

# Denver City Amateur Golf Tournaments

## 2024 Terms of Competition & Local Rules – (The Hard Card - Summary)

The *Rules of Golf* of the United States Golf Association and *Denver City Amateur's Policy & Procedures* govern play. The complete Hard Card is on the Tournament website. The References to the *Model Local Rules* published in the *Official Guide to the Rules of Golf* are prefaced by "MLR. A decision by a *Committee* is final.

**The Committee:** The *Committee* consists of the following onsite or available by phone, text or email: The DPR Director of Golf, The DPR Director of PGA Professionals, the designated Denver PGA Professional in charge of event (TD) and the Head/Chief Referee.

**The Rules Committee:** The Chief Referee (CR/CRO), and any additional members as listed on the *Notice*.

**Rulings & Disputes:** A player always has the right to appeal a ruling to the *Rules Committee* before the official return of their scorecard.

**Dangerous Weather – Player Safety:** The DPR/DCA staff shall appoint a member on site to be responsible for monitoring weather conditions and responsible for removal of players and caddies from the course for dangerous conditions.

**Format:** Stroke Play -Each flight is a separate competition.

**Return of Scorecards:** Immediately upon the completion of a round, the players must promptly return their signed and attested scorecard to the designated scoring area. The penalty for a player returning a scorecard without proper certification under Rule 3.3b(2) is modified to 2 penalty strokes. MLR[8L-1].

**Close of Competition:** The competition is closed when all scores have been posted on the official scoreboard or when officially approved by the *Committee*.

**Conduct, Dress Code:** The *Denver City Amateur Policy & Procedures* govern conduct on the course property and apply to the player and player's caddie. Players and caddies must wear footwear. Shoes with traditionally designed spikes, regardless of the composition of the spikes, are prohibited MLR[8G-7]. Penalty for violation see Rule 4.3.

**Audio & Visual Devices:** The use of personal audio/video devices including headsets and earbuds to eliminate distractions to the player's performance are prohibited. Mobile phone usage is discouraged except for emergencies and requesting rules assistance. Penalty See Rule 4.3

**Pace of Play/Undue Delay of Play:** See separate *Pace of Play Policy* document. Rule 5.6b(3), MLR[8K-1 to 3].

**Practice between Holes:** Prohibited MLR[8I-2]. Violation: 2 penalty strokes per each hole a violation incurred.

**Practice on then Competition Course on Day of or Between Rounds in a Stroke Play Event:** Prohibited Rule 5.2b, MLR[8I-1.1]. First offense (a stroke) 2 *penalty strokes*, Second Offense Disqualification.

**Out of Bounds (OB):** Defined by white lines, white stakes, the course side edge at ground level of walks, roads fences or walls.

**Internal Out of Bounds:** Stakes defining or identifying an *Internal Out of bounds* for a hole are *Boundary Objects* for that hole only; they are treated as *Immovable Obstructions* for all other holes. *Internal Out of Bounds* are listed on the *Notice*.

**Penalty Areas (Red and Yellow):** When an edge of 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.

**Ground Under Repair (GUR):** Defined by freshly painted white lines; only the *Committee* may declare an additional part of the course as *Ground Under Repair*. White-lined and bare areas of GUR connected to an *Immovable Obstruction* (E.G. Cart Path) are deemed part of the *Immovable Obstruction*.

**Paths and Artificial Surfaced Roads on the Course:**

Maintenance paths, dirt roads, and cart paths are *Immovable Obstructions*. Protective small fences, stakes, posts or similar adjacent to a cart path are deemed part of the cart path.

**No Play Zones (NPZs):** Designated by green topped stakes, and/or Signs; Flower beds, newly sodded areas, turf nurseries, and staked trees are *No Play Zones* from which play is prohibited even if not marked. Mandatory relief under the applicable Rule: Rule 16.1f or Rule 17.1e.

**Integral Objects (IOs):** Includes cables, rods, wires or wrappings when closely attached to trees; artificial walls and pilings, railroad ties and the like and when located in bunkers and penalty areas.

**Optional Relief for The Line of Play from an Immovable Obstruction Located Close to Putting Green:** Both the ball and the *Immovable Obstruction* must be located in the same closely mown area of course cut to fairway height or less. MLR[8F-5].

**Animal Near Ball in Play:** An *animal* that is not defined as a *loose Impediment* (e.g.gopher, goose) may be removed; if the ball moves as a direct result there is no penalty and the ball must be replaced.

**Drop Zones (DZs):** Only those designated on the *Notice* are in effect.

**Course Map-App on Phone:** Must be previously approved by the USGA or be approved by the Rules Chief Referee. Penalty for use of unauthorized item: First offense 2 *penalty strokes*, Second Offense Disqualification

**Suspension of Play:** Immediate Suspension of play is signaled One prolonged note of an air horn; penalty for failure to cease play immediately: Disqualification.

\*\*\* Players should consult with a rules official when in doubt on how to proceed or play a second Ball \*\*\*