

The USGA and R&A Rules of Golf govern play, except as modified below by the Illinois PGA Junior Tour. The following Local Rules and Terms of the Competition apply and may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 1, 2019. See the applicable competition's "Notice to Players" for additional definitions, Local Rules or amendments.

**Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is:**

Match Play – Loss of Hole

Stroke Play – Two Strokes

**1. Out of Bounds – Rule 18**

Defined by course-side or inside edge, at ground level of white lines, white stakes, property fence posts or walls. All public roads are deemed out of bounds and, if not otherwise marked, the course-side edge of the curbing shall be the boundary. In the absence of a curb, the nearest course-side edge of the asphalt shall be the boundary. A ball coming to rest on or beyond a road 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**

**a) Relief on Opposite Side of Red Penalty Areas:**

Red penalty areas with an opposite side relief option will be permitted at all times. Model Local Rule B-2.1. Note: When the edge of a red penalty area coincides with the boundary of the course, Model Local Rule B-2.2 is in effect and modifies the first paragraph of Model Local Rule B-2.1.

**3. Abnormal Course Conditions – Rule 16**

**a) Ground Under Repair:**

- I. Areas completely encircled with white lines.
- II. French drains, which are trenches filled with rocks or stones.
- III. Seams of cut turf – Model Local Rule F-7.
- IV. A hole made by a movable obstruction (stakes, signs, tables, chairs or the like) may be treated as Ground Under Repair by the Committee. But interference does not exist if the hole only interferes with the player's stance.

**b) Immovable Obstructions:**

- i. White lined areas tying into an obstruction are treated as a single abnormal course condition, not ground under repair.
- ii. When landscaped garden areas (flower beds, shrubbery, or the like) are completely encircled by an obstruction, the obstruction and landscaped area are treated as one abnormal course condition.
- iii. Roads or paths surfaced with wood chips or mulch; the individual pieces of wood chips or mulch are loose impediments.
- iv. When railroad ties, curbing or the like adjoin roads and paths, they are deemed to be part of the same abnormal course condition.

**c) Removal of Temporary Water:**

- i. Model Local Rule J-2 is in effect. If a ball lies on the putting green and there is interference by temporary water on the putting green, the player may: Proceed under Rule 16.1.

**4. Aeration Holes**

Model Local Rule E-4 is in effect. If a player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole (1) in the general area, the player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. If the ball comes to rest in another aeration hole the player may take relief again under this Local Rule or (2) on the putting green, the player may take relief under Rule 16.1d. Interferences does not exist if the aeration hole only interferes with the player's stance or, on the putting green, on the player's line of play

**5. Integral Objects**

- a) Bunker Liners – An exposed liner is ground under repair under Rule 16.1. But interference does not exist if the liner only interferes with the player's stance.
- b) The portion of wrappings, wires, cables, and other objects when closely attached to trees or objects defining Out of Bounds.
- c) Artificial retaining walls and/or pilings when located within penalty areas.

**6. Immovable Obstructions Close to a Putting Green (E.G. Sprinkler Heads)**

Model Local Rule F-5 is in effect and is modified as follows: For a ball in the general area, relief is allowed only when both the ball and the immovable obstruction lie in an 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. There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.

**7. Permanent Elevated Power Lines or Cables**

Model Local Rule E-11 is in effect and is modified as follows: If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a power line in bounds, the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made in accordance with Rule 14.6.

**8. Temporary Immovable Obstructions (TIO's) – Model Local Rule F-23.**

Includes tents, signs, greenside fans, and other temporary immovable obstructions installed specifically for the Competition.

**9. Specifications of Clubs and the Ball**

- a) List of Conforming Driver Heads – Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect. Penalty for making a stroke with club in breach of this Local Rule – Disqualification.
- b) List of Conforming Golf Balls – Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect. Penalty for making a stroke with a ball in breach of this Local Rule – Disqualification.
- c) The "One Ball Rule" is not in effect.

**10. Pace of Play – Rule 5.6b (3).**

See posted Illinois PGA Junior Tour Pace of Play Guidelines for pace of play and penalties.

**11. Stopping Play; Resuming Play – Rule 5.7**

Model Local Rule J-1 is in effect as follows:

- a) Immediate Suspension (Dangerous situation): One prolonged note of the air horn.
- b) Normal Suspension (Non-Dangerous situation): Three short notes of the air horn.
- c) Resume Play: Two short notes of the air horn.

**Note:** During an immediate suspension for a dangerous situation, all practice areas are closed until the Illinois PGA Junior Tour staff has declared them open. Players who disregard such closing are subject to disqualification and disciplinary action.

**TERMS OF THE COMPETITION**

**12. Ties and Playoffs**

Contestants are reminded of their responsibility to keep informed regarding the possibility of playoffs due to ties. Due to limited daylight and a large field size, an on-course playoff is reserved for the first-place spot in either division, should course availability allow. All other ties will be determined by scorecard playoff. Should a weather delay or course availability significantly limit the option for an on-course playoff, ties for first place will also be determined by scorecard playoff. The decision on whether or not to contest an on-course playoff is solely determined by host facility and Illinois PGA Junior Tour staff.

**13. Scorecard Returned**

A player's scorecard has been returned to the Committee when the player has exited the defined scoring area. A player is deemed to have exited the defined scoring area when they have stepped out of the area with both feet. The scoring area will be defined by rope or tape. In situations when rope or tape is not present, the scoring table and chairs will define the scoring area. Prior to returning the scorecard, a player that needs to leave the scoring area must inform the Illinois PGA Junior Tour scorer of his or her intention to leave and immediately return.

**14. When Result of Competition is Final**

The competition is final when all scores have been approved by the Committee. In the event of a play-off, the competition is final when the play-off scores have been approved by the Committee.

**15. Code of Conduct**

By signing an official entry form, registering online, or verbally committing to compete in an Illinois PGA Junior Tour event, the player agrees to abide by the prescribed Code of Conduct that can be found in the Illinois PGA Junior Tour Handbook under Rules & Regulations. Violations of the Rules of Conduct can result in disqualification or loss of play.

**16. Cell Phones:** It is encouraged that mobile phones only be used to contact

rules officials or in an event of an emergency. A player using their phone causing undue delay, acquiring advice, or using it in violation of approved electronic measuring devices will be penalized as a breach of Code of Conduct. Conversational use shall be limited to emergency use only or to call the Tournament Director for a ruling. The use of text and email functions are permissible, provided there is no audible sound, and the use does not distract other players.