



KACHIN GOLF ASSOCIATION

Official Tournament Rules & Regulations

OFFICIAL RULES

Play is governed by the current USGA Rules of Golf and the Kachin Golf Association's Tournament Rules and Terms of Competition. The rules and regulations listed below highlight key pain points experienced by players in previous KGA events, and all participants are strongly encouraged to familiarize themselves with these guidelines prior to play. Please understand that these represent only a selection of the rules required for competition.

1. TOURNAMENT OVERVIEW & SCHEDULE

EVENT & VENUE	COURSE SETUP (BLACK TEES)	SPECIAL CONTESTS
Event: 2026 Kachin Open Type: Men's Major Champ. Venue: World Golf Village, FL Tee Time: 10:58 AM	Dates: 10/23/25 – 10/25/25 Round 1: Slammer & Squire (6,660 yds) Round 2: King & Bear (6,855 yds) Round 3: King & Bear (6,855 yds)	Round 2 (King & Bear): - Closest to Pin: Hole #2 - Longest Drive: Hole #9

2. MAXIMUM HOLE STROKE LIMITS

PAR 3 HOLES	PAR 4 HOLES	PAR 5 HOLES
Max 12 Strokes Maximum	Max 13 Strokes Maximum	Max 15 Strokes Maximum

3. OUT OF BOUNDS (OB) & PROVISIONAL BALLS

- OB Definition:** Marked by white stakes or boundary fences / residential property lines.
- General OB Penalty:** 2-stroke penalty applies from the tee box only.
- Provisional Balls:** Must be explicitly announced prior to execution. Allowed up to two times off the tee box. If both provisional balls are lost, drop at the nearest point of entry and play the 7th shot (3-stroke penalty total). Alternatively, the player may drop in the fairway within two club-lengths of the nearest entry point, not closer to the hole, by taking a two-stroke penalty.

4. RELIEF PROCEDURES & COURSE CONDITIONS

AREA / SCENARIO	RULING & RELIEF OPTIONS	PENALTY
Par 3 Water Hazard	Drop at the Green Tee (or designated drop zone) closest to the hole. Restart from tee or drop zone.	Standard / Retee
Bunkers	Free drop inside bunker for standing water or un-repaired footprints. Grounding club in hazards is permitted.	None
Casual Water	Free drop for casual water/overspray on fairways or greens.	None
Concrete Cart Path / Objects	Free relief within 1 club-length, no closer to the hole. Inform playing partners before taking relief.	None
Gravel / Dirt Paths	Play as it lies, or take unplayable ball relief. No free relief.	1 Stroke (if unplayable)
Unplayable Ball	Option A: Drop within 2 club-lengths (not closer to hole). Option B: Drop back on line of sight. Option C: Replay previous shot.	1 Stroke
Lost Ball (Agreed Area)	If the group agrees on the estimated landing area, drop at that location.	2 Strokes



■ 5. PACE OF PLAY & PACESETTER RULES

SHOT CLOCK & SEARCH LIMITS

- **Shot Clock:** Maximum of 40 seconds per stroke (includes the first player to play).
- **Ball Search:** Maximum of 2 minutes. If a ball enters deep woods or is difficult to retrieve, drop immediately to maintain flow.

READY GOLF & CART ETIQUETTE

- **Ready Golf:** Play ready golf when at the ball or tee box.
- **Cart Etiquette:** Drop off your partner and proceed to your ball with 3 clubs. Observe "Cart Path Only" rules around all tees, greens, and Par 3s.

* Course marshals and group leaders will monitor pace; other players should not interject.

■ 6. PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT & STANDARDS

1. **Etiquette:** Stay quiet when another player is ready to play. No yelling, screaming, or throwing clubs.
2. **Smoking Policy:** Please be mindful of smoking. You will be requested to stop if it is bothering your playing partner.
3. **Course Maintenance:** Take good care of the course by replacing divots, smoothing bunkers, repairing ball marks, and preventing unnecessary damage.
4. **Practice:** Practice strokes or putting between holes are strictly prohibited.
5. **Environment:** No breaking branches, pulling grass, or altering conditions around the ball (2-stroke penalty).
6. **Devices & Electronics:** Keep cell phones silent (emergency use only). Distance-measuring devices (rangefinders/GPS) are permitted provided gauge/measurement features for conditions like gradient, wind, or temperature are not used.
7. **Spectators:** Companions or friends are not permitted unless authorized.

■ 7. SCORING & TOURNAMENT RULES

IN-PLAY REGULATIONS

- **Holing Out:** Players must finish each hole by putting out; picking up is prohibited. Flagsticks may remain in the hole while putting.
- **Wrong Ball:** 2-stroke penalty if played outside a hazard. No penalty inside a hazard.
- **Club Limit:** Maximum of 14 clubs allowed in the bag (2-stroke penalty for breach).

DISQUALIFICATION & DISPUTES

- **Disqualification:** Failing to complete 36 holes or the scheduled number of holes results in disqualification from awards.
- **Unfinished Rounds:** Only scores through holes completed by the last group count using aggregate handicaps.
- **Disputes:** Scoring concerns or disputes must be raised on the same day after the round.

■ 8. TIE-BREAKER PROCEDURE (WITHOUT HANDICAP)

In the event of a tie, the following condition rules are applied to break ties without handicap:

1. Last 9 Holes

Holes 10–18 scores

2. Last 6 Holes

Holes 13–18 scores

3. Last 3 Holes

Holes 16–18 scores

4. Last Hole

18th Hole score

■ 9. DECISION-MAKING COMMITTEE

In any event where a decision needs to be made, the following individuals will make a collective decision for the final result and for the tournament:

- ✓ Htingnan Mung Gyt
- ✓ Menon Mung Aung
- ✓ Dabang Zalome
- ✓ Dingra Khin Sa

- ✓ Hpauyam Naw Sut
- ✓ Tangbau Kam Li
- ✓ Myitung Gawngmai

DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICES & DIGITAL DEVICE POLICY

Applicable to rangefinders, GPS devices, mobile applications, and digital phones during official KGA tournament play.

PERMITTED MEASUREMENTS

Only basic straight-line distance, front/center/back GPS yardages, and general direction may be measured, where permitted by the tournament rules.

PROHIBITED FEATURES

Slope-adjusted distances, elevation calculations, wind measurements, and club recommendations must not be used during official tournament play.

SLOPE FUNCTION MUST BE OFF

A rangefinder with a slope feature may be carried only if permitted by the tournament committee. The slope function must be completely disabled before play. Check the device switch or indicator to confirm slope is inactive.

KGA TOURNAMENT RESTRICTION

Prohibited device features are not allowed during any KGA tournament. Players must also follow any additional restrictions announced by the tournament committee.

PHONES AND DIGITAL DEVICES NEAR GREENS

Use of mobile phones or other digital devices is prohibited on or around the green during tournament play, except where expressly authorized by the tournament committee.

PENALTIES — DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICES

A first breach of Rule results in a stroke penalty in stroke play or loss of the hole in match play. A second breach results in a another stroke penalty and so on.

CELL PHONE CALLS DURING THIS MAJOR TOURNAMENT

As this is a Major Tournament, phone calls are strictly prohibited during tournament play unless there is an emergency. In an emergency, make the call promptly and quietly so you do not disturb your playing partners. Violations may result in a two-stroke penalty or another penalty as determined by the Tournament Decision-Making Committee.

DISCLOSURE NOTE

KGA and tournament officials reserve the right to amend or adjust these rules and regulations when circumstances beyond their control arise or when the fairness or integrity of play is in question.

PLAYER REMINDER

Players are responsible for ensuring their devices comply with tournament rules before and during the round. When uncertain, ask the tournament committee or group leader before using a device.