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## 2022 Local Rules & Terms of the Competition



Play is governed by the 2019 Golf Canada Rules of Golf, and, where applicable, by the 2021 GLT Standard Local Rules and Condition of Competition, subject to changes, additions, or deletions for certain championships. Complete text of Local Rules may be found in the Golf Canada Official Guide to the Rules of Golf (effective January 2019).

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

**Match Play - Loss of Hole; Stroke Play - Two Strokes.**

### 1. Out of Bounds - Rule 18.2.

Defined by course-side points at ground level of white dots, lines or stakes and fence posts. A ball is out of bounds when it is beyond any wall defining the boundary of the course.

A ball that 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:

If a ball is in or it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found is in a penalty area and a drop zone is specified on the applicable "Notice to Players" for that penalty area, the player may as an extra option, drop a ball under penalty of one stroke, in the encircled white-lined area labeled "DZ" located as indicated on the applicable "Notice to Players". The ball must be dropped in and come to rest within the drop zone. Model Local Rule E-1.1.

#### b) Relief on Opposite Side of Red Penalty Areas:

Red penalty areas with an opposite side relief option will be indicated on the applicable "Notice to Players". 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. Back-On-the-Line Relief - Model Local Rule E-12 is in effect.

This applies in the application of Rules 16.1c(2), 17.1d(2), 19.2b, 19.3b.

### 4. Limiting When Stroke Made From Putting Green Must be Replayed Under Exception 2 to Rule 11.1b

Local Rule as prescribed in the Clarification to the 2019 Rules of Golf is in effect. Model Rule D-7

### 5. Abnormal Course Conditions (including Immovable Obstructions) - Rule 16.1.

#### a. Ground under repair – Rule 16.1 includes

- i Areas defined by white lines;
- ii French drains filled with stones;
- iii Seams of Cut Turf – Model Local Rule F-7 is in effect. 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:
  - o Ball in the General Area: The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b.

- o 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. That 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.

#### b. Immovable Obstructions

White-lined areas of ground under repair and the artificially surfaced road or path or other identified obstruction they tie into are treated as a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.

### c. 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. Squegee the line of play.
- iii. Squegee 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.

#### d. Aeration Holes

If a player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole, it may be lifted and cleaned without penalty.

- i. **Ball in 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

- ii. **Ball on Putting Green:** The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d.

But interference 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.

## 6. Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Greens

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.

## 7. Integral Objects.

The following are integral objects from which free relief is not allowed:

- a. The portion of cables, wires, wrappings and other similar objects closely attached to trees.
- b. Artificial retaining walls and/or pilings when located within penalty areas or which are adjacent to the edge of bunkers.
- c. Bunker liners in their intended position. Interference by a liner with a player's stance is deemed not to be, of itself, interference under this Rule.
- d. Closed gates attached to objects defining out of bounds and those gates are considered immovable.

## 8. Permanent Elevated Power Lines - 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.

## 9. Temporary Immovable Obstructions (TIOs) – Model Local Rule F-23 is in effect.

Temporary Immovable Obstructions include, but are not limited to, starting tents, publicity objects, scoring areas and pace of play stations. As an additional option, a player may drop on one side or the other of the obstruction.

## 10. 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 a club in breach of the 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 the Local Rule: **Disqualification.**
- c. Replacing Club that is Broken or Significantly Damaged – Model Local Rule G-9 is in effect. 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).

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

## 11. Pace of Play (Rule 5.6(3))

The player must play without delay in accordance with the current GLT Pace of Play Policy in effect. Note that Different Pace of Play Policies are in effect for different forms of competition. The player is responsible for knowing the Pace of Play Policy and penalties specific to the event. Note that Rule 5.6a (Unreasonable Delay of Play) is still applicable, meaning players may be monitored or timed without formal warning. The Referee or Tournament Committee member determines when a player subject to timing is able to play. Not all players in a group may be subject to timing or penalty for slow play. **Note:** Rule 5.6a (Unreasonable Delay of Play) is still applicable.

## 12. 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 Committee has declared them open. Players who disregard such closing are subject to disciplinary action.

## 13. 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 Rule 5.5b is modified as follows: 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.

Note: This Local Rule is not in effect for a Pro-Am that does not count in the official competition.

## 14. Transportation

Unless a competition has the Model Local Rule G-6 in effect, players may use Motorized Transportation, but the player must not:

- a) When practical, drive past any players ball to gauge distance or gather any other information about the shot or hole.

In case of a breach of this local rule, a warning will be issued to the player. The general Penalty will apply to any further breaches for each hole during which there is a breach.

## **15. Caddies**

Rule 10.3a is modified in this way: A player *must* not have another player in the competition, who has played or will play in the same round, as his or her caddie during a round.

The player gets the General Penalty for each hole during which there is a breach of this Local Rule. If the breach occurs between the play of two holes, it applies to the next hole.

## **TERMS OF THE COMPETITION**

### **16. Round (Rule 5.1)**

In stroke play events, other than shotgun starts, when all play starts on the same hole, on the last day of a tournament, a tournament may end after 9 holes if not all the players have ended their last round and it is not possible to complete the round another day.

### **17. Deciding Ties.**

In the event of a tie for first place, unless otherwise specified, a hole-by-hole stroke-play play-off will determine the winner immediately following the last round.

If a playoff is not possible, the following method of tie-breaking will be used:

Use the best last 9 holes, thence to the best score on the last 6 holes, thence to the best score on the last 3 holes,

and thence to the best score on the last (18<sup>th</sup>) hole. If this fails to break the tie then go to the best score on the second last hole (17<sup>th</sup> hole)...and so forth.

### **18. Scorecard Returned**

A player's scorecard has been returned to the Committee when the player has completely exited the defined scoring area with both feet. Prior to returning the scorecard, a player that needs to leave the scoring area must inform the Scoring Official of their intention to leave and immediately return.

### **19. When Result of Competition is Final.**

When Result of Competition is Final – The competition is final when all scores have been validated in the scoring system and approved by the Committee or when the trophy has been presented to the winner