



The following Local Rules and Terms of Competition, together with any additions or amendments published by the European Golf Association (EGA) at the golf course, will apply to all Championships and International Matches run by the EGA.

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

2. Penalty Areas (Rule 17)

- a) When a penalty area adjoins a boundary, the penalty area edge extends to and coincides with the boundary.
- b) When a player's ball is found in or it is known or virtually certain to have come to rest in any penalty area where the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area at a point that coincides with the boundary of the course, opposite side relief is available under Model Local Rule B-2.1.

Dropping Zones for Penalty Areas

Where a dropping zone is marked for a penalty area, it is an additional option for relief under penalty of one stroke. The dropping zone is a relief area. A ball must be dropped in and come to rest in the relief area.

3. Abnormal Course Conditions (including Immovable Obstructions) (Rule 16)

- a) Ground Under Repair
 - (1) Any area bounded by a white line.
 - (2) Any area of damaged ground (e.g. caused by vehicle movement) that is considered by a referee to be abnormal.
 - (3) French drains (stone-filled drainage ditches).
 - (4) Seams of cut turf; Model Local Rule F-7 is in effect.
 - (5) Yardage painted lines or dots on the putting green or 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 available under Rule 16.1. Interference does not exist if yardage painted lines or dots only interfere with the player's stance.

b) Immovable Obstructions

- (1) White lined areas and the immovable obstruction they tie into are treated as a single abnormal course condition.
- (2) Landscaped garden areas and everything growing in them that are surrounded by an immovable obstruction are treated as a single abnormal course condition.
- (3) Mats that are secured.
- (4) Roads or paths surfaced with woodchip or mulch. Individual pieces of woodchip are loose impediments.
- (5) Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Greens. Model Local Rule F-5 is in effect. This Local Rule only applies when the ball and immovable obstruction lie in part of the general area cut to fairway height or less. In addition to Rule 16.1a, interference also exists if an immovable obstruction is on the player's line of play, is within two clublengths of the putting green and is within two club-lengths of the ball. Exception: there is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.

c) Embedded Ball

Rule 16.3 is modified in this way: no free relief is allowed for a ball embedded in the stacked turf or soil faces above a bunker.

4. Integral Objects

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

- a) bunker liners in their intended position;
- b) wires, cables, wrappings or other objects where they are closely attached to trees or other permanent objects;
- c) artificial retaining walls and pilings when located in penalty areas.

5. Temporary Immovable Obstructions

Model Local Rule F-23, with any additions or amendments in the additional Local Rules published by the Committee is in effect.

6. 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 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 Local Rule: disqualification.

c) List of Conforming Golf Balls: Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect. Penalty for breach of the Local Rule: disqualification.

Note: an updated List of Conforming Clubs and Balls is available on www.randa.org

7. Pace of Play (Rule 5.6)

a) Time Allowed

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.

Definition of Out of Position

The first group and any group after a starter's gap will be considered to be "out of position" if, at any time during the round, the group's cumulative time exceeds the time allowed for the number of holes completed. Any following group will be considered "out of position" if it is more than the starting interval behind the group in front.

Note: in making a decision on whether to time a "following group" that is out of position, leniency may be shown to a group that has not exceeded the time allotted for the number of holes completed.

b) Procedure when Group is Out of Position

- i. If a decision is taken to time the group, each player in the group will be subject to individual timing by a referee. Each player in the group will be advised that they are "out of position" and are being timed.
- ii. The maximum time allocated per shot is 40 seconds. 10 extra seconds are allowed for the first player to play:
 - on a par three hole;
 - an approach shot; and
 - a chip or putt.

The timing will start when a player has had sufficient time to reach the ball, it is his or her turn to play and he or she is able to play without interference or distraction. Time taken to determine distance and select a club will count as time taken for the next stroke. On the putting green, timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace the ball, repair damage that interferes with the line of play and move loose impediments on the line of play. Time spent looking at the line of play from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

- iii. Timing ceases when a group is back in position and players will be advised accordingly.
Note: in some circumstances, an individual player or two players within a group of three may be timed instead of the entire group.

Penalty for Breach of Local Rule:

One bad time	Player will be warned by the referee and told that, if he/she has a further bad time, he/she will be penalised.	
	Stroke Play	Match Play
Two bad times	One Stroke Penalty	One Stroke Penalty
Three bad times	Additional Two Penalty Strokes	Loss of Hole
Four bad times	Disqualification	Disqualification

- c) **Procedure when Again Out of Position during Same Round**
 If a group is "out of position" more than once during a round, the above procedure will apply on each occasion. Bad times and the application of penalties in the same round will be carried forward until the round is completed. A player will not be penalised if he has a second bad time before being advised of his earlier bad time.
- d) **Random Timing Without Warning When Group Not Out of Position**
 In some circumstances, a group or an individual player may be timed without warning, including when a group is not out of position. In such cases of "random timing", the timing provisions and penalties set out in clause (b) above apply, except that a player will only be given a bad time if he exceeds 60 seconds to play a shot, with an extra 10 seconds given (i.e. 70 seconds in total) for the "first to play" shots referenced in (b) above.
8. **Suspension of Play (Rule 5.7)**
 The following signals will be used to suspend and resume play:
- immediate stop for imminent danger - one prolonged note of a siren;
 - stop for a non-dangerous situation - three consecutive notes of a siren;
 - resumption of play - two consecutive notes of a siren.
- Note:** when play is stopped for imminent danger, all practice areas will be immediately closed.

9. **Practice (Rule 5.2)**
 All recognised practice areas within the bounds of the course may be used by players for practice on any day of the competition.
10. **Transportation**
 During a round, a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized or later approved by the Committee. A player who will play, or has played, under penalty of stroke and distance is always authorized to ride on motorized transportation. The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which there is a breach. A breach between two holes applies to the next hole.
11. **Team Captains and Advice in Team Competitions (Rule 24)**
- a) **Team Captain (Rule 24.3)**
 Each team may name a Team Captain who must be an amateur golfer in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Limited.
Penalty for Breach of Local Rule: disqualification of Team.
- b) **Advice (Rule 24.4)**
Two advice givers may be named by each team from whom players in the team may ask and receive advice. The first must be the Team Captain (see 11.a)) and the second may or may not be a professional golfer. The advice givers must be identified to the Committee prior to the start of the Championship. The advice givers must not walk on the putting green when the ball of a team player is on the putting green.
- Penalty for Breach of Local Rule:** general penalty
12. **Eligibility**
 Players must meet the eligibility provisions established in the relevant Terms of Competition for the specific Championship or Match.
13. **Anti-Doping**
 Players are required to comply with and be bound by the Anti-Doping Policy that is established by the International Golf Federation. Any competitors who are taking medication and in doubt as to their clinical status should seek advice from the EGA Office no later than 30 days before the start of the championship.

14. **Returning of Score Card**
 A player's scorecard is officially returned to the Committee when the player has left the recording office/area.
15. **Deciding Ties**
 The method for deciding ties is provided in the relevant Terms of Competition.
16. **Results of Match or Championship - Competition Closed**
- a) **Match Play**
 The result of a match is officially announced when it has been recorded in the Championship Office.
- b) **Stroke Play**
 When the Championship trophy is presented to the winner, the results of the competition are officially announced, and the competition is closed.
17. **Behaviour**
 Players, captains and advice givers, should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times. Behaviour of the very highest order is expected by all players, captains or advice givers towards everyone involved in the Championship. Any player, captain or advice giver breaching the EGA Conduct Guidelines may be subject to disciplinary action by the Championship Committee.