



Memorial Cup Rules



Memorial Cup is a match play tournament, consisting of two teams, that will be contested in accordance with [USGA Rules and Decisions](#). It is the responsibility of each player to know the rules and to play by the rules.

There are two important components within the USGA Rules and Decisions, that have become an integral part of Memorial Cup over the years. Players are encouraged to specifically understand these two things:

- 1) **USGA Rule 2-5:** Allows an opponent to “forgive” a rules violation in a specific instance. This rule is most likely to be utilized in a situation where a violation of the rules does not create a competitive advantage. Players must keep in mind that the rule in question is not being changed for the remainder of the round, but simply being forgiven in that one particular instance.
- 2) **Memorial Cup Local Rules:** USGA also allow for the tournament committee to create its own rules that apply specifically to the event, or to the specific golf course. The tournament committee will provide a copy of the Local Rules for each specific event at the Player Welcome Meeting, as well as on the first tee box each round. The two recurring local rules in effect every year are:
 - Triple bogey maximum
 - All hazards, including out of bounds, are to be played as red (lateral) hazards, which provide 5 options to the player.
 - The Tournament Committee will also add local rules specific to the golf courses for the event.

*Players, please note:

Even though we have highlighted two components of the rules that, in fact, make it a bit more reasonable for typical amateur golfers, it should still be the intention of Memorial Cup participants to play by the rules and to hold others accountable to the rules.