CONDITIONS

AMATEUR STATUS: All players must conform to the USGA Rules of Amateur Status.

CELL PHONES; PAGERS; BEEPERS; TECH DEVICES; BLUETOOTH DEVICES; SMART WATCHES; HEADPHONES; SPEAKERS: The use of these devices is prohibited during stipulated rounds, except in the event of an emergency. Offenses are subject to Rule 1.2b of The Rules of Golf as follows: 1st breach: warning; 2nd breach: general penalty; 3rd breach: disqualification.

CODE OF CONDUCT: All players are expected to hold themselves to a high standard of conduct on the golf course. WOSGA may reject, at their discretion, an entry application, revoke an accepted application, expel from a championship or suspend a player from future championships for any reason including improper withdrawal from the championship or unbecoming conduct. Examples of such conduct may include, but are not limited to, damage to the golf course or the player’s equipment, verbal or physical abuse of spectators, fellow competitors, officials, volunteers, or staff, blatant or excessive profanity, disorderly behavior, failure to abide by club rules including club dress code, or any other unbecoming conduct. The player is held responsible for the conduct of their caddy.

CLOSE OF COMPETITION: The competition shall be deemed to have closed when the championship trophies have been presented. The result of a match is considered to have been “officially announced” when the WOSGA Executive Committee has approved the result and posted it on the public scoreboard.

DISCONTINUANCE OF PLAY: Rule 5-7b is in effect. All practice areas are closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the WOSGA Executive Committee has declared them open. A player using a closed practice area will be asked to cease doing so; failure to comply may result in disqualification.

DISPUTES/DECISIONS: Disputes shall be settled by the on-site WOSGA Executive Committee whose decision shall be final.

DRESS CODE: Proper golf attire is required. No short shorts, tank tops, or denim. The host club’s dress code will be in effect. Players in violation of dress code may be asked to change clothes or be disqualified from the event.

ELIGIBILITY: Under Rule 20.2e/1, if a player is found to be ineligible during the competition or after the result of a match or the competition is final the results of the competition will be corrected. There is no time limit on correcting the results of a competition when a player who has competed in the competition is found to be ineligible.

EQUIPMENT: GOLF BALLS, DRIVER HEADS, CLUBS, GROOVES: The ball the player plays must be named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the USGA. Any driver the player carries must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the USGA. Model Local Rules G-1, G-2, G-3, and G-9 as described in the Committee Procedures to the Rules of Golf are in effect. Visit www.usga.org for lists and specifications of allowable equipment.

EQUIPMENT PERMITTED CONDITIONALLY FOR MEDICAL REASONS: WOSGA adheres to the USGA’s Equipment Permitted for Medical Reasons procedures (https://www.usga.org/championships-hub/additional-entry-resources/equipment-permitted-for-medical-reasons.html). The request and associated documentation should be sent by overnight courier to the attention of the Executive Director at WOSGA, 4786 Dressler Road NW, Suite 132, Canton, OH 44718 and postmarked no later than three days after the player’s entry form and fee are postmarked. WOSGA must be notified of later diagnosis as soon as possible prior to the event. The Executive Committee determines whether a device could be permitted under Rule 4.3b.

FOOTWEAR: It is a condition of the competition that shoes with traditionally designed spikes (regardless of composition, i.e. ceramic, plastic, etc.) or spikes, regardless of design, comprised either entirely or partially of metal are prohibited. Penalty for breach of this condition is disqualification.

GENDER: The WOSGA adheres to the USGA’s Gender Policy which can be found at www.usga.org/genderpolicy.html. Gender reassignment documentation must be submitted in triplicate via overnight or first-class mail in an envelope marked “Confidential” and addressed to WOSGA Chief Legal Officer, 887 S High Street, Columbus, OH 43206 and be received by WOSGA Counsel no later than five (5) days after the close of entries for the specific championship.

ONE BALL CONDITION: is not in effect.

PACE OF PLAY: WOSGA Pace of Play Policy and Schedule are in effect. A player shall be subject to penalty if they are in breach of the WOSGA Pace of Play Policy and Schedule.

PRACTICE: Prior to and after their round in stroke play, a player may practice on the designated practice areas. Rule 5.2a(match play) and Rule 5.5b(stroke play) apply to practice before the round. Rule 5.5 applies to other practice in match and stroke play.

RESPONSIBILITY OF PLAYER: Under Rule 1.3, the player is responsible for acquainting themselves with the conditions under which the competition is to be played.

UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES: If unforeseen circumstances prohibit tournament play, the WOSGA reserves the right to modify the event’s format, duration, and play dates solely on their discretion and without consideration of the impact to the field. No refunds shall be issued for events shortened or modified due to unforeseen circumstances, including canceled or incomplete rounds or meals.

LOCAL RULES

DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICES: If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect their play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 4.3a. Penalty for first offense is the general penalty, penalty for a second breach is disqualification. Cell phone apps are not recognized as permitted measuring devices.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR: Defined by white lines. Rule 16.1.

INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE: Include cables, rods, wires, and wrappings when closely attached to trees, artificial walls and pilings when located in hazards, unless otherwise provided for in the Notice to Players.

OUT OF BOUNDS: Defined by inside points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts or inside edge of the white line. Rule 18.2.

BALL PLAYED FROM OUTSIDE RELIEF AREA WHEN TAKING BACK-ON-THE-LINE RELIEF: Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule E-12.

SEAMS OF CUT TURF: Through the green, seams of cut turf (not the turf itself) are deemed to be ground under repair. However, interference by a seam with the player’s stance is deemed not to be, of itself, interference under Rule 16.1. If the ball lies in or touches the seam or the seam interferes with the area of intended swing, relief is available under Rule 16.1. All seams within the cut turf area are considered the same seam. See Model Local Rule F-7 of The Rules of Golf.

PENALTY AREAS, STAKES AND LINES: When a penalty area is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend 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.

WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH: Are loose impediments (Rule 15.1 applies), unless otherwise provided for in the Notice to Players.