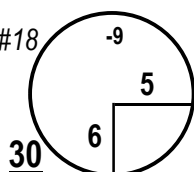
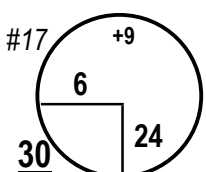
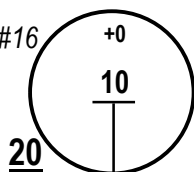
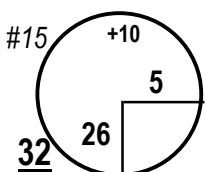
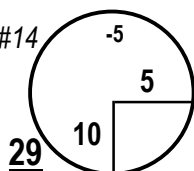
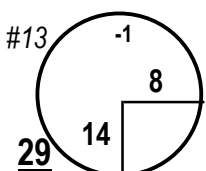
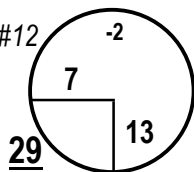
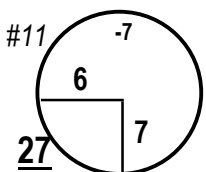
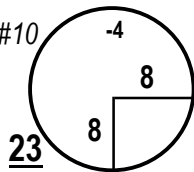
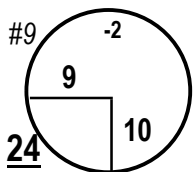
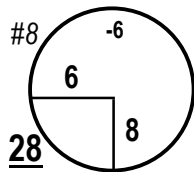
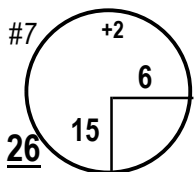
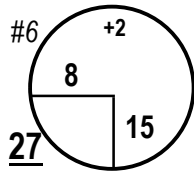
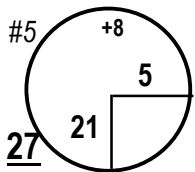
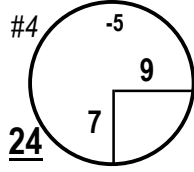
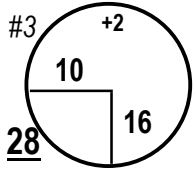
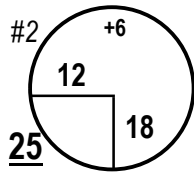
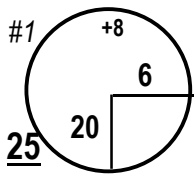


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2024 Palmetto Amateur Local Rules/Notice to Players



The Rules of Golf as approved by the USGA and the R&A govern play. See applicable Notice to Competitors, Code of Conduct and Pace of Play Policies for additional Local Rules. Complete text of Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 2023. 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.

STOPPING AND RESUMING PLAY: Local Rule as prescribed in Section 6E of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule J-1. **Suspension for a dangerous situation: One long prolonged siren or airhorn note.**

All other types of suspensions (i.e., for darkness): Three consecutive airhorn notes. Resumption of play: Two airhorn notes. When play has been suspended for a dangerous situation, all practice facilities are deemed to be closed until declared open by the Committee.

PACE OF PLAY: See separate Pace of Play policy.

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT: See separate Code of Conduct policy.

PRACTICE: Rule 5.2b covering practice in stroke play is modified in this way: A player may not practice on the competition course before or between rounds. Model Local Rule I-1.1

Penalty for first breach: General Penalty (applied to the player's first hole)

Penalty for second breach: disqualification

PRACTICE BETWEEN HOLES: Rule 5.5b is modified this way: Between the play of two holes, a player must not make any practice strokes on or near the putting green of the hole just completed or test the surface of that putting green by rubbing the putting green or rolling a ball. Model Local Rule I-2. Penalty for breach of this rule is the general penalty

PROHIBITING USE OF MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION: Model Local Rule G-6 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. **Exception:** a player may accept transportation from a Rules Official, Tournament Committee members and authorized volunteers.

OUT OF BOUNDS: Out of bounds is defined as the inside edge of white stakes at ground level. (Support wires attached to a boundary fence are an immovable obstruction). For OB defined by chain link fences, the fence is the boundary; balls outside the fence line are OB. (Support wires attached to a boundary fence are an immovable obstruction). Driving range is **IN BOUNDS**. Closed gate that is part of the boundary fence is part of the boundary. Relief not granted under 15.2 or 16.1. MLR F-26 in effect.

PROHIBITING THE USE OF AUDIO AND VIDEO DEVICES: Rule 4.3a is modified in this way: During a round, a player must not listen to or watch content of any nature on a personal audio or video device. Penalty for breach of Local Rule – see Rule 4.3.

PENALTY AREAS: When a penalty area is defined on only one side, it extends to infinity. When a penalty area is connected to the out-of-bounds edge, the penalty area extends to and coincides with out of bounds.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO THE PUTTING GREEN: Model Local Rule F-5.2 is in effect. The player may take relief only if **both the obstruction and the ball lie in an area cut to fairway height or less.**

CART PATHS AND ROADS: Model Local Rule F-17 is in effect. All roads and cart paths on the course, even if not artificially surfaced, are treated as immovable obstructions from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1.

EXCEPTION: Relief **NOT** given for cart paths surfaced with pine straw only.

WHITE-LINED AREAS TYING INTO ARTIFICIALLY SURFACED ROADS AND PATHS: White-lined areas of ground under repair and the artificially surfaced roads, paths or other identified obstructions that they are connected to are a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.

DROPPING ZONES: If a ball is known or virtually certain to have come to rest in the penalty area of hole 12, the player has these options, each for one penalty stroke: Take relief under Rule 17.1 **OR** As an extra option, drop the original ball or another ball in the dropping zone in the forward tee area as marked. DZ for optional free relief from CP on RH side of 14 FW; Optional DZ on RH side of 17 FW for balls that enter the PA between the blue topped stakes (one penalty stroke).

TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS (TIO): Timing tents and the leaderboards are temporary immovable obstructions. Model Local Rule F-23 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. "Either Side" Relief Option: If a player has interference or intervention from a TIO the player may take relief on either side of the TIO.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR (GUR): Defined by white lines. French drains are ground under repair.

Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage, including areas where spectators or other traffic has combined with wet conditions to affect materially the ground surface, but only when so declared by an authorized member of the Committee. When immediately adjacent to an immovable obstruction, such an area is part of that obstruction. Practice bunkers next to pro shop are GUR.

RELIEF FROM SEAMS OF CUT TURF: If a player's ball lies in or touches a seam of cut turf or a seam interferes with the lie of the ball or the player's area of intended swing:

Ball in General Area: The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b

Ball on Putting Green: The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d

But interference does not exist if the seam only interferes with the player's stance.

All seams within the area of cut turf are treated as the same seam in taking relief. This means that if a player has interference from any seam after dropping the ball, the player must proceed as required under Rule 14.3c(2) even when the ball is still within one club-length of the reference point.

INTEGRAL OBJECTS: Include cables, rods, wires and wrappings when closely attached to trees, and artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas and adjacent to bunkers.

WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH: Are loose impediments.

REPLACEMENT OF CLUB THAT IS BROKEN OR SIGNIFICANTLY DAMAGED: Model Local Rule G-9 is in effect.

PLAYOFF: Unless otherwise determined by the committee, a hole-by-hole playoff will be conducted over holes 16, 17 and 18 (repeated as necessary) until a winner is determined.

RESULTS OF COMPETITION: The competition is final when the trophy has been presented to the winner.

PACE OF PLAY COMMITTEE: The pace of play committee consists of Brad Crain, George Montgomery, and Christina Anderson.

RULES COMMITTEE: The rules committee consists of George Montgomery, Christina Anderson, Bill Robinson, Jay Hardwick, Bob Newman, Bob Lloyd, Patrick Looney, Brad Crain, and Scott Long. Decisions of the rules committee are final.