

**2017 OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL  
TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS  
PGA NATIONAL RESORT & SPA  
PALM BEACH GARDENS, FLORIDA**



Play is governed by the U.S.G.A. Rules of Golf, these Local Rules and Conditions of Competition, and Local Rules for the specific course being played. Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for a breach of a Local Rule or Condition is Two Strokes.

**LOCAL RULES**

Except on approved shuttles in designated spots, **PLAYERS MUST WALK** during the stipulated round. Appendix I, Part B-8.

**CADDIES:** A player is prohibited from using a caddie during the stipulated round. Traditional designed **SPIKES** (Metal) are prohibited.

**OUT OF BOUNDS:**

- a. Defined by inside points, at ground level, of white stakes, lines and dots; perimeter and property fence posts; and the inside edge of public roads, including tunnels under roads.
- b. When the inside edge of a paved road or curb defines Out of Bounds, a ball that is on or beyond the road or curb is out of bounds even though it may lie on another part of the golf course.
- c. Ground beyond the water's edge of lateral water hazards tied to white stakes or adjacent to private property is Out of Bounds.

All **WATER HAZARDS** are **LATERAL** Water Hazards. Red Stakes identify the hazard and Red Lines define the margin of the hazard.

**GROUND UNDER REPAIR:** Defined by white lines. Other areas, even when not marked, include: Fire Ant Beds, French Drains, newly Trenched Areas, Flower Beds with flowers.

**SEAMS OF CUT TURF:** Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I, Part A, 2e is in effect.

**EMBEDDED BALL THROUGH THE GREEN:** Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I, Part A, 3a is in effect.

**DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES:** 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.

**OBSTRUCTIONS AND INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE:**

- a. White lined areas tying into Obstructions are part of the Obstruction.
- b. When located within hazards, artificial walls and pilings are integral parts of the course.
- c. **Shrubbery** surrounding **Irrigation Control Boxes** are part of the Obstruction.

**ACCIDENTAL MOVEMENT OF A BALL ON A PUTTING GREEN:** Rules 18-2 and 20-1 are modified as follows:

When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player or the player's equipment. The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2 and 20-1.

This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

**ALIGNMENT STICKS** may be carried but must **NOT** be used during a stipulated round.

**CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION**

**SUSPENSION OF PLAY** for a **Dangerous Situation** will be signaled by a long blast of an air horn. Players must discontinue play immediately. Appendix I, Part B.

**PACE OF PLAY:** Players must play within the guidelines established for the course being played. Groups out of position will be timed and are subject to penalty according to the Optimist Pace of Play Policy (posted on website).

**SCORE CARDS** must be returned to the Scoring Table in the Masters Ballroom immediately after completion of play.

**TIES:** 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.

New Restroom Combination: **3-4-5**

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