



### **2023 Local Rules & Terms of GOLF PR Championships & Events**

*The Rules of the United States Golf Association govern play. See applicable Championship or qualifying round Notice to Players and Entry Application for additional Local Rules and Terms of Competition.*

**Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty. Match Play – Loss of hole; Stroke Play – Two strokes**

#### **LOCAL RULES**

The following Local Rules, together with any other additions or amendments as published, will apply in accordance with Committee Procedures Section 5C and Section 8 Model Local Rules:

##### **1. Out of Bounds (Rule 18.2)**

A ball which crosses a public pathway/roadway area defined as out of bounds and comes to rest on or beyond that area is out of bounds, even if it comes to rest on another part of the course that is in-bounds for other holes. (Model Local Rule A-5).

##### **2. Penalty Areas (Rule 17)**

Yellow penalty areas are defined by yellow stakes or yellow lines. Red penalty areas are defined by red stakes or red lines. Where both stakes and lines are used to indicate penalty areas, the stakes identify the penalty area and the lines define the edge of the area.

When a yellow or red penalty area is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend to infinity. When a yellow or red penalty area is bounded by out of bounds, the penalty area extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line.

The Committee may establish dropping zones in accordance with Model Local Rule E-1.

##### **3. Abnormal Course Conditions (Rule 16)**

Areas encircled by white paint. The white paint may appear in any of the following ways – dots, broken lines, or solid lines.

- a) French drains (trenches filled with stones or the like)
- b) Ant hills / mounds (Model Local Rule F-11) and Rule 16.2; Dangerous Animal Condition
- c) Seams of cut turf (not the turf itself) in the general area that interferes with the lie of the ball or the area of intended swing only (not interference from the player's stance). All seams within the cut turf are considered the same seam (Model Local Rule F-7).
- d) An exposed bunker liner is GUR if it interferes with the lie of the ball or the area of intended swing only.
- e) Any area of damaged ground (e.g. caused by crowd or vehicle movement) that is declared by a Rules official to be abnormal.
- f) Areas in bunkers where sand has been removed by water resulting in deep furrows through the sand (washaways) (Model Local Rule F-1)
- g) Turf plugs: On putting greens, turf plugs have the same status as old hole plugs and may be repaired under Rule 16-1c.

##### **4. Immovable Obstructions (Rule 16.1).**

- a) The artificial surfaces and sides of roads and paths (includes gravel paths).
- b) White-lined areas adjoining an immovable obstruction are part of that obstruction and not GUR.
- c) Landscaped garden areas surrounded by an immovable obstruction are part of that obstruction.
- d) Secured mats and plastic cable ramps covering cables are immovable obstructions.

##### **5. Immovable Obstructions Close to or On the Putting Green (Sprinkler Heads)**

Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 16.1. In addition, as an extra option, for a ball in the general area, if an immovable obstruction is on the line of play and is on or within two club-lengths of the putting green, and is within two club-lengths of the ball, and intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may take complete relief (physical and line of play interference) according to Model Local Rule F-5.2. The ball and the obstruction must both be in part of the general area cut to fairway height or less.

##### **6. Integral Objects**

- a) All roads and paths, which are not artificially surfaced.
- b) Wood-chipped areas are integral parts of the course unless the provisions of another local rule apply (individual woodchips are loose impediments).
- c) Wires, cables, metal, or wrapping or other objects where they are closely attached to trees or other permanent objects.

## **TERMS OF COMPETITION**

The following Terms of Competition, together with any additions or amendments as published by *the United States Golf Association* will apply to all Competitions and Matches run by GOLF PR.

### **1. List of Conforming Driver Heads**

(Rule 4.1a (1), Model Local Rule G-1) Any driver the player uses to make a stroke must have a club head, identified by model and loft that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the USGA.

### **2. List of Conforming Golf Balls**

(Rule 4.2a (1), Model Local Rule G-3)

Any ball used in making a stroke must be on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the USGA. An updated List of Conforming Golf Balls is available on the USGA website.

### **3. Pace of Play**

(Rule 5.6 Unreasonable Delay) Pace of Play Policy is in effect and Model Local Rules K-1, K-2, K-5 are in effect.

**Players are expected to: measure distance, select a club, align, practice, and execute a stroke in 40 seconds or less.** Pace of Play Policy will be strictly enforced.

### **4. Practice prior to and after a round in Stroke Play**

(Rule 5.5b is modified by Model Local Rule I-1)

A player may not practice on the competition course before or between rounds.

### **5. Practice between holes in Stroke Play**

(Rule 5.5b is modified by Model Local Rule I-2)

Between the play of two holes, a player must not make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole just completed and must not test the surface of that putting green by rubbing the putting green or rolling a ball.

### **6. Stopping and Resuming Play Due to a Dangerous Situation:**

Model Local Rule J-1

A suspension of play due to a Dangerous situation will be signaled by:

- Stopping Play Immediately: ONE prolonged note of siren
- All other suspensions: will be signaled by THREE consecutive short notes of siren, repeated
- In either case, resumption of play: will be signaled by TWO short notes of siren, repeated. (See Rule 5.7b.)

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.

### **7. Prohibiting Use of Motorized Transportation**

Model Local Rule G-6 is in effect. During a round, players or caddies must not ride in any form of motorized transportation.

Exception: Play under penalty of stroke and distance.

### **8. Restricting use of Audio/Video Devices**

Model Local Rule G-8 is in effect: Rule 4.3a (4) is modified in this way:

- a) During a Round, a player must not listen to or watch contents of any nature on a personal audio or video device.
- b) Cellular phones usage is limited during play. Turn off all electronic devices or set them to silent mode. Cellular phones are to be used in case of emergency or to call a Rules Official or the Committee, as a Distance Measuring Device or as an electronic scorecard.

### **9. Modification of Penalty under Rule 3.3b(2) for Missing Player or Marker certification**

Model Local Rule L-1 is in effect.

If a Player returns a scorecard without the hole scores being certified either by the player, the marker or both, the player gets the general penalty (two strokes).

The penalty applies to the last hole of the player's round.

### **10. Permanent Elevated Cables.**

If a ball strikes an elevated power line or cable, the stroke must be cancelled and replayed without penalty (Model Local Rule E-11)

### **11. When Results of the Competition is Final**

- a) Match Play – The result of the match is deemed officially announced/closed when it has been officially recorded at the scoreboard in the manner required by the Rules Committee.
- b) Stroke Play – The competition is closed 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 Rules Committee. In the event of a playoff, the competition shall be deemed to have closed when the Rules Committee has approved the playoff scores.

