

Maryland State High School Golf Championship - University of Maryland Golf Club
Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association
Monday - Wednesday, October 24-26, 2022

NOTICE TO PLAYERS

This information supplements the *Local Rules and Conditions of Competition for the MPSSAA State Championship*, which is printed in its entirety on the reverse.

Local Rules

Immovable Obstructions:

Artificially surfaced roads and paths, including those covered by wood chips, mulch, or stones, and graded but unpaved roads, are *obstructions*. **Note:** paving stones, railroad ties, and/or ropes and stakes immediately adjacent to artificially surfaced roads, are deemed part of the *obstruction*.

Movable Obstructions:

Stones in Bunkers - Stones in *bunkers* are **loose impediments** (Rule 15.1 applies). (If your ball moves when removing the loose impediment, it is a one-stroke penalty, and your ball must be replaced).

Bunker Liner – Exposed cloth liner in a bunker may be treated as ground under repair under Rule 16.1, relief may only be taken for the player's swing. Interference does not exist if the liner only interferes with the player's stance

Bunkers not Raked – If a bunker is not deemed raked or prepared, the player (with notification to their group) is allowed to rake and place within one scorecard from the original lie. No closer to the hole.

Out of Bounds Hole #9 – The inside points at ground level beginning at the first fence post of the split rail fence continuing along the white line and white posts at the edge of the tall grass. Once the tall grass ends, out of bounds reverts to the fence post to the left of the hole and behind the putting green of the hole define out of bounds. Otherwise on the 9th hole, inside points at ground level of white stakes serve to define the boundary.

Out of Bounds at the Clubhouse area - If not defined by white stakes, the boundary defining Out of Bounds in the area surrounding the clubhouse, is defined by the outermost edge of the paved cart paths, parking lot, and golf cart parking areas.

Tall Grass – Areas short left at #2 tee, short right at #4, left at #5, the left tree line at #6, left at #10, right at #18 and any other area deemed to be tall grass (over a foot high) will be played as a lateral hazard if it is virtually certain the ball went into the area.

Distance Measuring Devices – In this competition, a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3. **Note** - the use of a cell phone or PDA as a distance measuring device is allowed.

Additional Notes

Cell Phones - The use of cell phones is allowed for distance.

Cart Path Washed out - Areas around Cart Paths that are washed out are GUR, relief given.

Scorecards – Please report to the scorer's station immediately upon completion of each round to return scorecards. Do not leave the scoring station until your card is signed by both yourself and your marker and checked by the scorer.

Doubt as to Procedure - In stroke play, if a competitor is doubtful of his rights or the correct procedure during the play of a hole, he may, without penalty, complete the hole with two balls (the player must select the preferred ball).

After the doubtful situation has arisen, and before taking further action, the competitor must announce to their marker or fellow-competitor that they intend to play two balls and which ball he wants to count if the Rules permit.

The competitor must report the facts to the Committee before returning their scorecard. If they fail to do so, they are *disqualified*.

Play-off - In the event of a tie for team or individual winners, there will be a sudden death play-off. Starting hole for play-off will be determined by the Committee in Charge of the Competition.