

**Moore County Women's Amateur  
Country Club of North Carolina, Dogwood Course, Pinehurst, NC  
July 27-28, 2015  
Local Rules**

*(as of July 20, 2015 – subject to change)*

**CADDIE – TRANSPORTATION:** All players will ride. Caddies are not permitted.

**TIME OF STARTING:** There is an official starter. Players must report to her correct starting tee (1 or 10). She should arrive at least 10 minutes prior to her starting time to receive all information. If a player arrives late but within five minutes of her starting time there is a two strokes penalty. After that, disqualification. Do not wait for another player if she delayed.

**TEES:** Championship tees are Purple Oval markers. Friendships tees are Lavender Diamond markers.

**RULE 3-3 - DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE:** If during play of a hole a competitor is doubtful of her procedure, she may complete the hole with two balls. She **MUST** report the facts of the situation to the Rules Committee before returning her score card.

**EMBEDDED BALL:** "Through the green" (anywhere except a bunker or water hazard) a ball that is embedded in its own pitch-mark in the ground may be lifted, without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible not nearer the hole.

**WATER HAZARDS:** Water hazards are yellow stakes and lines. Lateral water hazards are red stakes and lines and include unmarked drainage ditches.

**BALL DROP – HOLE 3:** This is a regular (yellow) water hazard. The option of two club lengths from the line is NOT available to the player. If the ball lands in the water hazard from ANY shot the Ball Drop located near the bottom of the hill is an available relief option.

**GROUND UNDER REPAIR:** Defined by white lines. Fire ant hills and French drains are ground under repair even if not marked.

**TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS:** Greenside fans are deemed to be temporary immovable obstructions. The player may drop her ball one club length from the nearest point of relief no closer to the hole.

**CELL PHONES:** Except for emergencies, rulings, viewing tournament leaderboard or use as a distance measuring device, cell phone use during a stipulated round is prohibited. First Offense-Warning; Second Offense-Disqualification (Rule 33-7).

**STONES IN BUNKERS:** Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions.

**UNPAVED CART PATH AND ROADS:** No free relief. Play the ball as it lies.

**OUT OF BOUNDS:** There is no out of bounds. **MANDATORY GROUND UNDER REPAIR** for private home lawns (grassed areas), flower & shrubbery beds are deemed to be ground under repair. The ball must be dropped, without penalty, at the nearest point of relief, no nearer the hole that avoids the protected area. No free relief for pine straw areas.

**DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES:** Player may use a device that measures distance only. Using a device that also gauges or measures other conditions that might affect play such as elevation, wind speed, or temperature, the player is disqualified. Even if that features is not used. Cell phone apps for distance are okay.

**IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO THE PUTTING GREEN (BALL IN CLOSELY MOWN AREA):** Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction such as a sprinkler head that is within two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club-lengths of the ball and intervenes with the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may take relief at the nearest point of relief – do not add one more club length. Just nearest point and drop the ball.

**PACE OF PLAY:** *Please keep up with the group in front of you. If you get out of position make every effort to catch up. Play ready golf, continuous putting wherever possible.*

**SUSPENSION OF PLAY:** Signaled by three short consecutive air horn blasts. Players in the process of playing a hole may complete the hole. Players in between the play of two holes must stop play immediately.

**SUSPENSION OF PLAY FOR DANGEROUS SITUATION:** Signaled by one long air horn blast or if players are verbally informed. All play must cease immediately. All practice areas are closed during a suspension of play, until the Committee has declared them open again.

**RESUMPTION OF PLAY:** Signaled by two short consecutive air horn blasts.

**SCORE CARD: Proceed to scoring IMMEDIATE after completion of your round.** Stay with your group until all scores are verified and score cards are signed and attested.

**PLAYOFF:** A hole by hole playoff to determine the champion of both divisions will begin at the first tee when such a situation is determined. Players are responsible for making themselves available at the scoreboard. All other ties will be settled according to the USGA recommended procedures.

**CLOSE OF COMPETITION:** The competition is deemed to have closed when the championship trophy has been presented to the winner.

**RULES COMMITTEE**

**Only this Committee can make decisions on the Rules of Golf**

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