

Local Rules and Terms of the Competition

The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and R&A Rules Limited govern play. These Local Rules and Terms of the Competition are in effect at all Elite Amateur Golf Series championships and qualifiers. See applicable championship Notice to Players and Entry Information for modifications or additions to these Local Rules and Terms of the Competition. Complete text of the Rules and Local Rules may be found in the current Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 2023. Disregard local rules printed on club scorecard. Unless otherwise specified, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty.

CODE OF CONDUCT: See separate [Code of Conduct Policy](#) memorandum.

PACE OF PLAY: See separate [Pace of Play Policy](#) memorandum.

PROHIBITING USE OF MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION: Model Local Rule G-6 is in effect. During a round, a player and caddie must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized or later approved by the Committee. A player operating under a stroke and distance penalty is always authorized to ride on motorized transportation.

PRACTICE: Prior to and after a round in stroke play, a player may practice on the designated practice areas. Rule 5.2b covering practice in stroke play is modified in this way: A player may not practice on the competition course before or between rounds. Penalty for breach of Local Rule, see Rule 5.2.

OUT OF BOUNDS: Defined by the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts.

PENALTY AREAS: When a penalty area is defined on only one side, it extends to infinity. When a penalty area is connected to the out-of-bounds edge, the penalty area extends to and coincides with out of bounds.

ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS (Rule 16.1):

(a) GROUND UNDER REPAIR: Defined by white lines. Ground under repair also includes French drains, which are trenches filled with rocks or stones. For grass-covered trenching, see Temporary Power Lines and Cables. Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage, including areas where spectators or other traffic has combined with wet conditions to affect materially the ground surface, but only when so declared by an authorized member of the Committee. When immediately adjacent to an obstruction, such an area is part of the obstruction.

(b) RELIEF FROM SEAMS OF CUT TURF: Model Local Rule F-7 is in effect.

(c) IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS: Include plastic bumpers on roads and paths, and mats secured to the ground with spikes when the bumpers or mats cover cables.

(d) WHITE-LINED AREAS TYING INTO ARTIFICIALLY SURFACED ROADS AND PATHS: White-lined areas of ground under repair and the artificially surfaced roads, paths, or other identified obstructions that they are connected to are a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.

TEMPORARY POWER LINES AND CABLES: Model Local Rule F-22 is in effect.

WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH: Are loose impediments.

INTEGRAL OBJECTS: Include cables, rods, wires, or wrappings when closely attached to trees and boundary objects. Artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas (or when used to define penalty area) or in or adjacent to bunkers and bunker liners. **Note:** An exposed bunker liner may be treated as ground under repair, but interference does not exist if the liner interferes only with the player's stance.

GATES IN BOUNDARY FENCES AND WALLS: Model Local Rule F-26 is in effect. All closed gates that are attached to boundary walls and fences are part of the boundary object. Relief is not allowed from such a gate under Rule 15.2 or 16.1.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREEN (BOTH BALL AND OBSTRUCTION ARE IN PART OF GENERAL AREA CUT TO FAIRWAY HEIGHT OR LESS): Model Local Rule F-5.2 is in effect and modified to also include a ball in the general area cut to fairway height or less and the obstruction is on the putting green within two club-lengths of the ball.

TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS: Greenside fans, starting, scoring and concession tents, scoreboards and hole signs are temporary immovable obstructions (TIO's). See Model Local Rule F-23 for interference and relief procedure.

BALL DEFLECTED BY POWER LINE: If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a power line, power line tower or a wire or pole supporting a power line, the player must cancel the stroke and replay the original ball or another ball without penalty from the spot that stroke was made (see Rule 14.6). Model Local Rule E-11.

SPECIFICATIONS OF EQUIPMENT:

(a) PROHIBITING USE OF AUDIO AND VIDEO DEVICES: Model Local Rule G-8 is in effect.

(b) REPLACING CLUB THAT IS BROKEN OR SIGNIFICANTLY DAMAGED: Model Local Rule G-9 is in effect.

(c) LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS: Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect.

(d) GROOVES AND PUNCH MARK SPECIFICATIONS: Model Local Rule G-2 is in effect.

(e) LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS: Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect.

(f) PROHIBITING USE OF CLUBS LONGER THAN 46 INCHES: Model Local Rule G-10 is in effect.

(g) PROHIBITING USE OF CERTAIN TYPES OF SHOES (METAL SPIKES): Model Local Rule G-7 is in effect.

STOPPING AND RESUMING PLAY: Model Local Rule J-1 is in effect. An immediate suspension will be signaled by one prolonged airhorn note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive airhorn notes. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short airhorn notes.

Note: All practice areas are closed during an immediate suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to stop practicing; failure to stop practicing might result in disqualification.

SCORECARDS: A scorecard is deemed returned once a player exits the defined scoring area (see "Notice to Players" for location). A player that remains within the defined scoring area may make alterations to their scorecard, with the consent of their marker or the Committee.

MODIFICATION OF PENALTY UNDER RULE 3.3b(2) FOR MISSING PLAYER OR MARKER CERTIFICATION: Model Local Rule L-1 is in effect.

WHEN COMPETITION IS FINAL: The competition is final when the trophy has been presented to the winner or, in the absence of a prize ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the Committee.

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