LOCAL RULES and CONDITIONS of COMPETITION FOR 2018 MSGA-WD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and The R&A govern play. See applicable Championship or qualifying round Notice to Players and Entry Application for additional Local Rules and Conditions. Complete text of Rules and Appendix I may be found in the current Rules of Golf, effective January 2016. Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is:

Match Play – Loss of hole; Stroke Play – Two Strokes.

LOCAL RULES

ACCIDENTAL MOVEMENT OF A BALL ON THE PUTTING GREEN – The Local Rule as prescribed at http://www.usga.org/2017LocalRule is in effect.

DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICES – The Local Rule permitting use of distance-measuring devices as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

EMBEDDED BALL THROUGH THE GREEN – The Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR – Defined by white lines (Rule 25-1). When immediately adjacent to an artificially-surfaced road or path, such an area is part of the obstruction, not ground under repair. French drains are deemed to be ground under repair. Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage, but only when so declared by an authorized member of the Committee.

INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE – Include cables, rods, wires and wrappings when closely attached to trees; artificial walls and pilings when located in hazards, unless otherwise provided for in the Notice to Players.

OUT OF BOUNDS – When defined by reference to stakes or a fence, the line is determined by the nearest inside points at ground level of the stakes or fence posts (excluding angled supports). When defined by a line on the ground, the line itself is out of bounds (Rule 27-1b).

SEAMS OF CUT TURF (SOD SEAMS) – The Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS – The Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

TEMPORARY POWER LINES AND CABLES – The Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

TURF PLUGS ON THE PUTTING GREEN – May be repaired even if they are not 4 1/4 inches.

WATER AND LATERAL WATER HAZARD STAKES AND LINES – When a water hazard or lateral water hazard is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend to infinity. When a water hazard or lateral water hazard is bounded by out of bounds, the hazard margin extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line.

WHITE-LINED AREAS TYING INTO ARTIFICIALLY-SURFACED ROADS AND PATHS – Have the same status as the roads and paths, that of obstructions (Rule 24-2).

WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH – Are loose impediments unless otherwise provided for in the Notice to Players.

WRONG SCORE FOR HOLE IN STROKE PLAY - If a competitor returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken due to failure to include a penalty stroke that the player did not know he had incurred, the player is not disqualified. The penalty for the applicable Rule is applied, but there is no additional penalty. (NOTE: Full text of Local Rule available at http://usga.org/2018LocalRule).

CONDITIONS

CELL PHONES – Electronic devices may be used in accordance with the Rules of Golf and any Local Rules and Conditions in effect. These devices are not to be used in a manner that distracts other players. A violation could be regarded as unbecoming conduct and constitute grounds for disciplinary action, including disqualification.

CLOSE OF COMPETITION – The competition is deemed to have closed when the trophy has been presented to the winner or, in the absence of a prize ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the Committee. The result of a match is considered to have been “officially announced" when the Committee has approved the result as posted on the public scoreboard.

DISCONTINUANCE OF PLAY – The Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect. All practice areas are closed during a suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to cease doing so; failure to comply may result in revocation of entry.

Note: A suspension for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged air horn note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive air horn notes, repeated. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short air horn notes, repeated.

LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS – The Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

PACE OF PLAY – See separate memorandum to players for pace of play guidelines, when applicable.

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