

Section B – Conditions of the Competition

1. Specifications of Clubs and the Ball

- a. List of Conforming Driver Heads: 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. Penalty for making a stroke with club in breach of this local rule: disqualification. *There is no penalty under this local rule for carrying, but not making a stroke with a driver that is not on the List of Conforming Driver Heads*
- b. List of Conforming Golf Balls: Any ball used in making a stroke must be on the List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the USGA. Penalty for making a stroke at a ball not on current list in breach of this local rule: disqualification.

2. Pace of Play – Rule 5.6b (3)

The Local Rule setting a Pace of Play Policy, including penalties for not following this Policy, is distributed by the MWPGA.

3. Suspension of Play Due to a Dangerous Situation - Rule 5.7

Methods for Stopping and Resuming Play:

Discontinue Play Immediately (dangerous situation): One prolonged signal note.

Discontinue Play: Three consecutive short signal notes.

Resume Play: Two short signal notes.

Note: During a suspension for a dangerous situation all practice areas shall be closed until the Rules Committee has declared them open. Players who disregard such closing are subject to disciplinary action.

4. Practice - Rule 5

- a. Before or between rounds in stroke play - Model Local Rule I-1.1 is in effect and Rule 5.2b is modified as follows: A player must not practice on the competition course, but may practice on the designated practice areas. Penalty for breach of Local Rule, see Rule 5.2.
- b. Between holes in stroke play - Model Local Rule I-2 is in effect and between the play of two holes, a player must not:
 - I. Make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole just completed, or
 - II. Test the surface of that putting green by rubbing the putting green or rolling a ball.

5. Close of Competition

The competition shall be deemed to have closed 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 playoff scores have been approved by the Rules Committee.

Immovable Obstructions:

- a. White lined areas tying into obstructions are part of the obstruction, not ground under repair.
- b. A landscaped or garden areas (flowerbeds, shrubberies or the like) completely encircled by an obstruction are part of the obstruction.
- c. Railroad ties, curbing or the like adjoining artificially surfaced roads or paths are part of the road or path.
- d. If a player's ball, stance and/or area of intended swing is interfered with by a stake attached to a tree, the stake/rope, wire or the like, meant for support, are treated as an immovable obstruction.
- e. Roads or paths surfaced with wood chips or mulch, the individual pieces of wood chips or mulch are loose impediments.

Removal of Temporary Water - 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 Committee may:

- I. Require the player to proceed under Rule 16.1.
- II. Squeegee the line of play.
- III. Squeegee the putting green until the players are near the putting green.
- IV. In extreme cases any combination of i, ii, & iii and as otherwise directed by the Committee.

4. Integral Objects

- a. Bunker Liners. The Committee may treat an exposed liner as ground under repair under Rule 16.1. But interference does not exist if the liner only interferes with the player's stance.
- b. Tree Wrappings, wires, cables and other objects when closely attached to trees or objects defining out of bounds.
- c. Artificial walls and/or pilings when located within penalty areas.
- d. Artificial walls and/or pilings used to define the margin of bunkers are integral parts of the course and are part of the general area.

5. Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Green

Model Local Rule F-5 is in effect and is modified as follows: For a ball in the general area, relief is allowed when both the ball and obstruction lie in an area cut to fairway height or less. The obstruction must be, i) within two club-lengths of the putting green, ii) on the player's line of play, and iii) the ball must be within two club-lengths of the obstruction.

6. Limiting When Stroke Made From Putting Green Must be Replayed

Model Local Rule D-7 is in effect and modifies Exception 2 to Rule 11.1b.

7. Permanent Elevated Power Lines or Cables

Model Local 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 and must be replayed under Rule 14.6.

8. Temporary Immovable Obstructions

Model Local Rule F-23 is in effect.

- a. Either side relief is available as an extra option for Line of Sight Interference for TIOs listed on the applicable "Notice to Players". Note: This does not apply to a player with only physical interference.

Midwest PGA Local Rules and Conditions of Competition



Effective– January 1-December 31, 2024

The Rules of the United States Golf Association govern play, as modified by the Midwest PGA. The following Local Rules and Conditions of the Competition apply and may be found in the current USGA Rules of Golf as referenced on page numbers below. See the applicable competition's "Notice to Competitors (Players)" for additional Definitions, Local Rules, and Conditions of the Competition.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is the General Penalty: Match Play – Loss of Hole; Stroke Play – Two Strokes.

Section A – Local Rules

1. Out of Bounds – Rule 18.2

Defined by inside points, at ground level, of white stakes and/or property fence posts. A ball which crosses a road defined as out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that road is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course.

2. Penalty Areas - Rule 17

- a. Dropping Zones, labeled "DZ", are listed on the applicable "Notice to Players" and are relief areas under Model Local Rule E-1.1.
- b. Opposite side relief is available for red penalty areas listed on the applicable "Notice to Players". Model Local Rule B-2.1 is in effect. Opposite relief is available when a ball last crossed the edge of a red penalty area that coincides with out of bounds, under Model Local Rule B-2.2.

3. Abnormal Ground Conditions – Rule 16

Ground Under Repair:

- a. Areas completely encircled with white lines.
- b. French drains (drainage ditch filled with stones).
- c. Grass covered cable trenches even though unmarked.
- d. Seams of cut turf - Model Local Rule F-7 is in effect
- e. A hole made by a movable obstruction (microphones, stakes, sign, tripods, 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.

9. Missing Player or Marker Certification

Model Local Rule L-1 is in effect.

10. Scoring Area

The scoring area may include but is not limited to tents, roped areas around tents, or rooms. A player's scorecard has been returned to the Committee when the player has exited the defined scoring area with both feet.

11. Pro-Am Competition – Scorecard

The professional player is the marker. The scorecard shall be signed by the professional player and attested by one of the amateur partners. In events where individual amateur prizes are given, each amateur that returns an eighteen hole score must also attest the scorecard. Penalties for breaches shall be consistent with other scoring violations.



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