



## OPTIMIST JUNIOR GOLF HARD CARD CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION AND LOCAL RULES

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The Rules of the United States Golf Association govern play. See applicable tournament Notice to Competitors and Optimist Golf Code of Conduct for additional Local Rules. Complete text of Rules and Appendix I may be found in the current "Rules of Golf." Unless otherwise provided, penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is two strokes in stroke play. In the Rules of Golf, the gender used in relation to any person is understood to include both genders.

1. Players must **WALK** during the stipulated round. See Appendix I.
2. **OUT OF BOUNDS** is defined by the inside points, at ground level, of white stakes, white dots, property fence posts, and walls, and the inside edge of public roads, including the tunnels under roads. A ball that is beyond a road is Out of Bounds even though it may lie on another part of the course. Ground beyond the water's edge of lateral water hazards adjacent to private property or tied to white stakes is Out of Bounds.
3. All **WATER HAZARDS** are **LATERAL** Water Hazards. Red Stakes indicate the hazard and Red Lines define the margins.
4. **GROUND UNDER REPAIR** includes areas encircled by white lines, Fire Ant Beds, French Drains, newly Trenched Areas, Sod Seams, and Flower Beds with flowers.
5. The **EMBEDDED BALL** Rule is in effect Through the Green. See Appendix I.
6. **Shrubbery** surrounding **Irrigation Control Boxes** are deemed to be part of the **OBSTRUCTION**.
7. **CADDIES** are prohibited. See Appendix I.
8. Traditional designed **SPIKES** (Metal) are prohibited.
9. **ALIGNMENT STICKS** may be carried but must **NOT** be used during a stipulated round.
10. Players 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, the player is in breach of Rule 14-3 for which penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.
11. **SUSPENSION OF PLAY** for a **Dangerous Situation** will be signaled by a long blast of an air horn. Players must discontinue play immediately. See Appendix I.
12. Players must play within the **PACE OF PLAY** guidelines established for the course being played. Groups out of position will be timed and are subject to penalty.
13. **SCORE CARDS** must be returned to the Scoring Table immediately after completion of play.
14. Weather and Time permitting, **TIES** for First Place will be decided by a sudden death play-off immediately following play. All other ties will be broken as specified in Appendix I.