
RULES OF PLAY

USGA Rules of Golf shall govern all play, including local rules on the Notice to Competitors (Rules Sheet), which is distributed at every event on the back of the tournament score card. The following are Foundation Rules of Play (unless otherwise stated).

EWING AUTOMOTIVE BUICK PREP TOUR

- ◆ Play the ball as it lies.
- ◆ Players may have one caddie to carry their bag and equipment and give advice, but all players must walk the golf course. Participants and their equipment cannot be transported in motorized carts, except when going to their first hole or when returning from the last hole played.
- ◆ The NTPGA permits pull carts, however they will be allowed only at the discretion of the host facility. It is the players' responsibility to obtain course policy.
- ◆ Participants may have spectators and parents assist in keeping their score. All scores need to be recorded on Foundation score cards.
- ◆ Participants must exchange score cards with fellow competitors in the group.
- ◆ Any player who has taken nine (9) strokes on any hole and has not holed out must pick up his/her ball and proceed to the next tee. The score must be recorded as a nine (9) and does not exclude the participant from award consideration.
- ◆ Parents and spectators may interact with the participants, search for golf balls and help keep score while maintaining a sufficient pace of play.
- ◆ Upon completion of the round, players must immediately proceed to the scoring area to return their score card. Participants are responsible for the correct hole-by-hole score and two signatures on the score card.
- ◆ Participants are responsible for knowing the Rules of Play and Notice to Competitors listed on the back of the score card.
- ◆ Pace of Play: Participants and spectators must keep up with the group in front of them at all times.
- ◆ Players must NOT use any artificial device or unusual equipment for the purpose of gauging or measuring distance or conditions that might affect his play.
- ◆ Allow NTPGA staff and officials to administer rulings. Spectators will be brought into a situation ONLY if the staff member or official asks for assistance.
- ◆ When on the course, spectators and players must turn off cell phones or turn ringers to the silent or vibrate mode. Respect host facility's policy if cell phones are not allowed.

EWING AUTOMTOIVE GMC MEDALIST TOUR

- ◆ Play the ball as it lies.
 - ◆ Participants must walk and carry their own equipment. Caddies are NOT permitted.
 - ◆ Participants and their equipment cannot be transported in a motorized cart, except when going to their first hole or when returning from the last hole played.
 - ◆ The NTPGA permits pull carts, however they will be allowed only at the discretion of the host facility. It is the players' responsibility to obtain course policy.
 - ◆ Participants must exchange score cards with fellow competitors in the group.
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 - ◆ Parents may interact with participants. However, “Advice” (any counsel or suggestion which could influence a player in determining his play, the choice of a club or the method of making a stroke) is not permitted. Any breach of Rule 8-1 (Advice) may result in a penalty and/or disqualification.
 - ◆ Upon completion of the round, players must immediately proceed to the scoring area to return their score card. Participants are responsible for the correct hole-by-hole score and two signatures on the score card.
 - ◆ Participants are responsible for knowing the Rules of Play and Notice to Competitors listed on the back of the score card.
 - ◆ Pace of Play: Participants must keep up with the group in front of them. Any group falling out of position (defined as a hole open) may be warned and timed. Subsequent violations may result in penalties and/or disqualification.
 - ◆ The player must NOT use any artificial device or unusual equipment for the purpose of gauging or measuring distance or conditions that might affect his play.
 - ◆ Allow NTPGA staff and officials to administer rulings. Spectators will be brought into a situation ONLY if the staff member or official asks for assistance.
 - ◆ When on the course, spectators and players must turn off cell phones or turn ringers to the silent or vibrate mode. Respect host facility’s policy if cell phones are not allowed.

EWING AUTOHAUS MERCEDES-BENZ MASTERS TOUR

- ◆ Play the ball as it lies.
 - ◆ Participants must walk and carry their own equipment. Caddies are NOT permitted. Participants and their equipment cannot be transported in a motorized cart, except when authorized by the Rules Committee.
 - ◆ The NTPGA permits pull carts, however they will be allowed only at the discretion of the host facility. It is the players’ responsibility to obtain course policy.
 - ◆ Participants must exchange score cards with fellow competitors in the group.
 - ◆ Parents may interact with participants. However, “Advice” (any counsel or suggestion which could influence a player in determining his play, the choice of a club or the method of making a stroke) is not permitted. Any breach of Rule 8-1 (Advice) may result in a penalty and/or disqualification.
 - ◆ Upon completion of the round, players must immediately proceed to the scoring area to return their score card. Participants are responsible for the correct hole-by-hole score and two signatures on the score card.
 - ◆ Participants are responsible for knowing the Rules of Play and Notice to Competitors listed on the back of the score card.
 - ◆ Pace of Play: Participants must keep up with the group in front of them. Any group falling out of position (defined as a hole open) may be warned and timed. Subsequent violations may result in penalties and/or disqualification.
 - ◆ The player must NOT use any artificial device or unusual equipment for the purpose of gauging or measuring distance or conditions that might affect his play.
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- ◆ Allow NTPGA staff and officials to administer rulings. Spectators will be brought into a situation ONLY if the staff member or official asks for assistance.
 - ◆ When on the course, spectators and players must turn off cell phones or turn ringers to the silent or vibrate mode. Respect host facility's policy if cell phones are not allowed.

ARRANGEMENT OF STARTING TIMES & GROUPINGS

Starting times and pairings for all Prep, Medalist and Masters Tour events will be done on a blind draw, based on age group and gender, or as otherwise determined by the NTPGA Junior Golf Foundation. For each event the Northern Texas PGA will pair the top 1/3 of the division based on their NTPGA scoring average over the last twelve (12) months.

For all events, requests for starting times or specific groupings will not be accommodated. Players shall start at the time and the order arranged unless otherwise informed by the Rules Committee. Prompt attendance is required of all players at their starting point of each round. Time of starting penalties shall be consistent with Rule 6-3 and the Note to Rule 6-3 in the USGA Rules of Golf. Each contestant is responsible for obtaining his/her starting time.

SPECTATOR GUIDELINES

The NTPGA Junior Golf Foundation encourages spectators to attend tournaments. However, the Foundation requires all spectators to conduct themselves appropriately at all times.

- ◆ Spectators should stay one shot ahead of the group they are following. This allows spectators to follow errant shots and help identify where golf balls come to rest.
- ◆ Spectators are allowed to aid in the search for lost golf balls.
- ◆ Spectators should not give rulings, please seek an NTPGA rules official if the need arises.
- ◆ Spectators should stay on cart paths. In the absence of cart paths, spectators should stay in the rough. Please stay off fairways, tees and greens.
- ◆ Spectators are allowed to carry medicine, drinks, food umbrellas, etc. for players.

The USGA Rules of Golf states, "Advice is any counsel or suggestion which could influence a player in determining his play, the choice of club or method of making a stroke." The breach of Rule 8-1 (Advice) is a penalty of two strokes. With this statement in mind, please keep conversations with the player to words of encouragement only.

The Northern Texas PGA Junior Golf Foundation reserves the right to suspend and/or ban any spectator from one or more events. Failure to comply with the stated spectator guidelines may result in the immediate removal from the host facility and/or suspension of playing privileges for the Foundation member.

SPECTATOR GOLF CARTS

Spectator golf carts will be available at the discretion of the host facility; it is the players' responsibility to obtain the course policy. If spectator golf carts are permissible:

- ◆ Players may not ride or have their golf clubs transported in golf carts except when being transported to their starting hole, back to the clubhouse from their finishing hole, during a suspension of play or when authorized by the Rules Committee.
 - ◆ Spectator carts must remain on the cart path at all times.
 - ◆ Only two riders are allowed in a golf cart at one time.
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