

(EFFECTIVE FROM **JANUARY 2021**)

The following Local Rules and Terms of Competition have been formulated after consultation with the Rules of Golf Committee of R&A Rules Limited and, together with any additions as published by the PGA EuroPro Tour at each golf course, will apply until further notice to all tournaments under the auspices of the PGA EuroPro Tour.

For the full text of the Local Rules, please refer to the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf effective from January 2019 and subsequent Clarifications published by R&A Rules Limited.

## SECTION A – LOCAL RULES

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

- (a) A ball is out of bounds when it is beyond any wall defining a boundary.
- (b) A ball that comes to rest beyond any road defining out of bounds, is out of bounds, even though it may come to rest on another part of the course

### 2. Penalty Areas (Rule 17)

- (a) Opposite Side Same Distance Relief for Red Penalty Areas  
The Additional Local Rules sheet will specify which (if any) red penalty areas have a same distance option on the opposite side. Model local rule B-2.1 will apply only to the penalty areas that are listed.
- (b) Opposite Side Relief Where Ball last Crossed Edge of Penalty Area Where the Edge and Boundary of Course Coincide.  
When a player's ball last crosses the edge of a penalty area where the edge of the penalty area and a boundary of the course coincide, that edge is deemed red and opposite side relief is available under model local rule B-2.1.
- (c) Dropping Zones for Penalty Areas.  
Where a dropping zone is marked for a Penalty Area, it is an additional option under penalty of one stroke. The dropping zone is a relief area under rule 14.3, meaning a ball must be dropped in and come to rest in the relief area.

### **3. Back-on-the-Line Relief. Playing from Outside the Relief Area.**

Model Local Rule E-12 is in effect when taking Back-On-the-Line Relief under any Rule. Note the Back-On-the-Line options in Rules 16.1c(2), 17.1d(2), 19.2b and 19.3b. A ball may be played from outside the relief area, as long as the ball is within one club-length of where it first touched the ground when dropped in the relief area.

### **4. Abnormal Course Conditions (Rule 16.1)**

#### Ground Under Repair

- (a) All areas bounded by white lines including spectator crossing points where marked.
- (b) Seams of cut turf: Model Local Rule F-7 is in effect.
- (c) Holes left by movable obstructions in parts of the general area cut to fairway height or less. Free relief is available for lie of ball or area of intended swing but there is no relief for interference to stance.
- (d) Painted yardage spots situated in the general area cut to fairway height or less. Free relief is available for lie of ball or area of intended swing but there is no relief for interference to stance.
- (e) French drains (stone-filled drainage ditches).

#### Restriction on Relief from Stance in Animal Hole.

Rule 16.1 is modified in this way:

"Interference does not exist if the Animal Hole interferes with only the player's stance".

#### Immovable Obstructions

- a) White lined areas adjoining any areas defined as immovable obstructions are to be treated as a single abnormal course condition.
- b) Landscaped garden areas and everything growing in them that are completely surrounded by an immovable obstruction are part of the obstruction.
- c) Roads or paths surfaced with woodchip or mulch. Individual pieces are loose impediments.
- d) Staked Trees (**Note:** No free relief available for trees with wrapping only).

### **5. Embedded Ball (Rule 16.3)**

Model Local Rule F-2.2 is in effect and Rule 16.3 is modified in this way: "Free relief is not allowed when a ball is embedded in a stacked turf face above a bunker".

### **6. Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Greens**

Model Local Rule F-5 is in effect but is modified as follows:

For a ball in the general area, relief is allowed only when (i) both the ball and the immovable obstruction lie in an area cut to fairway height or less (ii) the obstruction must be within two club-lengths of the putting green (iii) be on the players line of play and (iv) the ball must be within two club-lengths of the obstruction.

## **7. Limiting When Stroke Made from Putting Green Must be Replayed**

Model Local Rule D-7 is in effect and reads "Exception 2 to Rule 11.1b applies, except that when a ball played from the putting green accidentally hits:

- the player,
- the club used by the player to make the stroke or
- an animal defined as a loose impediment (that is, worms, insects and similar animals that can be removed easily)

The stroke counts and the ball must be played as it lies"

## **8. Integral Objects**

- (a) Wires, cables, wrapping or other objects where they are closely attached to trees or other permanent objects.
- (b) Retaining artificial walls and pilings when located within Penalty Areas.
- (c) Bunker liners in their intended position.
- (d) Any closed gate attached to a boundary object.

## **9. Permanent Overhead Power Lines**

Model Local Rule E-11 is in effect but only for a ball which strikes a power line located in bounds and not the supporting pole. (Stroke is cancelled and must be replayed).

## **10. Temporary Immovable Obstructions (TIO)**

Model Local Rules F-22 re Temporary Power Lines and Cables and F-23 re TIO are in effect.

- (a) Dropping Zone Policy. In the General Area, when a player's ball lies in or on a TIO or so close to the TIO that it interferes with the stance or area of intended swing and relief is required, the player may:
  - proceed under any of the options allowed under the TIO local rule or Rule 16.1 or,
  - if dropping zones have been marked, as an additional option, the player may drop the original ball or another ball, without penalty, in the nearest dropping zone. This is true even if it is nearer the hole. The Dropping Zone is a Relief Area and a ball must come to rest in and be played from the relief area.

- (b) Either Side Relief. The Additional Local Rules sheet will specify which TIO have an either side option. Either side relief is restricted to line of sight relief only and is not available when the player chooses to operate under Rule 16.1.

### **Temporary Immovable Obstructions - Definitions**

Examples include but are not limited to, advertising boards, hole number, distance indicators and clocks when situated around teeing grounds, on-course leaderboards and advertising boards fixed to other permanent objects.

### **Movable Obstructions - Definitions**

Examples include but are not limited to, free standing advertising boards situated away from teeing grounds, cameras, microphones and drinks dispensers.

## **11. Clubs and Balls**

- a) Club Replacement. Model Local Rule G-9 for replacement of a club that is broken or significantly damaged is in effect.
- b) List of Conforming Driver Heads. Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect.  
Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of the Local Rule: Disqualification.
- c) Groove and Punch Mark Specifications. Model Local Rule G-2 is in effect.  
**Exception:** Amateurs participating in Pro-Am events.  
Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of the Local Rule: Disqualification.
- d) Conforming Balls List. Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect.  
Penalty for making a stroke in breach of local rule: Disqualification.
- e) The One Ball Condition. Model Local Rule G-4 is in effect.  
**Exceptions:** Amateurs participating in Pro-Am events and Pro-Am events where the Professional is not marking an individual score.  
Penalty for making a stroke at a ball in breach of this local rule: General Penalty for each hole during which the player is in breach.

## **12. Suspension of Play (Rule 5.7)**

The following signals will be used to suspend and resume play:

Immediate stop/dangerous situation – one prolonged note of the siren

Normal non-dangerous stop – three consecutive short notes of the siren

Resume play – Two consecutive short notes of the siren

**Note:** When play is stopped in a dangerous situation, all practice areas are immediately closed.

### 13. Pace of Play (Rule 5.6b(3))

The 2021 PGA EuroPro Tour Pace of Play Policy is in effect. Please refer to the PGA EPT Pace of Play Guidelines as published by the PGA/EPT for further details. Please note:

#### PENALTY FOR BREACH OF PACE OF PLAY POLICY

1 Bad Time	Verbal warning from referee		
	<b>Stroke Play</b>	<b>Match Play</b>	<b>Fine</b>
2 Bad Times	Penalty: One Stroke	One Stroke	£100
3 Bad Times	Further Penalty: Two Strokes	Loss of Hole	£200
4 Bad Times	Disqualification	Disqualification	£300

### 14. Practice (Rule 5)

#### (a) Practice before or between rounds in Stroke Play. Rule 5.2b.

Model Local Rule I-1.2 is in effect and Rule 5.2b is modified in this way: "A player must not practice on the competition course before or between rounds".

**Exception:** A player may use any recognised practice area situated within the boundary of the course on any day of the competition for practice.

Penalty for breach of Rule 5.2: See penalty statement in Rule 5.2.

#### (b) Practice on or Near Previous Putting Green Prohibited. Rule 5.5b.

Model Local Rule I-2 is in effect for stroke play events only.

Rule 5.5b is modified in this way: "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 or test the surface of that putting green by rubbing the putting green or rolling a ball".

**Exception:** This does not apply to Pro Am tournaments.

### 15. Transportation

Model Local Rule G-6 is in effect. Rule 4.3a(1) is modified in this way: "During a round a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorised transportation except as authorised or later approved by the rules committee".

**Note:** A player taking a stroke and distance penalty is always authorised.

Penalty for breach of this local rule: General Penalty for each hole during which there is a breach. A breach between holes applies to the next hole.

**Exception:** Professionals & amateurs may ride in buggies in Pro-Am events.

## **PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULES**

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a local rule is the General Penalty

Match Play – Loss of Hole

Stroke Play – Two Strokes

## **SECTION B - TERMS OF COMPETITION AND REGULATIONS**

### **1. Deciding Ties**

Unless otherwise stated, If there is a tie for first place, there will be a hole-by-hole play-off to determine the winner.

### **2. Returning of Scorecard**

The location of the recording area will be detailed each week on the local rules sheet. The scorecard is returned when the player leaves the recording area with both feet. Any player who leaves this area, prior to returning the scorecard, must inform the Recorder before leaving the area of their intention to return. Score recorders are part of "The Committee".

### **3. Results of the Competition – Competition Closed**

The result of the tournament is officially announced when the final results sheet is posted by the Committee.

### **4. Tournament Regulations**

All PGA EuroPro Tour Tournaments are run under the PGA EuroPro Tour Tournament Regulations, which can be found in the 'Regulations of the PGA EuroPro Tour'.