



CHICAGO WOMEN'S DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CLUB RULES CHAIR 2026

The Rules Chair is responsible for:

RULES COMMITTEE: The Rules Committee should be composed of the Rules Chair and two other members. The Chair and her Committee should keep all members informed about the conditions of each competition and the Rules in force. The Chair and other Committee Members should familiarize themselves with *The Rules of Golf*. The Committee is responsible for the proper application and interpretation of *The Rules of Golf*.

RULES BOOKS: Copies of *The Rules of Golf*, effective January 2023, should be made available to all players. Both *The Rules of Golf* and *The Official Guide to the Rules of Golf* are available from the USGA. The USGA Rules of Golf app is a free download and it is recommended that all players be encouraged to download it. A copy of the 2023 *Official Guide to the Rules of Golf* and the 2023 *Rules of Golf* should be kept in the women's locker room at each club.

POSTING RULES: The Rules Committee is responsible for posting, in advance of play, the regulations and rules governing all scheduled events.

MODEL LOCAL RULE I-2: Prohibition of Practice after Completion of Hole will be in effect at all CWDGA tournaments including four-ball match play. Rule 5-5b will be modified in this way: MLR I-2 prohibits practice putting or chipping between the play of two holes on or near the putting green of the hole just completed, testing the surface of that putting green by rubbing the putting green or rolling a ball, or making any practice stroke on or near any practice green. A penalty for breach of the Local Rule is the general penalty, loss of hole in match play or two strokes in stroke play.

MODEL LOCAL RULE L-1: Modification of Penalty Under Rule 3.3b for Missing Player or Marker Certification will be in effect at all CWDGA stroke play tournaments. Rule 3.3b(2) is modified in this way: If a player returns a scorecard without the hole scores being certified either by the player, marker, or both, the player gets the general penalty (two strokes). The penalty applies to the last hole of the player's round.

DECISIONS ON GOLF RULES: The Rules Committee decides any questions or rulings that may arise. The Rules Chair and the other members of the Rules Committee should be prepared to supply general information about the Rules of Golf. The Committee should decide any Rules question that arises during scheduled play. In order to make a fair and amicable resolution of questions or requests for rulings the Committee should:

Assemble the facts. Find the Rule that pertains to the situation. Ask those involved to read the Rule or Rules that apply to the situation. Distinguish carefully between Rules for match play and those for stroke play.

- **In match play**, the players should be left to resolve differences on their own, whenever possible. If they disagree, the Committee must ascertain whether a proper request has been made. If so, the Committee must rule on the request. The Committee must always intervene: (1) when a valid request is made; (2) if players agree to waive the rules; (3) if a player or players do not start on time; or (4) if there is a pace of play issue observed by the Committee.
- **In stroke play**, the Committee must rule on any situation in which a breach of a Rule has been observed or reported to the Committee, or in which a player has completed the play of a hole with two balls.

If a question cannot be decided by the Rules Committee, the Golf Committee, as a whole, should make a decision. If doubt still exists, the CWDGA Rules Chair or any of the names below may be consulted:

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