

NFJG TOUR Hard Card

Effective September 1, 2026

Local Rules and Terms of the Competition

The current Rules of the United States Golf Association and the R&A govern play, Code of Conduct, Policies for additional Local Rules and Conditions. Complete text of Rules may be found in the current “Rules of Golf” and “Committee Procedures.” Effective January 2023.

Disregard Local Rules printed on club scorecards or posted at the course.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is the general penalty.

Local Rules

Out of Bounds:

1. Defined by course-side points, at ground level, of white stakes, lines and perimeter fence posts.
2. When 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.
3. **Lost Ball or Ball Out of Bounds:** The alternative for Stroke and Distance for Lost Ball or Ball out of bounds is used for all “Tournament Series” events (all one-day events). Model Local Rule E-5. Once the player leaves the tee this local rule must be used. Players will not return to the tee,

Penalty Areas:

1. On the NFJGTOUR – ALL penalty areas are considered RED whether marked otherwise with the exception of environmental area’s which may not be played out of.
2. When a penalty area is bounded by out of bounds, the penalty area edge extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line.
3. When a penalty area coincides with the out of bounds line the Local Rule B-2.2 is in effect allowing an additional relief option on the opposite side of a red penalty area equidistant to the reference point.



Obstructions:

1. White lined areas of ground under repair tying into immovable obstructions are treated as a single obstruction.
2. When the outside edge (non-golf course side) of a road or path defines the edge of a penalty area or out of bounds, the road or path is an immovable obstruction.

Ground Under Repair: Defined by white lines. Other areas of ground under repair, even when not marked, include:

1. French drains (trenches filled with stones or the like)
2. Large or hard-ant hills on the course

Drop Area: Drop area on every course played will be the most forward tee box on all par-3s. There will be no drop areas on Par-4's or Par-5's.

Animal Near Ball: Model Local Rule E-13 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

Edging Grooves Near Putting Greens: Model Local Rule F-19 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Relief is available only for lie of ball or area of intended swing.

Wood Chips and Mulch: Wood chips and mulch are loose impediments.

Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Green: Model Local Rule F-5.2 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Relief is available only when both the ball and the obstruction lie in a closely mown area in the general area.

Integral Objects:

1. Cables, rods, wires and wrappings when closely attached to trees.
2. Artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas or in or 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.

Seams of Cut Turf - Model Local Rule F-7 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Relief is available only for lie of ball or area of intended swing.





Loose Impediments: Wood chips and mulch are loose impediments.

List of Conforming Driver Heads and Golf Balls: Optional restrictions under Section 8 of the Committee Procedures are in effect. Model Local Rules G-1 and G-3.

Broken or Significantly Damaged Club: Local Rule as prescribed in the Clarifications to the 2023 Rules of Golf is in effect. Model Local Rule G-9.

Transportation: When players are required to walk, a player who plays, or has played under stroke and distance is authorized to ride on motorized transportation.

Pace of Play - Allotted Time:

- Standard Time par is 4 hours and 30 minutes.
- 13 minutes for a par 3, 15 minutes for a par 4 and 17 minutes for a par 5.
- Time for ball searches, rulings and walking between Holes is included in the allotted time.

Checkpoints are to be completed in the following amount of Time.

- Hole #'s: 4/13 9/18 13/4 18/9
- Time allotted: 1:00 2:15 3:15 4:30

Timing

A Group's Time begins when its first player is announced off their starting tee. Check-Point Times are measured when the flagstick is replaced in the Hole after all players in the Group have holed out.

Stopping and Resuming Play: Optional condition as prescribed in Model Local Rule J-1 is in effect. All practice areas are closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Failure to comply may result in revocation of entry.

- Discontinue Play Immediately: One prolonged signal note.
- Discontinue Play: Three consecutive short signal notes, repeated. Players may finish an active hole but may not advance to the next hole.
- Resume Play: Two short signal notes, repeated.

SCORING: The NFJGTOUR uses mandatory LIVE SCORING via Bluegolf for each event. See the staff for scoring app download.





Course Maintenance Requirements:

Filling Divots – All players MUST have some form of bottle/bag that can hold divot mix with them throughout their round. They will not be able to tee off without one. Players will be given a warning if they do not fill in divots. Thereafter players will incur a one-stroke penalty, then two stroke penalty and then disqualification.

Terms of the Competition

- **Close of Competition:** The competition is final when the winner has been announced, or, in the absence of a prize ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the Committee.

Final instruction: The Starter, prior to the start of play, will announce any additional rules or changes to this policy.

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