

## **TERMS OF THE COMPETITION AND LOCAL RULES FOR THE NEXTGEN AMATEUR TOUR**

The Rules of Golf as approved by the USGA and The R&A govern play. Unless otherwise provided, penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is two strokes in stroke play or loss of hole in match play.

### **LOCAL RULES**

**LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS:** Any ball used in making a stroke must be on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the USGA. Penalty for breach of this condition is disqualification.

**LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS:** Any driver the player uses to make a stroke must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft, which is on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the USGA. Penalty for making a stroke with a driver in breach of this rule is disqualification.

**GROOVE AND PUNCH MARK SPECIFICATIONS:** In making a stroke, the player must use clubs that conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Equipment Rules that took effect on 1 January 2010. Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of this rule is disqualification. There is no penalty for carrying but not making a stroke with a club which does not conform to these groove and punch mark specifications.

**STOPPING AND RESUMING PLAY:** Suspension for a dangerous situation: One long prolonged siren or airhorn note. All other types of suspensions (i.e., for darkness): Three consecutive airhorn notes. Resumption of play: Two airhorn notes. When play has been suspended for a dangerous situation, all practice facilities are deemed to be closed until declared open by the Tournament Team.

**PRACTICE:** Prior to and after a round in stroke play, a player may practice on the designated practice areas. A player may not practice on the competition course before or between rounds. Penalty for first breach of this rule is two strokes. Penalty for second breach of this rule is disqualification.

**PRACTICE BETWEEN HOLES:** Between the play of two holes, a player must not make any practice strokes on or near the putting green of the hole just completed or test the surface of that putting green by rubbing the putting green or rolling a ball. Penalty for breach of this rule is two strokes.

**CADDIES:** Caddies ARE NOT permitted for Junior (U/18) players. Caddies ARE permitted for Open Amateur (18-25) players

**SPECTATORS** attend NextGen Amateur Tour events at their own risk. Spectators should stay one shot ahead of the group they are following. This allows spectators to follow errant shots and help identify where the ball comes to rest. Spectators are allowed to help in the search for lost golf balls.

**PROHIBITING USE OF MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION:** Except when permitted by NextGen Amateur Tour. Exception: a player may ride in designated shuttles and may accept transportation from a Rules Official. **MOBILE PHONES:** Please silence your mobile phone while at NextGen Amateur Tour events or abide by the Host Facilities policy, whichever is stricter. Phones may be used for scoring purposes if you have a direct relationship with the

group you are following and no player has access to a phone or data to keep live scores up to date. At no point are you to question scores. If you feel scores may be incorrect please advise the Tournament Team prior to the completion of the round. **CARTS:** The NextGen Amateur Tour allows spectator carts dependant on availability at each venue. Carts are to be booked directly through the host venue and must not be driven on the fairway at any stage. Players and spectators are not permitted to ride on the back of a golf cart at any time during NextGen Amateur Tour competitions. Spectators should stay on cart paths. In the absence of cart paths, we ask that spectators stay in the rough. Please stay off fairways, tees and greens.

**RULINGS:** Please seek a NextGen Amateur Tour rules official if the need arises. Spectators must NOT give rulings.

**TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS:** If a player has interference from a Temporary Immovable Obstruction the player may take relief on either side of the Temporary Immovable Obstruction.

**REPLACEMENT OF CLUB THAT IS BROKEN OR SIGNIFICANTLY DAMAGED:** A player may replace a club that is damaged during the normal course of play. Any club that is damaged in frustration MAY NOT be replaced.

**INTEGRAL OBJECTS:** Include cables, rods, wires and wrappings when closely attached to trees, and artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas and bunkers. **WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH:** Are loose impediments.

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**SCORING:** Players must score through Golf Genius during play. All players must have the Golf Genius app downloaded prior to play and score for another person. Digital Scorecards are to be verified by players and markers at the completion of each round. Scoring discrepancies are to be reported to the score return desk immediately following players returning from the golf course

**RESULTS OF THE NEXTGEN AMATEUR TOUR:** The competition is final when the trophy has been presented to the winner or, in the absence of an awards ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the Tournament Team. The result of a match is final when the Tournament Team has approved the result as posted on the public scoreboard or via online scoring.

**FIELD:** Maximum 120 players per event.

**ENTRY FEES:** \$220 per event (\$250 World Final)

**WAGR:** All events are official World Amateur Golf Ranking events.

**WORLD FINAL QUALIFICATION CRITERIA:** Players must play a minimum of 6 events to qualify for the World Final. Winners of any 54 hole events are exempt into the final.

**DEADLINES:** Entries close 2 weeks prior to tournament starting date.

**LATE ENTRIES:** All late entries will incur a \$50 late entry fee and must be approved by the Tournament Team regardless of the size of the field.

**WITHDRAWAL:** Withdrawal after entry deadline will only be refunded with a medical certificate.