

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION
FOR VERMONT JUNIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

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The Rules of the United States Golf Association govern play. Complete text of Rules and Appendix I may be found in the current "Rules of Golf." Unless otherwise provided, penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is two strokes in stroke play. In the Rules of Golf, the gender used in relation to any person is understood to include both genders.

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Vermont Junior Open Age Restriction

Those juniors age 19 or under who have graduated from high school may play the event directly following high school graduation regardless of graduation date. Any junior who has graduated high school and started college is not eligible to play in The Vermont Junior Open. No player may play in the Vermont Junior Open event if they have reached their 20th birthday on the first day of the competition.

GOLF BALLS: It is a condition of the competition that players must use a brand of ball on the current USGA List of Conforming Golf Balls found at www.usga.org.

- a) Penalty for breach of this condition is disqualification.
- b) The one ball rule is **NOT** in effect.

DRIVER: It is a condition of the competition that any driver the player carries must have a clubhead identified by model and loft that is named on the current USGA list of Conforming Driver Heads found at www.usga.org.

- a) Penalty for carrying a non-conforming club is two strokes per hole for a maximum of four strokes per round. In match play, the state of the match is adjusted by deducting one hole for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum deduction per round is two holes.
- b) Penalty for using a non-conforming club is disqualification.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES: Use of Approved Distance Measuring Devices **is** permitted. A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures **distance only**.

LATE TO TEE: Note to Rule 6-3a is **IN** effect.

- a) If the player arrives at his starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after his starting time, in the absence of circumstances that warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole in stroke play or loss of the first hole in match play instead of disqualification.

SUSPENDING AND RESUMING PLAY: Reference Rule 6-8, 6-8b and its note.

- a) Suspension for a dangerous situation: One long prolonged siren or airhorn note.
- b) All other types of suspensions (i.e. for darkness): Three consecutive airhorn notes.
- c) Resumption of play: Two airhorn notes.
- d) When play has been suspended for a dangerous situation, all practice facilities are deemed to be closed until declared open by the Committee.

DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE: In accordance with Rule 3-3, the player may, without penalty, complete the hole with two balls. The player:

- a) Must announce to his marker or fellow-competitor that he intends to play two balls.
- b) Must announce which ball he wishes to count if the Rules permit.
- c) Must report the facts of the situation to the Committee before returning his scorecard. If he fails to do so he is disqualified.

PRACTICE BETWEEN HOLES: Practice between holes is **NOT** authorized. Reference Rule 7-2 and note 2.

CADDIES/GOLF CARS/PUSH CARTS: Players are prohibited from using caddies or golf cars without prior medical approval. Push carts (non-motorized) are allowed. In stroke play, penalty for breach of this rule is two strokes per hole, maximum of four strokes per round. In stroke play, use of any unauthorized caddie, golf car or push cart shall be discontinued immediately upon discovering that a breach has occurred. Otherwise, the player shall be disqualified.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS: Shoes with metal or traditionally-designed spikes (regardless of composition) are **PROHIBITED** during the stipulated round. Penalty for breach of this rule is disqualification.

RESULTS OF COMPETITION: The competition is deemed to have closed when all scores have been approved by the Committee or a winner has been announced.

- a) In stroke play, scorecards must be signed and attested before leaving the scoring area.

LOCAL RULES

EMBEDDED BALL THROUGH THE GREEN: Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

- a) Anywhere “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 near as possible to where it lay but not nearer the hole.

WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH: Wood chips and mulch are loose impediments (unless otherwise provided in the Notice to Competitors).

STONES IN BUNKERS: Stones in bunkers are deemed to be movable obstructions.

UNDUE DELAY: Reference Rule 6-7 and separate AJGA Pace of Play Policy.

OUT OF BOUNDS:

- a) Defined by inside edge of white stakes and/or property fence posts at ground level. When defined by a white line, the line itself is out of bounds.

ROADS AND PATHS: Curbing and artificial materials bordering cart paths are considered part of the obstruction. White-lined areas tying into roads and paths are part of the obstruction.

TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS: Temporary Immovable Obstructions include any temporary obstruction installed for the competition including ropes and stakes surrounding any tent or structure.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR: Ground under repair is defined by white lines. Other areas of ground under repair, even when not marked, include:

- a) French drains, which are trenches filled with rocks or stones.

SOD SEAMS: Except in a hazard, sod seams (not the sod itself) are deemed to be ground under repair, and relief is available under Rule 25-1 if the ball lies in or touches a sod seam or the sod seam interferes with the area of intended swing. All seams within the sodded area are considered the same seam.