

## Denver City Amateur Golf Tournaments 2024 Terms of Competition & Local Rules – (The DCA Policies)

The *Rules of Golf* of the United States Golf Association and the Denver City Amateur's Policy & Procedures govern play. The *Notice to Competitors (Notice)* and the *Entry Guidelines* for the event supplement and supersede any conflicting provisions in the *Terms of Competition & Local Rules*. References to the *Model Local Rules* published in the *Official Guide to the Rules of Golf* are prefaced by "MLR". The local rules of the host courses are not applicable. Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a local rule or condition of play is the *General Penalty*. A decision by a *Committee* is final.

### Areas of Course

- **Out of Bounds:** Defined by white lines, white stakes, the course side edge at ground level of walks, roads or fence posts. A ball that crosses a public road defined as out of bounds and comes to rest beyond the road is out of bounds even if lying on another part of the course MLR 8A-3.
  - **Internal Out of Bounds:** Stakes defining or identifying an Internal Out of bounds for a hole are Boundary Objects for that hole; they are treated as *Immovable Obstructions* for all other holes, MLR 8A-4. Internal *Out of Bounds* should be noted and clarified on the *Notice*.
  - **Penalty Areas (Red and Yellow):** When a penalty area is defined on only one side, it extends to infinity. When a *penalty area* edge adjoins a course out-of-bounds, the penalty area extends to and coincides with the out of bound's edge of the course.
  - **Integral Objects:** Includes: cables, rods, wires or wrappings when closely attached to trees; exposed liners in bunkers; and artificial walls and pilings when located in Bunkers or Penalty Areas.
  - **Ground Under Repair (GUR):** Defined by white lines and Flower beds, newly sodden areas, turf nurseries and French drains. Only the *Committee* may declare an additional part of the course as *Ground Under Repair*.
  - **No Play Zones (NPZs):** *No Play Zones* are designated by Green Topped Stakes and or Signs. Relief is required under the applicable {Rule 14.7, Rule 16.1f, Rule 17.1e} .
  - **Protected Areas of Course:** Flower beds, newly sodded areas, turf nurseries and *Wrong Putting Greens* are a *No Play Zones* from which play is prohibited; the player must take relief under applicable {Rule 14.7, {Rule 16.1f {Rule 17.1e} .
  - **Artificial Surfaced Roads:** Cart Paths, Maintenance Paths and Dirt Roads are *Immovable Obstructions*.
  - **White-Lined Areas Tied into Artificially Surfaced Roads and Paths:** White-lined areas of GUR connected to artificially surfaced roads & paths (*Immovable obstructions*) are a single *Abnormal Course Condition (ACC)*. Protective small fences, stakes, posts or similar adjacent to a cart path are treated as part of the cart path. Bare/damaged areas touching a cart path are part of the cart path. Relief may be taken under {Rule 16.1}, MLR 8F
  - **Wood Chips and Mulch are Loose Impediments.**
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## General Terms of Competition

- **The Event/Tournament Committees:** The Event *Committee* consists of the following onsite or available by phone, text or email: The DCA Tournament Director (TD), the designated Denver PGA Professional in charge, The Head/Chief Rules Official (CRO), and any additional members appointed by the TD as listed on the *Notice*.
  - **The Rules Committee:** The TD, the designated Denver PGA Professional in charge, The Chief Rules Official (CRO), and any additional members appointed by the TD or CRO.
  - **Competitors:** All players must have “amateur status” as defined by the USGA.
  - **Format & Teeing Areas:** Defined on the *Notice* for each event.
  - **Addendums:** The *Committee* may at any time issue addendums to the *Policy* and *Notice* for unusual or temporary conditions. The committee may notify players in the starting area of additional local rules in effect.
  - **Scoring Area:** The TD shall define an official scoring area where scorecards must be promptly returned.
  - **Return of Scorecards:** Immediately upon the completion of a round, the player must promptly return his/her signed and attested scorecard to the designated scoring area. Failure to promptly report at scoring may result in revocation of entry without refund of the entry fee.
  - **Ties:** Governed by policy set in Denver City Amateur Policy & Procedures. Ties for the Winner (Champion) in each flight will be decided by a playoff. Holes will be determined based on availability at host course. All other ties will be decided by starting USGA Standard scorecard playoff. Sum of last 9, last 6, last 3, last hole, then by hardest handicap hole.
  - **Close of Competition:** The competition is closed when all scores have been posted on the official scoreboard or when officially approved by the *Committee*.
  - **Pace of Play/Undue Delay of Play:** The *Pace of Play Policy* in The DCA Policy and Procedures govern play, MLR 8K-1 to 8K-5. Players walking in an event where automotive transportation is permitted may be required by the TD to use a cart if they are unduly delaying play. “Ready Golf” from the start of each par 4 and par 5 hole is strongly encouraged {Rule 5.6b(2)}!
  - **Automotive Transportation (Motorized Carts):** Permitted including motorized push/pull carts.
  - **Suspension of Play:** Suspension and resumption of play is signaled as follows:
    - Immediate Suspension of Play (E.G. Dangerous Condition): One prolonged note of an air horn; penalty for failure to cease play immediately: Disqualification.
    - Normal Suspension of Play: Three consecutive notes of an air horn, repeated; players may finish play of their current hole.
    - Resumption of Play: Two consecutive notes of an air horn, repeated. {Rule 5.7b}.
    - All practice areas are closed during an immediate suspension until the *Committee* declares the practice areas open. Practice on a closed practice area during a suspension may result in the revocation of the entry of the player without refund of entry fee and additional sanctions by the Denver City Amateur Event Committee.
  - **Conduct, Dress Code:** DCA Policy and procedures govern conduct on the course property and apply to a player’s caddie. At all times, the players and their caddies must be neat in appearance with respect to clothing and personal grooming. Objectionable or unbecoming conduct includes club throwing, foul language, intentional damage to the golf course or property, abuse of officials or course staff, disruptive behavior in the Club House and alcohol/drug impaired behavior. Cell/Smart phone usage is discouraged except for emergencies or to request a ruling; no music should be played during competition. The Event *Committee* is the sole judge if the standards of conduct have been breached. Violation by the player or his/her caddie may result in disqualification and the revocation of entry without refund, {Rule 1.2b}
  - **Footwear:** Players and caddies must wear footwear. Shoes with traditionally designed spikes, regardless of the composition of the spikes, are prohibited MLR 8G-7, {Rule 1.2b}.
  - **Rulings & Disputes:** A competitor always has the right to appeal a ruling to the *Rules Committee*.
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## Local Rules In Effect

- **Equipment:** The following optional conditions apply to all competitions.
  - Conforming Driver Heads: Penalty for a Breach: Disqualification MLR 8G-1.
  - Conforming Golf Balls: Penalty for a Breach: Disqualification MLR 8G-3].
  - Groove and Punch Mark Specification: The exception for the pre March 1990 Ping Eye 2 Irons is not in effect. Penalty for breach: Disqualification MLR 8G-2.
  - The One Ball Local Rule MLR 8G-4 is not in effect.
- **Replacement of Broken/Significantly Damaged Club:** MLR 8G-9 and its Clarification.
- **Practice between holes:** Prohibited MLR 8I-2, {Rule 5.5 }.
- **Practice, Prior to or between rounds in stroke play:** A player must not practice on the competition course but may practice on any designated practice areas MLR 8I-1.1, {Rule 5.2}.
- **Audio & Visual Devices:** The use of devices including headsets and earbuds to eliminate distractions to the player's performance is prohibited; the use of all personal audio/video devices during the *round* is prohibited unless permitted on the *Notice*. MLR 8G-8, {Rule 4.3}. Cell/smart phone usage for emergencies, accessing QR codes or for rules questions is permitted.
- **Seams of Cut Turf:** Relief is for lie of ball or the stroke only, not stance MLR 8F-7.
- **An *Abnormal Course Condition* Tied into Artificially Surfaced Roads and Paths:** White-lined areas of GUR adjacent to an artificially surfaced road or path are treated as a single *Abnormal Course Condition*. Protective small fences, stakes, posts or similar adjacent to an artificially surfaced cart path or road are part of the cart path or road MLR 8F-3.2.
- **Landscaped Garden Areas Flower beds, Shrubbery, or the like encircled by an *immovable obstruction* are treated as part of the *obstruction*:** MLR 8F-3.3]
- **Ball Striking an Elevated Power Lines on course must be replayed:** MLR 8F-22]
- **Back-On-the-Line Relief:** MLR 8E-12]
- **Limiting When Stroke Made From Putting Green Must Be Replayed Under Rule 11.1b Exception 2 MLR 8D-7]**
- **Immovable Obstructions Close to The Putting Green on-line of Play:** The ball and the *Immovable Obstruction* must be in the same closely mown area cut to fairway height or less. MLR 8F-5.