

Appendix A – NAIA Golf Hard Card

The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and the R&A Rules Limited govern play and where applicable, by the following Local Rules and Terms of the Competition. Complete text of Rules and Local Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 2023. Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty. See applicable championship or qualifying round notice to players for modifications or additions to these Local Rules and Terms of the Competition. If a player in a team competition breaches a Rule that results in disqualification, the effect will be to disqualify the player for that round only. Exception: NAIA serious misconduct, in which it is up to the Committee.

OUT OF BOUNDS – Defined by the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of the white stakes or fence posts.

PENALTY AREAS – When a penalty area is defined on only one side, it extends to infinity. When a penalty area is connected to the out of bounds edge, the penalty area extends to and coincides with out of bounds.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR – Defined by white lines. French drains are ground under repair. For grass-covered trenching see Temporary Power Lines and Cables.

Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage, including areas where spectators or other traffic has combined with wet conditions to affect materially the ground surface, but only when so declared by an authorized member of the Committee. When immediately adjacent to an obstruction, such an area is part of the obstruction.

RELIEF FROM SEAMS OF CUT TURF – Model Local Rule F-7 is in effect.

ANIMAL NEAR BALL – Model Local Rule E-13 is in effect.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS – Include plastic bumpers on roads and paths, and mats secured to the ground with spikes when the bumpers or mats cover cables.

WHITE-LINED AREAS TYING INTO ARTIFICIALLY SURFACED ROADS AND PATHS – White-lined areas of ground under repair and the artificially surfaced roads, paths or other identified obstructions that they are connected to are a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.

WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH – Are loose impediments.

INTEGRAL OBJECTS – Include objects when closely attached to trees and boundary objects, and artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas or in adjacent to bunkers, and bunker liners. An exposed bunker liner may be treated as ground under repair, but interference does not exist if the liner interferes only with the player's stance.

PLAYER HAS NOT PLAYED FROM WRONG PLACE WHEN UNAWARE BALL MIGHT HAVE MOVED --- Model Local Rule E-14 is in effect.

TEMPORARY POWER LINES AND CABLES – The Model Local Rule F-22 is in effect. Cables located within grass-covered trenches are movable obstructions.

TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS – The Model Local Rule F-23 is in effect.

LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS – The Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect.

GROOVES AND PUNCH MARK SPECIFICATIONS – The Model Local Rule G-2 is in effect.

LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS – The Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect.

PROHIBITING USE OF CERTAIN TYPES OF SHOES – The Model Local Rule G-7 is in effect.

PROHIBITING USE OF AUDIO AND VIDEO DEVICES – The Model Local Rule G-8 is in effect.

REPLACING CLUB THAT IS BROKEN OR SIGNIFICANTLY

DAMAGED - The Model Local Rule G-9 is in effect.

PROHIBITING USE OF CLUBS LONGER THAN 46 INCHES - The Model Local Rule G-10 is in effect.

MISSING PLAYER OR MARKER CERTIFICATION - The Model Local Rule L-1 is in effect.

USE OF CADDIE PROHIBITED – Rule 10.3a is modified in this way: A player must not have a caddie during the round.

TRANSPORTATION – During the round, a player must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized or later approved by the Committee (a player may always ride to and from where a previous stroke was made and to and from a restroom). Penalty for breach of Local Rule is the general penalty for each hole where the breach occurred. If the breach occurred between the play of two holes, it applies to the next hole.

ALLOWABLE CARTS - During NAIA postseason play (includes conference championships) only one designated coach cart per team is allowed. Only two designated advice givers are allowed to ride in the coach cart.

First Offense – Verbal warning.

Second Offense – Lose one advice giver for the round.

ADVICE – Each team may appoint two people who may give advice to members of that team. Advice givers must be identified to the Committee before giving advice. Refer to Model Local Rule H-2 to provide additional clarity.

PACE OF PLAY – See separate memorandum on pace of play when applicable.

STOPPING AND RESUMING PLAY – A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged note of a siren or horn. All other suspensions will be signaled by three consecutive notes of a siren or horn. In either case, resumption of play will be signaled by two short notes of a siren or horn. See Rule 5.7b. **Note:** All practice areas are closed during an immediate suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to stop practicing; failure to stop practicing might result in disqualification.

RESTRICTIONS ON PRACTICE BEFORE OR BETWEEN

ROUNDS – Rule 5.2 is modified in this way: In match play or stroke play, a player must not practice on the competition course before or between rounds. Penalty for breach of Local Rule, see Rule 5.2.

RESTRICTION ON PRACTICE OR TESTING BETWEEN THE PLAY OF TWO HOLES – In stroke play only, a player must not make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole just completed or test the surface of that putting green by rubbing the putting green or rolling a ball.

SCORING AREA – Only participating student-athletes, coaches, Rules officials, and games committee members may enter the scorers' tents.

WHEN COMPETITION IS FINAL – The competition is final when the trophy has been presented to the winner or, in the absence of a prize ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the Committee.