

# 2019 AGCA

## Medal Play Tournament Rules

### Tournament Rules & Instructions

The tournament format is Medal Play. **Golfers shall play their own ball out on each hole.**

- 1) **Play shall be governed by the USGA rules of golf with all new changes.**
- 2) **BALL USED IN PLAY OF HOLE:** (Rule 6.3) A player must hole out with the same ball played from the tee except when ball is lost or out of bounds or ball becomes damaged. Players may change balls between holes
- 3) **SEARCH TIME:** (Rule 18.2) A player has 3 minutes to locate and identify their ball once a search has begun. Failure to locate and identify a player's ball will result in making the appropriate stroke and distance relief by adding 1 stroke.
- 4) **RELIEF FROM ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS (including immovable obstructions):** (Rule 16.1) (GUR...painted in white lines, flagged and or staked areas, relief nearest point no closer to the hole.) A player may take free relief if ball touches or is in one of these; Pump house, control boxes, electrical station, ant hills, railroad tie wall in front of #8 green and #6 tee box or gopher holes on the golf course. Rock walls by teeing ground play as immovable obstructions. Artificially surfaced paths and/or roads are to be treated as immovable obstructions. Other roads and paths play as it lies. Rock walls along cart path are part of the path
- 5) **EMBEDDED BALL RULE:** (Rule 16.3) Ball must be embedded in General area, General area is anywhere on the course except for a penalty area to include the rough, but not a sand trap. Relief is allowed when a ball is embedded in a general area on the course.

- 6) **PENALTY AREAS:** (Rule 17) Lateral penalty areas, defined by red stakes and/or lines on the ground or defined by yellow stakes and/or lines on the ground. When both stakes and lines are used the stakes define the penalty area and the lines define the margin of the penalty area.
- 7) **OUT OF BOUNDS:** (Rule 18) Defined by white stakes, white lines and perimeter fence. Out of bounds is determined by the lower inside points of the stakes at ground level. The driving range poles determine the out of bounds.
- 8) **PROVISIONAL BALL:** (Rule 18.3) if a ball may be lost or may be out of bounds, the player may, after declaring their intentions, play a provisional ball.
- 9) **DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE:** (Rule 20.1(c)3) During the play of a hole, when a player is doubtful of a rule or procedure, the player may, without penalty, play a second ball. The player shall announce to his/her fellow competitors his/her intentions and with which ball she will score if the rules permit, then report the facts to a rules official before returning the scorecard. Failure to report is cause for **disqualification**.
- 10) **TIE BREAKERS:** If 2 or more players tie for a position to be paid, the winner(s) will be determined based on the NET score for the last nine holes (10-18), last six holes (13-18), last three holes (16-18) and finally the 18th hole. If there is still a tie, then the last six holes (4-9), three holes (7-9) and final hole of the first nine holes (9) will be considered in turn.

Handicaps will be applied for the last nine, last six, last three, and final hole using one-half (1/2), one-third (1/3), one-sixth (1/6), and one-eighteenth (1/18). These will be deducted from the score for those holes.

This method is the USGA recommended method and can be found in the **2019 Rules of Golf**, *Committee Procedures, 5A (6) How Ties Will Be Decided*.

- 11) **NEW TREES AND THE THEIR TREE WELLS ARE A MANDATORY DROP W/NO PENALTY. Please do not keep tree in line of play!!!**