



Local Rules and Terms of the Competition

The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and R&A Rules Limited govern play. These Local Rules and Terms of the Competition are in effect at all WIAA championships and qualifying rounds. See applicable championship or qualifying round Notice to Players and entry application for modifications or additions to these Local Rules and Terms of the Competition. The Complete text of the Rules and Local Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 2024.

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

Terms of the Competition

Standards of Conduct – See separate memorandum to players for standards of player and spectator/parent conduct.

Out of Bounds — Defined by the line between the course-side points of white stakes and fence posts at ground level.

Penalty Areas — A penalty area defined on only one side extends to infinity. When a penalty area is connected to the out-of-bounds edge, the penalty area extends to and coincides with out-of-bounds.

Ground Under Repair (GUR) — Defined by white lines. French drains are Ground under repair. For grass-covered trenching, see Temporary Power Lines - Cables.

Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage, including areas where spectators or other traffic have combined with wet conditions to affect materially the ground surface, only when so declared by an authorized member of the Committee. When immediately adjacent to an immovable obstruction, such an area is part of that obstruction.

White-Lined Areas Tying into Artificially Surfaced Roads and Paths — White-lined areas of ground under repair and the artificially surfaced roads, paths or other identified obstructions that they are connected to are a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.

Relief from Seams of Cut Turf — Model Local Rule F-7 as prescribed In Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

Immovable Obstructions — Include plastic bumpers on roads and paths, and mats secured to the ground with spikes when the bumpers or mats cover cables.

Wood Chips and Mulch — Are loose impediments.

Integral Objects — Include objects when closely attached to trees and boundary objects, and artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas or adjacent to bunkers, and bunker liners.

An exposed bunker liner may be treated as ground under repair, but interference does not exist if the liner interferes only with the player's stance.

Missing Player or Marker Certification — Model Local Rule L-1 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

Temporary Power Lines and Cables — Model Local Rule F-22 as prescribed in Section 8 of Committee Procedures is in effect.

Temporary Immovable Obstructions — Model Local Rule F-23 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

List of Conforming Driver Heads — Model Local Rule G-1 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. A driver with a club head that was made prior to 1999 is exempt from this Local Rule.

Groove and Punch Mark Specifications — Model Local Rule G-2 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect, except as modified by the applicable championship entry application.

List of Conforming Golf Balls — Any ball used in making a stroke must have been on or is on the current list of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the USGA.

Stopping and Resuming Play — All practice areas are closed during a suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to stop practicing; failure to stop practicing might result in disqualification.

Immediate (dangerous situation) suspension will be signaled by one prolonged air horn note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive air horn notes. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short air horn notes.

Practice — Prior to and after a round in stroke play, a player may practice on the designated practice areas. Rule 5.2b covering practice in stroke play is modified in this way: A player must not practice on the competition course before their round. Between the play of two holes a player must not: 1. Make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole just completed, 2. Test the surface of the putting green by rubbing the putting green or rolling a ball Rule 5.5b. Penalty – 1st breach of Local Rule two strokes, 2nd breach DQ. See 5-2a for Match Play.

Prohibiting Use of Motorized Transportation - Motorized

Transportation of any kind, including electric push carts, is prohibited during a round. Exceptions include:

- Transport by authorized person back to where the player will play under stroke-and-distance and return to where the ball comes to rest,
- Shuttling players between green/tee when established by the Committee.,
- Any other exceptions must be made by the Tournament Director.

Scorecard Playoffs — When a tournament director puts a scorecard playoff into use the holes used for the playoff are at the tournament director's sole discretion.

When Competition is Final — Stroke Play ½ hour after the last card of the last group is returned or the awards are presented whichever is later.