

NESGA Tournament Rules

NESGA tournaments are conducted in compliance with the USGA Rules of Golf (www.usga.org), NESGA Local Rules of Golf, golf course local rules, and the World Handicap System.

NESGA Local Rules of Golf

Preferred lies (winter rules) in your fairway ONLY – lift, clean, and place within one club length of the original lie and no closer to the hole.

Ball lost or OB – USGA Model “E-5” allows you to place your ball WITHIN two club lengths from the edge of the fairway INTO THE FAIRWAY from where the original ball is estimated to have come to rest. ADD two penalty strokes. You may NOT use Model E-5 for a ball found but is unplayable. USGA Rule 19 applies in that case.

Other unplayable relief: Ball in a penalty area (red or yellow stakes), see USGA Rule 17. There is NO relief from a bunker that has not been raked. Play it as it lies.

Pace-of-Play: Keep up with the group in front of you. A ball is lost if not found within three minutes of searching. Someone in each foursome should take responsibility for timing the search. Always play “ready” golf. If the group behind yours is waiting and you are not keeping up with the group in front, you should let that group play through. Or, that group may skip your hole and finish it later. Remember to keep it fun and friendly.

Scoring: NO GIMME PUTTS! Failure to putt out will disqualify the player or the team. Each player must complete the hole unless maximum score is reached. Maximum score is double par for each hole, i.e., 6 for par 3, 8 for par 4, and 10 for par 5. The scorecard must be signed by the player and the marker, or in the case of multiple-person teams, by each team member. Completed scorecards should be turned in to the tournament director or the golf course pro shop. A missing score will disqualify the player or the team.

Doubts about procedure or score (USGA Rule 3-3) should be brought to the attention of the Tournament Director, or the golf course professional for a ruling BEFORE the scorecard is turned in.

Other contests: In closest-to-the-pin contests, your ball must come to rest on the putting green to qualify. There are separate closest-to-the-pin competitions for both men and women – make sure you sign the correct placard. Other contest descriptions and rules of play are provided to the players at each event.