



87th Annual



Snohomish County Amateur Championship

May 27, 28 & 29, 2017

RULES and CONDITIONS OF PLAY

USGA Rules shall govern all play with the following local rules in effect.

Local rules pertaining to each golf club will be distributed on the 1st Tee prior to your starting time.

FORMAT: Stroke Play

WINTER RULES: The PPGA Preferred Lies Policy Through the Green are in effect at all (3) golf clubs.

A ball lying on a **closely mown area** (fairways and approaches) through the green may be lifted without penalty and cleaned. Before lifting the ball, the player must mark its position. Having lifted the ball, he must place it on a spot **within one club-length** of and not nearer the hole than where it originally lay, that is not in a hazard and not on a putting green.

A ball lying outside the closely mown area (**in the rough**) but still through the green may be lifted without penalty and cleaned. Before lifting the ball, the player must mark its position. Having lifted the ball, he must place it on a spot within **six inches** of and not nearer the hole than where it originally lay, that is not in a hazard and not on a putting green

A player may place his ball only once, and it is in play when it has been placed (Rule 20-4). If the ball fails to come to rest on the spot on which it was placed, Rule 20-3d applies. If the ball when placed comes to rest on the spot on which it is placed and it subsequently moves, there is no penalty and the ball must be played as it lies, unless the provisions of any other Rule apply. If the player fails to mark the position of the ball before lifting it or moves the ball in any other manner, such as rolling it with a club, he incurs a penalty of one stroke.

Note: "Closely mown area" means any area of the course, including paths through the rough, cut to fairway height or less. Exception: A player may not take relief under this Rule if it is clearly unreasonable for him to make a stroke at his ball in its original position.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE: Stroke Play - Two strokes.

--If a player incurs the general penalty for a breach of this Local Rule, no additional penalty under the Local Rule is applied.

DEFINITION OF BOUNDARIES AND MARGINS:

Out of Bounds: Defined by the inside edge, at ground level, of fence posts of both chain-link and wood fencing and/or white stakes.

Lateral Hazards: Defined by red stakes or lines.

Water Hazards: Defined by yellow stakes or lines.

Ground Under Repair: Defined by white lines

STONES IN BUNKERS: Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions. Rule 24-1 applies.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES: A player may obtain distance information by using a device that **measures distance only**. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (for example - gradient, windspeed, temperature, etc), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.

PACE OF PLAY – Please keep pace as stated with the times on the official scorecards. Groups will receive a warning if they are out of position and will be allowed 4 holes to regain their position. Failure to retain your position may result with a 1 stroke penalty to each player in the group.

RULES COMMITTEE – Jason Himple, SCGA Executive Director and the following Golf Professionals at each Club:

Legion Memorial GC

Rex Fullerton

Luc McLeod

Harbour Pointe GC

Caleb Kraus

Dave Castleberry

Snohomish GC

Fred Jacobsen

THANK YOU FOR YOU PARTICIPATION AND GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF YOU!