



2019 GProTour

Local Rules and Conditions of Competition

The Rules of Golf govern play, except as modified below by GProTour. The following Local Rules and Terms of the Competition apply and may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 1, 2019. See the applicable competition's "Notice to Players" for additional definitions, Local Rules or amendments.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition – Two Strokes.

1. **Out of Bounds – Rule 18.2**

Defined by the inside edge of white stakes at GROUND Level, the inside edge of all perimeter at GROUND LEVEL, the inside edge of all paved public roads and the inside edge of white lines and dots tying to any of the previously listed areas. 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. **Penalty Areas – Rule 17**

a. Dropping Zones:

If a ball is in or it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found is in a penalty area and a drop zone is specified on the applicable "Notice to Players" for that penalty area, the player may as an additional option, drop a ball under penalty of one stroke, in the white lined area labeled "Drop Zone" located as indicated on the applicable "Notice to Players". The ball must be dropped in and come to rest within the drop zone. Model Local Rule E-1.1.

b. Relief on Opposite Side of Red Penalty Areas:

Red penalty areas with an opposite side relief option will be indicated on the applicable "Notice to Players". Model Local Rule B-2.1. Note: When the edge of a red penalty area coincides with the boundary of the course, Model Local Rule B-2.2 is in effect and modifies the first paragraph of Model Local Rule B-2.1.

3. **Abnormal Course Conditions – Rule 16.1**

a. Ground Under Repair:

- i. Areas completely encircled with white lines.
- ii. French drains, which are trenches filled with rocks or stones.
- iii. Aeration holes in General Area or on Putting Green – Model Local Rule E-4.
- iv. Seams of cut turf—Model Local Rule F-7.
- v. A hole made by a movable obstruction (stakes, signs, tables, chairs or the like) may be treated as Ground Under Repair by the Committee. But interference does not exist if the hole only interferes with the player's stance.

b. Immovable Obstructions:

- i. White lined areas tying into an obstruction are treated as a single abnormal course condition, not ground under repair.
- ii. When landscaped garden areas (flower beds, shrubbery, or the like) are completely encircled by an obstruction, the obstruction and landscaped area are treated as one abnormal course condition.
- iii. Roads or paths surfaced with wood chips or mulch; the individual pieces of wood chips or mulch are loose impediments.
- iv. When railroad ties, curbing or the like adjoin roads and paths, they are deemed to be part of the same abnormal course condition.

c. Removal of Temporary Water:

- Model Local Rule J-2 is in effect. If a ball lies on the putting green and there is interference by temporary water on the putting green, the player may:
- i. Proceed under Rule 16.1.

4. **Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Greens**

Model Local Rule F-5 is in effect and is modified as follows: For a ball in the general area, relief is allowed only when both the ball and the immovable obstruction lie in an area cut to fairway height or less.

5. **Temporary Immovable Obstructions (TIO's)**

Model Local Rule F-23. Includes tents, signs and other temporary immovable obstructions installed for the Competition.

6. **Integral Objects**

- a. Bunker Liners – The Committee may treat an exposed liner as ground under repair under Rule 16.1. But interference does not exist if the liner only interferes with the player's stance.
- b. The portion of wrappings, wires, cables, and other objects when closely attached to trees or objects defining Out of Bounds.
- c. Artificial retaining walls and/or pilings when located within penalty areas.
- d. Gates attached to boundary objects.

7. **Permanent Elevated Power Lines or Cables**

Model Local Rule E-11 is in effect and is modified as follows: If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a power line in bounds, the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made in accordance with Rule 14.6.

8. **Specifications of Clubs and the Ball**

- a. List of Conforming Driver Heads – Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect. Penalty for making a stroke with club in breach of this Local Rule – Disqualification.
- b. List of Conforming Golf Balls – Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect. Penalty for making a stroke with a ball in breach of this Local Rule – Disqualification.
- c. The "One Ball Rule" is not in effect.

9. Pace of Play – Rule 5.6b (3).

See posted GProTour Pace of Play Guidelines for pace of play and penalties.

10. Stopping Play; Resuming Play – Rule 5.7

Model Local Rule J-1 is in effect as follows:

- a. Immediate Suspension (Dangerous situation): One prolonged note of the air horn.
- b. Normal Suspension (Non-Dangerous situation): Two short notes of the air horn.
- c. Resume Play: Play begins at designated time on players time keeping device

Note: During an immediate suspension for a dangerous situation, all practice areas are closed until the Committee has declared them open. Players who disregard such closing are subject to disciplinary action.

11. Practice – Rule 5.

Before or between rounds in stroke play – Model Local Rule I-1.1 is in effect and Rule 5.2b is modified as follows: A player must not practice on the competition course, but may practice on the designated practice areas. Penalty for breach of Local Rule, see Rule 5.2.

12. Doubt as to Procedure – Rule 20.1 C (3)

Only members of the Rules Committee are authorized to render a Rules Decision. If in doubt as to the correct procedure and a member of the rules committee is not present, a player may play a second ball in accordance with Rule 20.1 C (3) and report the facts to the Committee upon completion of the round. Failure to report the facts to the Committee (even if the scores are the same with both balls) will result in disqualification.

13. Green Maps Size charts)

An exception to rule 4.3 will be made at all events for green charts exceeding 3/8-inch equaling 5 yards of the green.

TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

14. Deciding Ties

In the event of a tie for first place, unless otherwise specified, a hole-by-hole stroke play play-off will determine the winner immediately following the last round.

15. Scorecard Returned

A player's scorecard has been returned to the Committee when the player has exited the defined scoring area with both feet. Prior to returning the scorecard, a player that needs to leave the scoring area must inform the Committee of his intention to leave and immediately return.

16. When Result of Competition is Final

The competition is final when all scores have been approved by the Committee. In the event of a play-off, the competition is final when the play-off scores have been approved by the Committee.

17. Code of Conduct

By signing an official entry form or registering online, the player agrees to abide by the prescribed Rules of Conduct. Violations of the Rules of Conduct may result in a loss of playing privileges.

18. Cart Policy

Players MUST ride if an event is designated a riding event. Groups will be limited to two (2) carts per group. Should a player have a caddy or spectator, they may ride with their player. In the event that there are more caddies/spectators that seats available, it is the decision of the group who will ride. The tour staff and officials will have no part in this decision.

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