

Prep Tour Policies

Day of Event specific starter instructions supersede all published Prep Tour Rules.

Prep Tour Local Rules:

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES: For all Prep Tour competitions, 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 14-3. Penalty for first breach of Rules is two strokes.

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

ACCIDENTAL MOVEMENT ON A PUTTING 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."

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

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

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

OUT OF BOUNDS:

1. Out of bounds is defined by the 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.
2. The inside edge of a paved road defines out of bounds. A ball that is on or beyond the road is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the golf course.

WATER AND LATERAL WATER HAZARD STAKES AND LINES: When a water hazard or a lateral water hazard is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend to infinity. When a water hazard or lateral water hazard is bounded by out of bounds, the hazard margin extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line.

ROADS AND PATHS: Curbing and artificial materials bordering cart paths are considered part of the obstruction. White-lined areas tying into roads (not defining out of bounds) and paths are part of the obstruction.

TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS: The Local Rule in Appendix I of the Rules of Golf is in effect. All tented areas, including any stake and rope immediately surrounding the tent and any objects such as the table and chairs located within the stake and rope, are deemed to be temporary immovable obstructions. Purposely moving any part of a TIO is a breach of this Local Rule.

3. **Special Relief Procedures:** In addition to the available relief options under the Rules, a player having interference (including intervention) from any TIO may drop the ball, without penalty, on either side of the obstruction, but not nearer the hole.

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

4. French drains, which are trenches filled with rocks or stones.

5. Fire ant beds or mounds.

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.

INTEGRAL PART OF THE COURSE: Integral parts of the course are areas on the course from which relief is not granted. Integral parts of the golf course include (unless otherwise provided in the Notice to Competitors):

6. Cables, rods, wires or wrappings when closely attached to trees.
7. Artificial walls and pilings when located in hazards.

The USGA rules will govern all play. If between the group, a ruling cannot be established and there is no rules official in the vicinity, we ask you play two balls and a ruling will be administered in the scoring tent. Please do not sign scorecards until a ruling has been made official.

EXCEPTION: Rule 7-2 Practice Between Hole The Prep Tour **does not allow** any practice chipping or putting between holes. Players are directed to move immediately to the next teeing ground upon completion of each hole played.

Tie Breakers:

Tie breakers for first place only will be decided by a sudden death 1 hole playoff. The sudden death playoff will continue until we have a champion. All other ties (2 or more players) will be decided by matching scorecards, comparing the number 1 handicap hole (printed on the host venues' scorecard) to determine the tiebreaker. If a tie amongst 2 or more players still exists, matching scorecards will continue on handicap hole #2 consecutively through handicap hole #18 until all ties have been resolved. Ties amongst female competitors (other than for 1st place) will be resolved by matching scorecards using the ladies handicap system on the host venues printed scorecard. Tie breakers will be utilized (other than for determining 1st place) for the sole purpose of trophy distribution. The official tournament results will list two competitors in the same position regardless of which competitor won the matching scorecard playoff. (Example- 2 competitors that tied for 3rd place will both be listed as T-3rd, and the next

competitor will finish in 5th place. The 2 competitors will also split the sum of the 3rd and 4th place “points” divided in half.)

Tiebreakers for a 2 day tournament will be decided by better Day 2 18 hole score— then number 1 handicap on day 2 course etc. until the tie is broken.

Caddies and Pull Carts:

The Tour does not allow the use of caddies (except for the Mother’s Day event- Moms will be allowed to caddy this day only. The Tour will allow the use of pull carts at all Tour events. Players are not allowed the use of motorized carts.

CELL PHONES:

Player’s cell phones shall remain off and in the player’s golf bag until tournament is completed. “Apps” that serve as a measuring device on your phone will not be permitted.

EAR PHONES:

The use of ear phones and/or devices that play music are prohibited during the stipulated round.

SCORING:

1. The Starter will distribute an official tournament scorecard to all competitors
2. Competitors will exchange scorecards with fellow competitors in the pairing
3. Begin keeping score on the hole where you begin play
4. Keep up with the number of strokes of the player whose score you are keeping, as well as your own on the bottom of the scorecard
5. Verify his/her score verbally at the completion of each hole before it is written down
6. Record his/her score, and your own score, in the proper places on the official scorecard
7. The Prep Tour recommends that each participant records scores for every fellow competitor in his/her group, even if you are not the

- official marker for that competitor, as it helps with questions and confusion in the scoring area
8. Make sure all scores are correct, legible, and the card has been signed by both the player and the scorer
 9. In stroke play, scorecards must be signed and attested in the official scoring area immediately and witnessed by a Tournament Official.
 10. When all scores have been posted on the official scoreboard and approved by the Committee, the results of the competition shall be deemed to have been announced and the competition officially closed. Scores are official when a player leaves the designated scoring area of each individual event.

Awards: Players must be present at the trophy presentation to claim their award. Trophies will not be saved and distributed subsequently for players who do not stay for the Trophy presentation.