

## RULES FOR 3A REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP, OCT. 21, 2014

Today's stroke play competition is governed by the USGA Rules of Golf, the NCHSAA Conditions of Competition, and these local rules:

- Play is from red tees
- Scores are recorded by a marker
- Mark, lift, clean and place through the green (one clublength, no closer to the hole), in the same condition, but no free relief is allowed from an unplayable lie (e.g. ball in a bush, or next to a tree trunk) other than tree roots (see below).
- Casual water through the green: The player may drop within one clublength of the nearest point of relief, in the same condition, no closer to the hole
- Casual water in bunkers: The player may drop **in the bunker** within one clublength of the nearest point of relief, no closer to the hole
- Ground under repair (GUR) is marked by white lines. A ball touching the line is in GUR. Flower beds are ground under repair. In GUR the player may play the ball as it lies, or drop within one clublength of the nearest point of relief, no closer to the hole, without penalty. If a player believes she is in unmarked GUR she should consult with a member of the Committee. If a Committee member is not reasonably available, she should play a second ball (Rule 3-3) and must report the playing of the second ball to the Committee no matter what the result, or be disqualified.
- Embedded ball rule is in effect through the green
- North Course: A ball striking the tower is played either from where it lies or from the drop zone, marked with a white circle, without penalty. If a ball strikes a power line, the stroke is cancelled and must be replayed without penalty.
- From tree roots: drop within 1 clublength from the near point of relief, no closer to the hole, without penalty
- Flag colors: Red=front, white=middle, blue=back
- Spectators, whether walking or in carts, must remain on the cart paths, except to help look for lost balls on the cart path side of the fairway. They may not cross the fairway. Players may not talk to or interact with spectators. **COMPLIANCE IS THE PLAYER'S RESPONSIBILITY**; in the event of a violation the player must call a 2-stroke penalty on herself and let her marker know. (Ref: NCHSAA Conditions of Competition). A second occurrence is cause for disqualification.

- Players must walk at all times, except they may be ferried on carts from West 9 to North 1, and from North 9 back to the Clubhouse, since both are very long distances which would otherwise affect pace of play. A player needing to return to a tee or other location because of a lost ball may be ferried by a coach. Players must not accept rides from coaches, parents or spectators in any other circumstance. The penalty is 2 strokes per violation.
- Rulings can only be obtained from Committee members. An on-course Committee member can be requested by calling 828-575-3850.
- All other prohibitions stated in the NCHSAA Conditions of Competition for Regional and State Championships are in effect, including pace of play. The “triple bogey” rule **IS NOT** in effect; all balls must be played into the hole. The rake-and-place rule **IS NOT** in effect.
- Immediately upon completion of your round, go to the Scorer’s area. Sit at the players’ table and go over your scorecard with your marker, and when you are both satisfied that the score is accurately recorded, detach the marker’s portion and hand the card, signed by both player and marker, to the Scorer.
- In case of a dispute, do not sign the card, consult with your coach, and bring the dispute to the attention of the Scorer.
- The penalty for breach of a local rule is 2 strokes per violation.
- **All decisions of the Committee are final.**

**NCHSAA WOMEN'S GOLF, REGION 3A WEST**

**ANNUAL COACHES MEETING**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2014, 8:00 AM**

**AGENDA**

- 1. Call to order**
- 2. Call of the roll**
- 3. Distribution of credentials**
- 4. Old business**
- 5. Introduction of CGA Rules Official, Henri Wolbrette**
- 6. Appointment of Championship Committee**
- 7. Pairings**
- 8. Review of local rules**
- 9. Advancement of teams and individuals to State**
- 10. Resolution of ties**
- 11. Location of 2015 Regional Championship**
- 12. New business**
- 13. Adjourn at 8:30, *sine die***

**JOINT MEETING WITH COMMITTEE AT CONCLUSION OF PLAY**

- 14. Unfinished items 1-13**
- 15. Certification of winners**
- 16. Advancement roster to State Championship**
- 17. Adjourn**

## **3A WEST WOMEN'S GOLF REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP LAST MINUTE STUFF**

**CONTESTANTS** As of 5:00 PM on Oct. 17, there are 10 school teams and 14 individual players accepted for competition, a total of 52 players from 22 schools.

**SIGN IN TUESDAY MORNING** Players should sign in with the tournament staff at the welcome table outside the front door of the Clubhouse before 8:30 AM Tuesday morning.

**THE COMMITTEE** The Committee members are Burt Harris (Regional Director; Chairman), Henri Wolbrette (USGA/CGA Rules Official), Byon Morrissey, PGA, Sharon Smith, PGA, and Roger Buckner. There will be 3-4 Committee members on the course in carts during play.

**The decisions of the Committee about on-course rulings and all aspects of play are final.**

After the completion of play, estimated to be about 3:30, the Committee will certify the winners of the team and individual competitions and announce which players advance to the State Championship.

**COURSE SET-UP** The red tee yardage has been stretched to 5,220 yards to comply with the NCHSAA standard. This has been done by moving the tee markers about 3 yards to the back of each teeing ground, adding 70-80 yards without changing play of the holes. The pin positions will be reasonable. Hazards, out-of-bounds, and ground under repair will be marked with stakes and painted lines. If there's rain over the weekend there may be casual water.

**STARTING TIMES** Starting times and pairings as of Friday, Oct. 17 at 5 PM are attached, and listed on the NCHSAA website. These are subject to change due to frost, late entries, and who-knows-what-else.

**CAUTION** Public roads run through the Etowah GC&L. Caution should be exercised when crossing these roads, because some people who live here drive like they're from Tennessee (badly!). The weather forecast is encouraging, but in the mountains the high temperature is reached about 3- 4 PM. Bring warm clothes and hope you don't need them.

**FOOD SERVICE** A hot buffet breakfast will be served to resort guests (40 rooms at today's count) starting at 7:00 AM at Chelsea's, the banquet hall. There is an on-site restaurant, Zeke's Greenside Tavern, at the rear of the clubhouse, open for lunch and dinner until 9:00PM. Their menus are attached. A grab-and-go lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers or chicken, served hot off the grill, will be available.

**COACHES' MEETING** The NCHSAA requires a meeting attended by all coaches. This meeting will begin at Chelsea's at **8:00 AM** sharp Tuesday. Complimentary coffee and sweet rolls will be provided. The agenda is attached. If the agenda is not finished by 8:30, the meeting will resume after completion of play. To shorten discussion, please submit nominations for the location of next year's

Regional Championship by e-mail this weekend, and please review the local rules (attached) in advance.

**PLAY-OFFS** Regional championships frequently require a playoff. Players planning to leave before the results are certified and posted should consider this possibility. You can't win a playoff if you're not here.

**PLAYERS' AND SPECTATORS' MEETING** A meeting to review the local rules will be held at the practice range at 8:30. Please announce this to your team and strongly encourage team members and guests to attend.

**USE OF THE PRACTICE RANGE - TBA**

**SCORER'S AREA** The scorer's area is not open to the public. It is important that calm and quiet prevail. Access is restricted to players, who are expected leave immediately after completing their scorecard, coaches whose players are working with the scorer, and tournament staff. Scores will be posted in another location for public viewing, and results announced at the public scoreboard.

**QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS?** Please contact Burt Harris by e-mail at [burtharr@gmail.com](mailto:burtharr@gmail.com), home phone 828-697-2025 before 10 PM, or cell phone/text 828-575-3850.