcohol in excess on the course are actions subject to reprimand, penalty, disqualification and/or suspension. If a player is disqualified under this policy, she will not be allowed to continue play in the tournament. The HSWGGA further has the right to refuse entry to future HSWGGA tournaments.

PACE OF PLAY

All players must play without unreasonable delay. Without proof of circumstances that may have caused the delay, the group will be considered out of position if it is:

- taking more time than the allotted time to play AND....
- arrives at the teeing area of a par 3 hole and the hole is clear of all play
- arrives at the teeing area of a par 4 hole and the hole is clear of all play
- arrives at the teeing area of a par 5 hole when the preceding group has already reached the putting green (R5.6a & b).

Note: Warnings will not be given.

Penalty for first breach: one penalty stroke

Penalty for second breach: general penalty

Penalty for third breach: disqualification

CLOSE OF COMPETITION – The competition shall be closed when the winner is announced.

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

NO PLAY ZONES – The player must take relief in accordance with Rule 16.1f (everywhere except penalty areas) or Rule 17.1e (for relief in a penalty area).

PENALTY AREAS – Defined either by red or yellow stakes. A ball is in a penalty area when **any part of it** touches the ground or anything else inside the edge of the penalty area.

EMBEDDED BALL – When your ball lies within its own pitch-mark made as a result of your previous stroke and where part of the ball is below the level of the ground in the general area of the course only.

PLAYING 2 BALLS – If you are uncertain about the right procedure while playing a hole, you may complete the hole with two balls without penalty. Proceed under Rule 20.1c. (Stroke Play only)

RELIEF FROM SEAMS OF CUT TURF AND EDGING GROVES – When your ball lies in or touches a seam of cut turf/edging groove or a seam interferes with your area of intended swing you may take relief. (Interference does not exist if the seam/edging groove only interferes with your stance.)

(a) Ball in general area: you may take free relief under R16.1b.

(b) Ball on Putting green: you may take free relief under R16.1d. For grooves defining the putting green you may take free relief by placing the ball no nearer the hole.

PRACTICE BETWEEN HOLES – (Stroke Play only)

Between the play of 2 holes, you must not make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole just completed.

USE OF AUDIO OR VIDEO DEVICES is not allowed.

During a round, a player must not listen to or watch content of any nature on a personal audio or video device.