



Local Rules and Terms of the Competition

FOR 2021-2022 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

TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

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

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 (GUR) — Defined by white lines. French drains are **GUR**. 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 has 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.

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. Relief for lie of the ball 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 **GUR** 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.

Damaged Clubs - Local 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). **Exception:** A club face or club head is not "broken or significantly damaged" solely because it is cracked. (See G-9 MLR)

When taking Back-On-the-Line relief, there is no additional penalty if a player plays a ball that was dropped in the relief area required by the relevant Rule (Rule 16.1c(2), 17.1d(2), 19.2b or 19.3b) but came to rest outside the relief area, so long as the ball, when played, is within one club-length of where it first touched the ground when dropped.

This exemption from penalty applies even if the ball is played from nearer the hole than the reference point (but not if played from nearer the hole than the spot of the original ball or the estimated point where the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area). This Local Rule does not change the procedure for taking Back-On-the-Line relief under a relevant Rule. This means that the reference point and relief area are not changed by this Local Rule and that Rule 14.3c(2) can be applied by a player who drops a ball in the right way and it comes to rest outside the relief area, whether this occurs on the first or second drop. (See E-12 MLR)

Limiting When Stroke Made From Putting Green Must Be Replayed — Exception 2 to Rule 11.1b applies, except when a ball played from the putting green accidentally hits: the player; the club the player used to make the stroke or; an animal defined as a loose impediment (that is worms, insects and similar animals that can be removed easily) the stroke counts and the ball must be played as it lies. (See D-7 MLR)

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 or is on the current list of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the USGA.

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

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 may 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.

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.

The Competition is closed when the trophy is presented or in the absence of a presentation when scores have been approved by the Committee.