

The Rules of Golf as approved by the USGA and The R&A, effective January 1, 2019 govern play. See the applicable tournament Notice to Players for additional Local Rules and Conditions. Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for a breach of a local rule is the general penalty, loss of hole in match play and two strokes in stroke play. The local rules of the host course are not in effect.

LOCAL RULES

Out of Bounds. A boundary edge is defined by white lines or the inside points at ground level of white stakes or fence posts, and those stakes or fence posts are out of bounds.

Penalty Area Stakes and Lines. When a 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 edge extends to and coincides with the boundary edge.

Ground Under Repair. Defined by white lines. French drains filled with stones that are exposed or discovered by probing are ground under repair. Ground under repair includes, whether or not marked, cultivated flowerbeds and active nurseries, which are further defined as No Play Zones. Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage, but only when declared by an authorized member of the Committee. When adjacent to an obstruction, such an area is part of the obstruction. Thinly grassed areas resulting from winterkill or drought conditions are not considered and are not marked as ground under repair.

Integral Objects. Include cables, rods, wires or wrappings when closely attached to trees; liners in bunkers and artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas unless otherwise provided for in the Notice to Players.

TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

Footwear. Shoes with metal or ceramic spikes that come in contact with the golf course are prohibited (G-7). Penalty for breach of Local Rule, see Rule 4.3.

Dress Code. Players and caddies must be properly attired on the course, in the clubhouse and on the grounds. Slacks or Bermuda length shorts or skorts are acceptable. Golf shirts must have a collar except for golf-style mock turtleneck shirts. Jeans, short shorts, cut-offs, tee shirts and tank tops are prohibited. Players may not play barefoot. Violations may result in the revocation of the player's entry.

Pace of Play. See separate memorandum to players for pace of play policy and guidelines.

Practicing Before or Between Rounds. Rule 5.2 is modified in this way: In stroke play, a player must not practice on the competition course before or between rounds (I-1.1). Penalty for breach of Local Rule, see Rule 5.2.

Scoring Area. Defined by a roped area or tape on the ground.

The following Local Rules are in effect as prescribed in Committee Procedures, Section 8 of the USGA Official Guide to the Rules of Golf.

- Relief from seams of Cut Turf (Sod Seams) Relief is for lie of ball and area of intended swing only (F-7)
- Ball Played from Outside Relief Area When Taking Back-On-the-Line Relief (E-12)
- Immovable Obstructions Close to the Putting Green when Both the Ball and Obstruction are in General Area Cut to Fairway Height or Less (F-5)
- Ball Deflected By Power Line On the Course (E-11)
- Out of bounds When Public Road Runs Through Course (A-3)
- Temporary Immovable Obstructions ("Either Side" Relief Option: F-23e(2))
- List of Conforming Driver Heads (G-1)
- List of Conforming Golf Balls (G-3)
- Limiting When Stroke Made From Putting Green Must Be Replayed Under Exc. 2 to Rule 11.1b — (D-7).
- Replacing Club that is Broken or Significantly Damaged (G-9)

Prohibiting Use of Audio and Video Devices. During a round, a player must not listen to or watch content of any nature on a personal audio or video device (G-8). Penalty for breach of Local Rule, see Rule 4.3.

Discontinuance of Play. A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged air horn note. All other suspensions will be signaled by three consecutive air horn notes. In either case, resumption of play will be signaled by two short air horn notes. See Rule 5.7b. All practice areas are closed during 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.

Official Time. The official clock is with the starter.

Close of Competition. The competition is closed when the symbolic prize for the event has been presented to the winner or in the absence of a ceremony, when the committee has approved all scores or results. A match is final when it has been posted to the official scoreboard.

The Committee

For any JGAC competition, the Committee consists of the designated Tournament Director, the designated Rules Captain and any member of the JGAC Rules of Golf Committee who is present at the tournament or can be reached by telephone. The JGAC Rules of Golf Committee includes any member of CGA staff, PGA staff and all CGA Chief Rules Officials.

LOCAL RULES (complete text)

The following Local Rules are in effect as prescribed in Committee Procedures, Section 8 of USGA Rules of Golf:

Seams of Cut Turf (Sod Seams) (F-7):

If a player's ball lies in or touches a seam of cut turf or a seam interferes with the player's area of intended swing:

- (a) Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b.
- (b) Ball on Putting Green. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d.

But interference does not exist if the seam only interferes with the player's stance.

All seams within the area of cut turf are treated as the same seam in taking relief. This means that if a player has interference from any seam after dropping the ball, the player must proceed as required under Rule 14.3c(2) even when the ball is still within one club-length of the reference point.

Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a.

Immovable Obstructions Close to the Putting Green (F-5):

Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 16.1.

The player also has these extra options to take relief when such immovable obstructions are close to the putting green and on the line of play:

Ball in General Area Cut to Fairway Height or Less. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is:

- On the line of play, and is:
 - Within two club-lengths of the putting green, and
 - Within two club-lengths of the ball, and
 - In General Area Cut to Fairway Height or Less

Exception – No Relief If Line of Play Clearly Unreasonable. There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.

Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a.

Elevated Power Lines and Cables (E-11):

If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a power line or tower or a wire or pole supporting a power line during the play of a hole, the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made (see Rule 14.6).

Ball crossing a road defined as Out of Bounds and coming to rest on another part of the course (A-3):

A ball is out of bounds if it comes to rest on or beyond a road defined as out of bounds, even if it comes to rest on another part of the course that is in bounds for other holes.

Temporary Immovable Obstructions (F-23):

Model Local Rule F-23 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. "Either Side" Relief Option: If a player has interference from a Temporary Immovable Obstruction the player may take relief on either side of the Temporary Immovable Obstruction.

List of Conforming Driver Heads (G-1)

Any driver the player uses to make a stroke must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft, which is on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the USGA. This list is regularly updated and is found at USGA.org.

Penalty For Making a Stroke with Club in Breach of this Local Rule: Disqualification.

List of Conforming Golf Balls (G-3)

Any ball used in making a stroke must be on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by The R&A. This list is regularly updated and is found at USGA.org.

Penalty For Making a Stroke with a Ball Not on Current List in Breach of this Local Rule: Disqualification.

Limiting When Stroke Made From Putting Green Must Be Replayed Exc. 2 to Rule 11.1b

Exception 2 to Rule 11.1b is to be applied using the "known or virtually certain" standard. Therefore, if there is knowledge or conclusive evidence that the ball played from the putting green accidentally hit a person, animal or movable obstruction on the putting green, the stroke does not count.

Replacing Club that is Broken or Significantly Damaged (G-9)

Rule 4.1b(3) is modified in this way: If a player's club is "broken or significantly damaged" during the round by the player or caddie, except in cases of abuse, the player may replace the club with any club under Rule 4.1b(4).

When replacing a club, the player must immediately take the broken or significantly damaged club out of play, using the procedure in Rule 4.1c(1). For the purposes of this Local Rule, a club is "broken or significantly damaged" when: the shaft breaks into pieces, splinters or is bent (but not when the shaft is only dented); the club face impact area is visibly deformed (but not when the club face is only scratched); the clubhead is visibly and significantly deformed; the clubhead is detached or loose from the shaft, or the grip is loose.

Exception: A club face or clubhead is not "broken or significantly damaged" solely because it is cracked.

Penalty for Breach of Local Rule – See Rule 4.1b."