



2020 Local Rules & Terms of Competition 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.

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 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-3).

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. Deeply rutted wheel marks.
- D. Seams of cut turf (not the turf itself) through the green that interferes with the lie of the ball or the area of intended swing only. All seams within the cut turf are considered the same seam (Model Local Rule F-7).
- E. Any area of damaged ground (e.g. caused by crowd or vehicle movement) that is declared by a Rules official to be abnormal.

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 (e.g. Sprinkler Heads)

Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 16.1. In addition, if a ball lies off the putting green but not in a hazard and an immovable obstruction 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 relief according to Model Local Rule F-5

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.

7. 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)

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULES:

- **Match Play – Loss of hole;**
- **Stroke Play – Two strokes**

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, K2, K5 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 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.

5. 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:

- A. Stopping Play Immediately: one prolonged note of siren
- B. All other suspensions will be signaled by:
- C. Normal Stop of Play: three consecutive short notes of siren, repeated

In either case, resumption of play will be signaled by:

- A. Resume Play: 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.

6. Restricting use of Audio/Video Devices

- A. Model Local Rule G-8 is in effect: Rule 4.3a (4) is modified in this way: 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 are not to be used 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 and as a Distance Measuring Device

7. Broken or Significantly Damaged Club:

Model Local Rule G-9 is in effect:

If a player's club is "broken or significantly damaged" during a round by a player or caddie, except in cases of abuse, the player may replace the club with any club under Rule 4.1b(4)

8. 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.