



LOCAL RULES and TERMS OF COMPETITION HARD CARD.

The following Local Rules and Terms of Competition together with any additions or amendments published by the Real Federación Española de Golf (RFEG) will be applied to all events run by the RFEG.

For the full text of any Local Rule referenced below, please refer to the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf effective 1st January 2019.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty (loss of hole in match play or two penalty strokes in stroke play).

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 is played from one side of a road which is defined as out of bounds and comes to rest on the other side of that road is out of bounds. This is true even if the ball comes to rest on another part of the course that is in bounds for other holes.

2. PENALTY AREAS. Rule 17.

- a. Opposite side same distance relief for red penalty areas.
In the additional Local Rules on each course will be specified 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 the boundary of the 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. and EMBEDDED BALL Rule 16.3.

a. Ground Under Repair.

- (1) All areas bounded by white lines including spectator crossing points where marked.
- (2) Seams of cut turf. Model Local Rule F-7 is in effect.
- (3) French drains (stone-filled drainage ditches).
- (4) Restriction on relief from stance in animal hole. Model Local Rule F-6 is in effect and the Rule 16.1 is modified in this way: "Interference does not exist if the animal hole interferes with only the player's stance".
- (5) Yardage Spots or Lines. Painted lines or dots in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less are to be treated as ground under repair from which relief is allowed under Rule 16.1. Interference does not exist if painted lines or dots interfere with only the player's stance.

b. Immovable Obstructions.

- (1) White lined areas and the immovable obstruction they tie into are a single abnormal course condition.
- (2) Landscaped garden areas (and everything growing in them) that are completely surrounded by an immovable obstruction are treated as a single abnormal course condition.
- (3) Mats that are secured and all ramps covering cables (anything which is secured or fastened is not considered "readily movable" if it has to be unfastened to be moved).
- (4) Roads or paths surfaced with woodchip or mulch. Individual pieces of woodchip are loose impediments.
- (5) Non-permanent bridges erected for players or spectators unless otherwise defined.
- (6) Staked trees are immovable obstructions.
- (7) Restriction on relief from stance for irrigation pipes. Rule 16.1 is modified in this way: "Interference does not exist if an irrigation pipe(s) interferes with the player's stance"

c. Temporary Water.

Model Local Rule J-2 is in effect and is modified as follows: When temporary water accumulates on the putting green, relief is available under Rule 16.1d or:

- (i) Squeegee the line of play on the putting green



- (ii) Squeegee the putting green between groups
- (iii) Squeegee the putting green when a ball lies adjacent to the putting green in any area of the course, but only when authorized by the Committee.

d. 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".

5. 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.

6. GREEN READING MATERIAL RESTRICTIONS

Model Local Rule G-11 is in effect. A Committee Approved Book must be used. Restrictions on a player's handwritten notes for green reading materials apply. This is also in effect in a Pro-am played as the official competition.

7. 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

8. INTEGRAL OBJECTS

- a. Bunker liners in their intended position.
- b. Wires, cables, wrapping or other objects when closely attached to trees or other permanent objects.
- c. Artificial retaining walls and pilings when located within penalty areas.
- d. Floating sponsor displays/signs when in penalty areas. (no line of sight relief allowed). Wires or cables anchoring them are temporary cables. Note: When cables are located outside the penalty area the cables are immovable obstructions.
- e. Any closed gate attached to a boundary object is part of the boundary object.

9. PERMANENT OVERHEAD POWER LINE

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/pylon (Stroke is cancelled and must be replayed).

10. TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS. (TIO)

Model Local Rules F-22 related Temporary Power Lines and Cables and F-23 related 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 under Rule 14.3 meaning a ball must be dropped in and come to rest in the dropping zone.
- b. Either Side Relief. In the additional Local Rules on each course will be specified which (if any) 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.
Either side relief is available, as an extra option, for line-of-sight interference from:
 - Flight scope TV Poles when they are standing alone. (16.1)
 - All TV Towers & Leaderboards

11. CLUBS AND BALLS.

- 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 this local rule: Disqualification.
- b. Groove and Punch Mark Specifications. Model Local Rule G-2 is in effect. Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of this local rule: Disqualification.
- c. Conforming Balls List. Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect. Penalty for making a stroke in breach of this local rule: Disqualification.
- d. The One Ball Rule. Model Local Rule G-4 is in effect. (Exception: This local rule does not apply to professional or amateur players in any pre-tournament Pro-Am or approved one-day event or to amateurs who partner professional players in a major Pro-Am tournament). 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.



- e. Club Replacement. Model Local Rule G-9 for replacement of a club that is **broken or significantly damaged** is in effect.
- f. 46-inch Club Length Limitation: Model Local Rule G-10 is in effect. This is also in effect in a Pro-Am played as the official competition. Exception: This rule will not apply to amateurs playing solely in Pro-Am competitions.

12. PLAY SUSPENSIONS. 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.
- When play is stopped in a dangerous situation, all practice areas are immediately closed.

13. PRACTICE. Rule 5.

- a. Practice before or between rounds in stroke play. Rule 5.2b.

Rule 5.2b is modified in this way:

A player must not practice on the competition course before or between rounds. 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.

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.

14. DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES. Rule 4.3a.

Rule 4.3a (1) is modified in this way:

During a round, a player must not obtain distance information using an electronic distance measuring device. This is also in effect in a Pro-am played as the official competition.

Penalty for breach of Rule 4.3: See penalty statement in Rule 4.3.

First breach – General Penalty¹_{SEP} Second breach (unrelated to first breach) - Disqualification

15. TRANSPORTATION POLICY

Model Local Rule G-6 is in effect and modifies Rule 4.3a (1) in this way:

During a round a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized or later approved by the rules committee. Note: A player taking a stroke and distance penalty is always authorized.

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.

16. PACE OF PLAY POLICY. Rule 5.6b (3).

Each hole has been given a maximum completion time based upon the length and difficulty of the hole. The maximum time allotted for the completion of 18 holes will be available prior to play from the championship office. Please ensure you obtain a copy of the Pace of Play Policy and read it carefully before playing. The pace of play policy will be strictly enforced.

Penalty for Breach of this Pace of Play Policy:

1 Bad Time Verbal warning from referee and told that if the player has a further bad time he will be penalized.

	<u>Stroke Play</u>	<u>Match Play</u>
2 Bad Times	One Stroke Penalty	One Stroke Penalty
3 Bad Times	Two Penalty Strokes	Loss of Hole
4 Bad Times	Additional Disqualification	Disqualification

Notes:

1. Players will be advised that they are being timed.
2. The times shall be taken from the moment the Referee considers it to be the player's turn to play.
3. In some circumstances, a single player may be timed instead of the whole group.

TERMS OF COMPETITION.

17. 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.

18. RECORDING AREA AND SCORECARD RETURNED



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. Score recorders are part of "The Committee".

19. RESULTS OF COMPETITION - COMPETITION CLOSED

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20. ANTI-DOPING

Players are required to comply with and be bound by any Anti-Doping Policy that is established for event in which they are competing.

Note: Players should be aware that under the Anti-Doping Policy, if a player is found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation, he may face disqualification from the event at which he was tested (or otherwise committed the violation) and also from any subsequent event in which he participated until provisionally suspended or rendered ineligible for disciplinary action. Disqualification in such cases includes the loss of all results, points and prize money.

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