



## **RULES FOR TOURNAMENTS**

*All Play will be governed by the USGA Rules of Golf, except where modified by local rules.*

**DRESS CODE:** Appropriate golfing attire is required at GCWGA Play Days. Host Delegate, member's club Delegate, or the President will determine inappropriate attire. Members not in compliance will not be allowed to participate in the Play Day. Soft Spikes are required at all Clubs.

**DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES:** GCWGA has adopted a local rule to approve the use of distance measuring devices for all GCWGA events whether it is printed on the local rule sheet or not. However, the uses of devices that measure other conditions that might affect a player's play (e.g. wind or gradient) are not permitted.

**WINTER RULES:** A ball lying in your OWN "fairway" may be lifted and cleaned without penalty and placed within one scorecard length of where it originally lay, not nearer the hole, and so as to preserve as nearly as possible the stance required to play from the original lie.

### **APPENDIX 1-3b**

**EMBEDDED BALL:** A ball embedded in its own pitch mark through the green may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to the spot where it lay, but not nearer the hole. **RULE 25-2**

**WATER HAZARD:** When a player is not certain a ball cleared a water hazard, she may hit a provisional ball.

A player, who hits two balls into a water hazard, may take an additional penalty stroke and "carry" the ball across to the drop area. (EXAMPLE: On a par three -- after hitting two balls into the hazard, **ADD** an additional penalty stroke and "carry" the ball across the hazard to drop area. **You are lying five (5) and hitting six (6).**)

**GCWGA RULE** Any player in doubt of the proper rule procedure shall play a second ball, declare which ball she wishes to count if the rule permits, and **MUST** report the facts of the situation to the Rules Committee **before** returning her scorecard **even if the same score is made with both balls**. If she fails to do so, she is disqualified. (New 2004) See Rule 3-3

**WEATHER DELAY:** In the event of lightning or other inclement weather conditions, play will be suspended. At the sound of siren or air horn, you **MUST** mark your ball and immediately discontinue play.

**PACE OF PLAY:** Scorecards not in within 5 hours from start will show as N/C (no card).

Rules Committee: Host Club Pro, Deb-b Kopp