



## Local Rules and Terms of the Competition

### FOR 2019 WIAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

*The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and The R&A 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. Complete text of the Rules and Local Rules may be found in 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**

#### LOCAL RULES

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

**Penalty Areas** — When a penalty area is defined on only one side, it 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** — Defined by white lines. French drains are ground under repair. For grass-covered trenching, see Temporary Power Lines and Cables.

Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage, including Areas where spectators or other traffic has combined with wet conditions to affect materially the ground surface, but 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.

**Relief from Seams of Cut Turf** — If a player's ball lies in or touches a seam of cut turf or a seam interferes with the player's area of intended swing. For a ball in the General Area, the player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. For a ball on the Putting Green, the player may take relief under Rule 16.1d. **BUT** interference does not exist if the seam interferes with the player's stance only.

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

**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.

**Wood Chips and Mulch** — Are loose impediments.

**Integral Objects** — Include cables, rods, wires and wrappings when closely attached to trees, and artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas and bunkers.

**Temporary Power Lines and Cables** — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 may be in effect. See Notice to Players for detailed Local Rule when in effect.

**Temporary Immovable Obstructions** — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures may be in effect. Please see Notice to Players for detailed Local Rule when in effect.

**List of Conforming Driver Heads** — Any driver the player uses to make a stroke must have a club head, identified by model and loft, which has been on the List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the USGA. A driver with a club head that was made prior to 1999 is exempt from this Local Rule.

#### TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

**Groove and Punch Mark Specifications** — In making a stroke, the player must use clubs that conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Equipment Rules found at USGA.org

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

**Stopping and Resuming Play** -- All practice areas are closed during an immediate 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.

An 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.

**Practise** — Prior to and after a round in stroke play, a player may practise on the designated practice areas. Rule 5.2b covering practice in stroke play is modified in this way: A player must not practise on the competition course before or between rounds on the same day. Penalty for breach of Local Rule, see Rule 5.2a. Between the play of two holes a player must not: 1. Make any practise stroke on or near the putting green of the hole just completed, 2. Test the surface of that putting green by rubbing the putting green or rolling a ball. Rule 5.5b.

**Use of Motorized Transportation Prohibited**— 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. Players may ride on a shuttle between holes when authorized and provided for by the Committee.

**Standards of Conduct** – See separate memorandum to players for standards of player and spectator / parent conduct. See Rule 1.2a.

**Local Rule Rule 4.1b(3)** is modified In this way: If a player's club is "broken or significantly damaged" during the round by the player or caddie, except in cases of abuse, the player may replace the club with any club under Rule 4.1b(4). When replacing a club, the player must immediately take the broken or significantly damaged club out of play, using the procedure in Rule 4.1c(1). For the purposes of this Local Rule: A club is "broken or significantly damaged" when:  the shaft breaks into pieces, splinters or is bent (but not when the shaft is only dented)  the club face impact area is visibly deformed (but not when the club face is only scratched)  the clubhead is visibly and significantly deformed  the clubhead is detached or loose from the shaft, or  the grip is loose. **Exception:** A club face or clubhead is not "broken or significantly damaged" solely because it is cracked.

**Pace of Play** — See separate memorandum to players for WIAA pace of play policy, when applicable

**When Competition is Final** –The Competition is final when the trophy has been presented to the winner or, in the absence of a prize ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the Committee and the results have been posted by the Committee on the public scoreboard.