

## Lanto Tour Rules

The Rules of the United States Golf Association govern all play. See applicable Local Rules for additional conditions of competition.

Unless otherwise provided, penalty for breach of a local rule in stroke play is two strokes. Serious breach is disqualification.

A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If a player uses a distance measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.) the player is in breach of Rule 4.3a(1). Penalty for Breach of Rule 4.3a(1): Stroke play—Two strokes. For subsequent offense—Disqualification

Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions (Rule 15.2a applies).

A player is responsible for being at the starter's table to begin play at least ten minutes prior to their assigned tee time. If a player arrives within five minutes after the assigned tee time, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes instead of disqualification (Rule 5-3a, Note). After five minutes the penalty is disqualification.

A player may not have a caddy or use automotive transportation during the stipulated tournament round except where such transportation is authorized by the Lanto Tour committee. Penalty for breach of this rule is disqualification. Players are not allowed to receive advice from anyone including parents/spectators during their tournament round; breach of this rule is two strokes for the first offense and disqualification for the next. (Rule 10.2)

Players in the 9-hole groups ONLY can participate with a caddy. The caddy must walk with the player and carry or pull a handcart with their golf bag offering advice, encouragement, assistance with the rules, protection from the elements as provided by the rules of golf and any other form of assistance that a player/caddy relationship might provide. Also, the Caddy must serve for 1 player only and must adhere to the same rules and regulations as the player.

All players are required to maintain their position in relation to the group in front of them. A group is out of position if there is a clear hole in front of them and they are taking more than 15 minutes per hole. When a group is out of position, they will be asked to increase speed of play and put "on the clock" if necessary. If a player or players is/are found to not be correct position after both warnings, player or players will be transported to the next tee. A score of twice par will be recorded for the hole.

Suspension of play for dangerous weather conditions will be signaled by:

One long air horn blast.... discontinue play immediately... mark your ball...seek shelter

Two short air horn blasts...resume play

All practice areas shall be closed during a suspension of play, until the Lanto Tour committee has declared them open.

When weather conditions prevent the completion of a stipulated round, 9 holes must be completed by all players in each age group for the round to be considered "official". Tournament winners and point

values may then be determined by 9-hole scores. Should all players in each age group fail to complete 9 holes, the round is incomplete.

If you are uncertain of your rights/unsure of the proper procedure/or don't know what to do in a situation, play a second ball. Notify a rules official prior to signing your scorecard. You must inform your fellow competitors of your intention to play a second ball and which ball you wish to score if allowed. (Rule 20.1c) A second ball played under Rule 20.1c is not a provisional ball.

Scorecards must be signed, attested, and returned immediately following play. A scorecard is deemed official once the player leaves the scoring area.

On-course playoffs will decide 1st place winners only in each age division and corresponding point values will be awarded. Do not leave the scoreboard area if a playoff is possible. To settle other places for award winners, a scorecard play-off will be used under the USGA guidelines. However, the point values will be split among the players involved in a tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3rd place.

The competition shall be completed when all scores have been posted, awards presented and approved by the committee