The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and the R&A govern play. These Local Rules and Terms of the Competition are in effect for all Miami Valley Golf Association Events. Please refer to the Event Notice to Players and Entry Information for modifications, clarifications or additions to these Local Rules and Terms of the Competition.

Complete text of the Rules and Local Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 2019 or by visiting www.usga.org/rules

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty.

 LOCAL RULES

1 - Out of Bounds - Defined by the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts. When a penalty area is connected to the out-of-bounds edge, the penalty area extends to and coincides with out of bounds.

2 - When a player's ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may proceed as follows rather than proceeding under stroke and distance.

For two penalty strokes, the player may take relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in the relief area (see Rule 14.3 & Committee Procedures 8E-5). (Please Review the Event Notice to Players for specific events or locations where this option may not be permitted).

3 - Penalty Areas – Defined by Natural Breaks in Topography, Mow Edges, Red or Yellow Lines or Stakes. When both stakes and lines/mow edges exist, stakes indicate, lines/mow edges define.

4 - Ground Under Repair - Defined by white lines.

   4A - Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage; including areas where traffic has combined with wet conditions to affect materially the surface of the ground, but only when so declared by an authorized member of the Committee. When not marked, a player may elect to play a second balls under Rule 20-1(3)

   4B - Relief from Seams of Cut Turf - Model Local Rule F-7.

   4C - French drains are ground under repair.

5 - White-Lined Areas Tying into Artificially Surfaced Roads and Paths - White-lined areas of ground under repair and the artificially surfaced roads, paths or other identified obstructions that they are connected are a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1. (Relief from Abnormal Course Conditions)

6 - 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.
7 - Pace of Play - See separate memorandum to players for pace of play policy, when applicable.

8 - Stopping and Resuming Play - Model Local Rule 8J-1 is in effect.

9A - All practice areas are closed during an immediate suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to stop practicing; failure to stop practicing may result in disqualification.

9B - An immediate suspension will be signaled by one prolonged airhorn note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive airhorn notes. Resumption of play will be signaled by two airhorn notes. (Please review the Event Notice to Players for signal changes)

9 - Practice - Prior to and after a round in stroke play, a player may practice on the designated practice areas. Rule 5.2b covering practice in stroke play is in effect.

10 - Relief from Aeration Holes: Model Local Rule E-4 is in effect.

11 - Immovable Obstructions Close to the Putting Green: Model Local Rule F-5 is in effect.

12 - Replacement of Broken or Significantly Damaged Club: Model Local Rule G-9 is in effect.

13 - Ball Played from Outside Relief Area When Taking Back-On-the-Line Relief: Model Local Rule E-12 is in effect.

OPTIONAL COURSE RELATED ITEMS (Please review the Event Notice to Players for locations if Optional Items are in use)

14 - Drop Zones – When a player’s ball is in a red or yellow penalty area, the player may:
take relief under one of the options in Rule 17 (Penalty Areas) OR, as an additional option under penalty of one stroke, take relief by dropping a ball in and playing from the Drop Zone nearest to the point where the ball last crossed the edge of the red or yellow penalty area.

15 - Relief Must Be Taken from a No Play Zones - If your ball, stance or area of intended swing is in a No Play Zone, you must take relief under the applicable rule based on the location of the No Play Zone.

16 - Internal Out of Bounds – Internal Out of Bounds may be established during play of certain holes. When defined by white stakes, these stakes are treated as boundary objects during the play of that specific hole. For all other holes, they are immovable obstructions.
TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

17 - Format of Play - Will be on Event Notice to Players

18 - Electronic Score Entry (Rule 3-3) *(Please review the Event Notice to Players to determine if this scoring method is in effect)*

After your final hole is completed, the group must confirm individual hole scores before submitting a completed scorecard on the Mobile Device.

Scores will be automatically certified upon a fixed time after the first scorecard is recorded. *(Please review the Event Notice to Players to determine the timing for automatic certification)*

19 - How Ties are Broken for Non-Championship or Qualifying Events - The USGA Regression Method is used. If a tie is not broken after this method, then individual hole scores starting on Hole 18 and going backwards to Hole 1 is used. If a tie is unable to be broken, then a tie will be awarded. *For More Information*

20 - When Competition or Match is Final - The competition is final 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 final when the Committee has approved and posted the result.