

NORTH COAST SECTION EJECTION POLICY

GOLF 2011-12

The following is a summary of the rules pertaining to the NCS Ejection Policy in golf. This summary is provided for athletic directors, coaches and league commissioners. Athletes and coaches may be disqualified from competition for many reasons according to The US Golf Association rules. This summary outlines which rules will apply to the NCS Ejection Policy. **Please review these rules with your student athletes and coaches.** However, any act by an athlete or coach that is unsporting or dangerous conduct shall subject the student or coach to ejection and application of the NCS Ejection Policy. It is important to note that a one game or contest ejection is not a substitute for appropriate counseling of the student or coach, nor for the student's or coach's demonstrated contrition and acceptance of responsibility for the action(s) which led to the ejection. The one game or contest suspension is the universal penalty for ejection from a contest but in no way is it a substitute for a school's and coach's responsibility to provide appropriate counseling, remedial action, and discipline. Each league shall establish a procedure for reporting ejections (NCS Sports & General Rulings Handbook - bylaw 307H).

Coaches Review Content

League commissioners shall have coaches review the content of the Ejection Policy for the coaches' respective sport at the end of the season meeting and make recommendations for change. The league commissioner will direct such recommendations to the NCS Sports Advisory Committee ("SAC"), which will consider them. The SAC will determine whether to forward recommendations to the Board of Managers for change.

(Board of Managers 10/24/97)

School Administration and Coaches' Responsibility

School administrators and coaches are responsible for determining the cause of ejection for any coach or player and are responsible for enforcement of the Ejection Policy. Confusion over the cause for a coach's or player's ejection shall not be the basis for allowing a student who has been ejected under an applicable rule to avoid the sanctions required by the Ejection Policy (either prohibition from participation or forfeiture should a student or coach who is in violation of the Ejection Policy participates in a subsequent contest).

(Board of Managers 10/24/97)

Note: Any act by an athlete or coach that is unsporting or dangerous conduct shall subject the student or coach to ejection from the contest and application of the NCS Ejection Policy will apply.

SPORT	RULE	DESCRIPTION	Does the rule apply to the NCS Ejection Policy?
Golf	1-2	Exerting Influence on Ball No player or caddie shall take any action to influence the position or the movement of a ball except in accordance with the Rules.	Yes
Golf Cont.	1-3	Agreement to Waive Rules Players shall not agree to exclude the operation of any Rule or to waive any penalty incurred.	Yes
	3-2	Failure to Hole Out If a competitor fails to hole out at any hole and does not correct his mistake before he/she plays a stroke from the next teeing ground or, in the case of the last hole of the round, before he/she leaves the putting green, he/she shall be disqualified.	No
	3-3	Doubt as to Procedure a. Procedure In stroke play, if a competitor is doubtful of his rights or the correct procedure during the play of a hole he/she may, without penalty, complete the hole with two balls. After the doubtful situation has arisen and before taking further action, the competitor must announce to his/her marker or a fellow-competitor that he/she intends to play two balls and which ball he/she wishes to count if the Rules permit. If he/she fails to do so, the provisions of Rule 3-3b(ii) apply. The competitor must report the facts of the situation to the Committee before returning his/her scorecard. If he/she fails to do so, he/she is disqualified.	No
	3-4	Refusal to Comply with a Rule If a competitor refuses to comply with a Rule affecting the rights of another competitor, he/she shall be disqualified.	Yes
	4-2(b)	Foreign Material Foreign material must not be applied to the club face for the purpose of influencing the movement of the ball.	Yes
	4-4c	c. Excess Club Declared Out of Play Any club carried or used in breach of this Rule shall be declared out of play by the player immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred and thereafter shall not be used by the player during the round.	No
	5-2	Foreign Material Foreign material must not be applied to a ball for the purpose of changing its playing characteristics.	Yes

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Golf Cont.	6-3	Time of Starting and Groups b. Groups In stroke play, the competitor shall remain throughout the round in the group arranged by the Committee unless the Committee authorizes or ratifies a change.	No
	6-6b and d	Scoring in Stroke Play b. Signing and Returning Card After completion of the round, the competitor should check his score for each hole and settle any doubtful points with the Committee. He/She shall ensure that the marker has signed the card, countersign the card himself/herself and return it to the Committee as soon as possible.	No
		d. Wrong Score for Hole The competitor is responsible for the correctness of the score recorded for each hole on his/her card. If he/she returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken, he/she shall be disqualified. If he/she returns a score for any hole higher than actually taken, the score as returned shall stand.	No
	6-7	Undue Delay; Slow Play The player shall play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines which may be laid down by the Committee. Between completion of a hole and playing from the next teeing ground, the player shall not unduly delay play.	No
	6-8	Discontinuance of Play a. If the player discontinues play without specific permission from the Committee, he/she shall report to the Committee as soon as practicable. If he/she does so and the Committee considers his/her reason satisfactory, the player incurs no penalty. Otherwise, the player shall be disqualified. b. When play is suspended by the Committee, if the players in a match or group are between the play of two holes, they shall not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play.	No No
10-2	Stroke Play c. Playing Out of Turn If a competitor plays out of turn, no penalty is incurred and the ball shall be played as it lies. If, however, the Committee determines that competitors have agreed to play in an order other than that set forth in Clauses 2a and 2b of this Rule to give one of them an advantage, they shall be disqualified.	No	
Golf Cont.	11-4	Playing from Outside Teeing Ground b. Stroke Play If a competitor, when starting a hole, plays a ball from outside the teeing ground, he/she shall incur a penalty of two strokes and shall then play a ball from within the teeing ground. If the competitor plays a stroke from the next teeing ground without first correcting his/her mistake or, in the case of the last hole of the round, leaves the putting green without first declaring his/her intention to correct his/her mistake, he/she shall be disqualified.	No
	14-3	Artificial Devices and Unusual Equipment Except as provided in the Rules, during a stipulated round the player shall not use any artificial device or unusual equipment, or use any equipment in an unusual manner: a. That might assist him/her in making a stroke or in his play; or b. For the purpose of gauging or measuring distance or conditions which might affect his/her play; or c. That might assist him/her in gripping the club, except that: (i) plain gloves may be worn; (ii) resin, powder and drying or moisturizing agents may be used; (iii) a towel or handkerchief may be wrapped around the grip.	No No No
	20-7	Playing from Wrong Place If a competitor becomes aware that he/she has played from a wrong place and believes that he/she may have committed a serious breach, he/she must, before making a stroke on the next teeing ground, play out the hole with a second ball played in accordance with the Rules. If the hole being played is the last hole of the round, he/she must declare, before leaving the putting green, that he/she will play out the hole with a second ball played in accordance with the Rules. If a serious breach has occurred and the competitor has failed to correct it as prescribed above, he/she shall be disqualified.	No Yes
	33-7	Player is disqualified for serious breach of etiquette. (Refer to Section I Etiquette; Behavior on the Course in <i>The Rules of Golf</i> .)	Yes