

LOCAL RULES AND TERMS OF THE COMPETITION HARD CARD.

The following Local Rules and Terms of the Competition have been formulated after consultation with the Rules of Golf Committee of R&A Rules Limited and apply to this qualifier.

Play is governed by the Rules of Golf effective January 2023. See the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf for Model Local Rule references.

Unless otherwise noted, the Penalty for Breach of a Local Rule is the General Penalty:

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

LOCAL RULES

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 comes to rest beyond any road defining out of bounds, is out of bounds, even though it may come to rest on another part of the course. Model Local Rule A-5 is in effect.
- (c) Gates in Boundary Fences and Walls. Model Local Rule F-26 is in effect.

2. Penalty Areas. Rule 17.

- (a) Opposite Side Same Distance Relief for Red Penalty Areas.
The Additional Local Rules sheet will specify 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) Dropping Zones for Penalty Areas.
Where a dropping zone is marked for a penalty area, labelled DZ, it is an additional option under penalty of one stroke and Model Local Rule E-1.1 is in effect. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3. Specific Dropping Zones will be listed on the Additional Local Rules sheet.
- (c) 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-2.2.

3. Abnormal Course Conditions, Embedded Ball. Rule 16.

A. Ground Under Repair.

- (i) All areas bounded by white lines including spectator crossing points where marked.
- (ii) French drains (stone-filled drainage ditches).
- (iii) Seams of Cut Turf. Model Local Rule F-7 is in effect.
- (iv) Grass covered cable trenches under Model Local Rule F-22.
- (v) A hole made by movable obstructions (such as microphones, stakes, signs, tripods, tables, chairs etc.) in the general area may be treated as ground under repair by the Committee but in such cases Model Local Rule F-6 is in effect prohibiting relief when **only** stance interference exists.
- (vi) Painted lines or dots in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less. Model Local Rule F-6 is in effect prohibiting relief when **only** stance interference exists.
- (vii) Animal Holes. Model Local Rule F-6 is in effect prohibiting relief when **only** stance interference exists.

B. Immovable Obstructions.

- (i) White lined areas tying into an obstruction, and the obstruction itself, are treated as a single obstruction.
- (ii) Landscaped or garden areas (and everything growing in them) that are surrounded by an immovable obstruction are treated as a single obstruction.
- (iii) Mats that are secured and all ramps covering cables (anything which is secured or fastened is not considered "readily movable" if it must be unfastened to be moved).
- (iv) Roads and paths surfaced with woodchip or mulch. Individual pieces of woodchip are loose impediments.
- (v) Non-permanent bridges erected for players or spectators, unless otherwise defined on the Additional Local Rules.
- (vi) Staked trees are immovable obstructions.
- (vii) Irrigation pipes. Model Local Rule F-6 is in effect prohibiting relief when **only** stance interference exists.

C. Embedded Ball.

Model Local Rule F-2.2 is in effect. Rule 16.3 is modified in this way: Free relief is not allowed when a ball is embedded in stacked turf face above bunkers.

D. Removal of Temporary Water.

Model Local Rule J-2 is in effect and is modified in this way: When temporary water accumulates on the putting green, the player may choose to take relief, if available, under Rule 16.1d or the Committee may:

- (i) Squeegee the putting green between groups.
- (ii) Squeegee the line of play on the putting green.

- (iii) Only when authorised by the Chief Referee, squeegee the putting green when a ball lies adjacent to the putting green in any area of the course.

Squeegeeing should be done across the line of play and extend a reasonable distance beyond the hole (that is at least one roller length).

4. Animal Not Defined as Loose Impediment Near Ball

Model Local Rule E-13 is in effect. An animal not defined as a loose impediment may be removed. If the ball moves there is no penalty, and the ball must be replaced.

5. Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Greens.

Model Local Rule F-5.2 is in effect:

For a ball in the general area, relief may be taken under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is (i) on the line of play, (ii) on or within two club-lengths of the putting green (iii) within two club-lengths of the ball, (iv) the ball is in an area cut to fairway height or less, and (v) the obstruction is located in an area cut to fairway height or less.

6. Integral Objects.

- (a) Bunker liners in their intended position. An exposed liner may be treated as ground under repair by the Committee, but in such cases Model Local Rule F-6 is in effect prohibiting relief when **only** stance interference exists.
- (b) The portion of wires, cables, wrapping or other objects when closely attached to trees or other permanent objects. Any portion of temporary objects not closely attached may be treated as a temporary immovable obstruction by the Committee.
- (c) Artificial retaining walls and/or pilings when located within penalty areas.
- (d) Artificial retaining walls and/or pilings when located on the edge of bunkers but such objects are not part of the bunker.
- (e) Floating sponsor displays and signs located in penalty areas. Lines or cables anchoring them are temporary cables and Model Local Rule F-22 applies.

7. Ball Deflected by Permanent Overhead Power Lines.

Model Local Rule E-11 is in effect but only if it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball strikes a power line located in bounds and not the supporting pole/pylon. The player must replay the stroke (see Rule 14.6).

8. Temporary Lines and Cables

Model Local Rule F-22 is in effect and is modified as follows: Mats that are secured and all ramps covering cables are immovable obstructions.

9. Temporary Immovable Obstructions (TIO's).

Model Local Rule F-23 is in effect. (Definitions of common obstructions and TIO's can be found below)

(a) "Either Side" Relief Option

The Additional Local Rules sheet will specify which TIO's have an either side option. Either side relief is restricted to line-of-sight relief only and does not apply when the player chooses to operate under Rule 16.1 in taking free relief.

Optional Use of Dropping Zones (DZ's)

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. 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 "DZ" is a relief area under Rule 14.3.

(b) Drones

If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a drone in flight and in bounds, the player must replay the stroke (see Rule 14.6). If the player replays the stroke but does so from a wrong place, they get the general penalty under Rule 14.7. If the player does not replay the stroke, they get the general penalty and the stroke counts, but the player has not played from a wrong place.

Movable Obstructions - Examples include but are not limited to: Free-standing advertising boards situated away from teeing areas, drinks dispensers that are on wheels or easily lifted, all cameras and their tripods (including those mounted on vehicles), TV microphones, free standing scoring/data masts, non-display cars, tables, chairs, trash bins, individual sections of crash barriers that are not fixed together, individual directional signage and all crossing point indicators.

Immovable Obstructions – Examples include but are not limited to: Curbs, gutters or similar adjoining an artificially surfaced road or path is part of the road or path, trees or tree limbs with supporting objects (the tree, or tree limb itself is not part of the obstruction).

Temporary Immovable Obstructions (TIO's) – Examples include but are not limited to: TIO's – All fixed clocks, advertising boards and hole number distance indicators that are situated around teeing areas.

10. 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) List of Conforming Balls: Model local rule G-3 is in effect. Penalty for making a stroke at a Ball No on Current List in breach of this Local Rule: Disqualification.
- (d) Replacing Club that is Broken or Significantly Damaged: Model Local Rule G-9 is in effect.
- (e) Prohibiting Use of Clubs Longer than 46 Inches: Model Local Rule G-10 is in effect. Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of this Local Rule: Disqualification. This Local Rule is also in effect in a Pro-Am played as the official competition, except for an amateur playing solely in a Pro-Am competition.

11. Starting Round and Stopping Play; Resuming Play. Rule 5.3a and Rule 5.7.

- (a) The official time is displayed on the clock at the starting tee, or as otherwise provided by the Committee.
- (b) The following horn signals will be used to suspend and resume play:
 - (i) Immediate suspension (such as when there is imminent danger) - one prolonged note of the siren.
 - (ii) Normal Suspension (such as when the course is flooded) - three short notes of the siren.
 - (iii) Resume play - two short notes of the siren.

All practice areas are closed during a suspension for imminent danger.

12. Restrictions on Practice. Rule 5.

Before Round – Model Local Rule I-1.1 is in effect and Rule 5.2b is modified in this way:

A player must not practice, roll a ball or rub the surface of the putting green on the competition course before or between rounds, but may practice on the designated practice areas.

During Round – Model Local Rule I-2 is in effect and 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.

13. Prohibiting Use of Motorised Transportation.

Model Local Rule G-6 is in effect, and is modified in this way:

During a round, a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorised transportation except as authorised, or later approved, by the Committee. A player (or caddie) who will play, or has played, under penalty of stroke and distance is always authorised. Exception: At some tournaments players and caddies may be permitted to ride on a shuttle between specific holes and these holes will be identified on the Additional Local Rules.

14. Scoring in Strokeplay

Model Local Rule L-1 is in effect and modifies the penalty for a missing signature(s) under Rule 3.3b(2).

15. Pace of Play

To be determined by the Committee and published on the Additional Local Rules.

TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

16. Recording Area and When Scorecard Has Been Returned.

The recording area will be defined on the Additional Local Rules sheet. A player has returned their scorecard to the Committee when the player has physically left the recording area.

17. How Ties Will Be Decided

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. When the Result of the Competition is Final

To be determined by the Committee and published on the Additional Local Rules.