

Royal Spanish Golf Federation
conditions of competition and permanent
local rules

The time allowed will be determined by the TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR or CHIEF REFEREE and will be published on the official notice board. Out of position is defined as being more than the starting interval behind the group in front. From the commencement of timing, if any player exceeds 50 seconds on a 'first to play approach shot (including Par 3 tee shot), chip or putt', or 40 seconds if it is a tee shot or 'second or third to play shot', he is deemed to have had a 'bad time'. A player whose group is timed will have a bad time carried forward in the round even if the group subsequently arrives back in position or within time.

Penalty for Breach of Condition:

One bad time — Verbal warning from Official

Two bad times — One stroke penalty.

Three bad times — Two stroke penalty.

Four bad times — Disqualification

Notes:

1. Players will **not** be advised, necessarily, that they are being timed.
2. Timings will be taken from the moment it is deemed by the Official that it is the player's turn to play.
3. In some circumstances, an individual player, or two players within a group of three, may be timed instead of the entire group.

3. SUSPENSION of PLAY due to a DANGEROUS SITUATION
(Note to Rule 6-8b) – Pages 158.

4. TRANSPORTATION – Page 159-160

(Exception: When permitted to ride by The Rules Committee).

5. RESULT OF THE COMPETITION – COMPETITION CLOSED

When the final results sheet is placed on the official notice board, the result of the Competition is deemed to have been officially announced and the competition closed.

6. RECORDING AREA, SCORECARD RETURNED

The recording area may include but is not limited to temporary buildings, tents or permanent rooms. Others may be defined on the official notice board. A scorecard will be deemed returned when a player has completely left the recording area.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULES

Match Play – Loss of Hole; Stroke Play – Two Strokes

The following Local Rules and Conditions of Competition have been formulated by the Rules Committee of the Royal Spanish Golf Federation.

The full text of the following Local Rules and Conditions may be found in the current edition of the Rules of Golf as published by R&A Rules Limited on the pages indicated.

SECTION A – LOCAL RULES

The following Local Rules, together with any additions or amendments as published by the Committee at each golf course, will apply until further notice to all tournaments run under the auspices of the Royal Spanish Golf Federation.

1. OUT OF BOUNDS (Rule 27)

Beyond any wall, fence or white stakes defining the boundary of the course.

Note:

- (a) Where out of bounds is defined by white stakes or fence posts (excluding angled supports) the line joining the nearest inside points at ground level of such stakes or posts defines the boundary. A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies over such line.
- (b) Where any continuing or adjoining white line is in existence it defines the boundary. A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies **on or over** such line.
- (c) 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. WATER HAZARDS (Including Lateral Water Hazards)
(Rule 26)

Note: Dropping Zones for Water Hazards

Where there are dropping zones for water hazards, a ball may be played under Rule 26, or a ball may be dropped in the dropping zone nearest to where the original ball last crossed the margin of the hazard under penalty of one stroke. When dropping a ball in a dropping zone, the dropped ball must not be re-dropped if it comes to rest within two club-lengths of the spot where it first struck a part of the course even though it may finish outside the boundaries of the dropping zone or nearer the hole.

3. GROUND UNDER REPAIR (Rule 25-1)

- (a) All areas bounded by blue stakes and/or blue or white lines including spectator crossing points where bounded by white lines.
- (b) Grass covered cable trenches.
- (c) French drains (stone-filled drainage ditches).
- (d) Seams of Cut Turf – Page 145

4. ABNORMAL GROUND CONDITIONS – Rule 25-1 Note

- (a) Interference by a hole, cast or runway made by a burrowing animal, a reptile or a bird with a player's stance is deemed not to be, of itself, interference under Rule 25-1.
- (b) Relief is available for lie of ball or area of intended swing from any painted yardage spot situated in any closely mown area through the green.

5. EMBEDDED BALL – Relief extended to “through the green” – Page 143.

6. TURF PLUGS ON PUTTING GREEN

On any putting green, turf plugs of any size have the same status as old hole plugs and may be repaired under Rule 16-1c.

7. MOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS

Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions. Page 146

8. IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS (Rule 24-2)

- (a) White lined areas adjoining any areas defined as immovable obstructions are to be regarded as part of the obstruction and not GUR.
- (b) Decorative landscaped areas (Flowerbeds/shrubberies and the like) surrounded by an obstruction are part of that obstruction.

9. INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE

- (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 water hazards.

10. ACCIDENTAL MOVEMENT OF A BALL ON A PUTTING GREEN

Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows:

When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment.

The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1.

This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

Note: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.

11. PERMANENT ELEVATED CABLES

If a ball strikes an elevated power line or cable, the stroke is cancelled and the player must play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was played in accordance with Rule 20-5 (Making Next Stroke from Where Previous Stroke Made).

Note: Guy wires supporting a temporary immovable obstruction are part of the temporary immovable obstruction, unless the Committee, by Local Rule, declares that they are to be treated as elevated power lines or cables.

Exception: A stroke that results in a ball striking an elevated junction section of cable rising from the ground must not be replayed.

SECTION B – CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

The following Conditions shall apply under Rule 33-1 until further notice to all tournaments run under the auspices of the Royal Spanish Golf Federation.

1. SPECIFICATION OF CLUBS AND THE BALL

a. List of Conforming Driver Heads (pages 154-155)

Any driver the player carries must have a club head, identified by model and loft that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by R&A. Penalty for making a stroke with club in Breach of Condition – Disqualification.

b. Specification of the Ball (Note to Rule 5-1)

List of Conforming Golf Balls – Page 155-156

2. PACE of PLAY (Note 2 to Rule 6-7) – Page 158

In the absence of mitigating circumstances, a group is liable to be timed if it is in excess of the time allowed and in the case of second or subsequent groups, out of position.