



## 2021 PGA TOUR

### LOCAL RULES AND TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

The Rules of Golf effective January 1, 2019 govern play. See the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf for Model Local Rule references. See the applicable weekly "Notice to Players" for additional Local Rules.

#### 1. **Out of Bounds** - Rule 18.2

A ball that comes to rest beyond a road defining out of bounds, is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course.

#### 2. **Penalty Areas** - Rule 17

- Dropping Zones, labeled "DZ", are listed on the applicable "Notice to Players" and are relief areas under Model Local Rule E-1.1.
- Opposite side relief is available for red penalty areas listed on the applicable "Notice to Players". Model Local Rule B-2.1 is in effect.
- Opposite side relief is available when a ball last crossed the edge of a red penalty area that coincides with out of bounds, under Model Local Rule B-2.2.

#### 3. **Back-On-the-Line Relief.**

Model Local Rule E-12 is in effect. A ball may be played from outside the relief area, so long as the ball is within one club-length of where it first touched the ground when dropped in the relief area.

#### 4. **Abnormal Course Conditions** - Rule 16.1

- Ground Under Repair includes:
  - Areas completely encircled with white lines, or otherwise specified.
  - Drainage ditches filled with stones, i.e. French drains.
  - Sod seams (but no relief for stance), under Model Local Rule F-7.
  - Grass-covered cable trenches, under Model Local Rule F-22.
  - A hole made by a movable obstruction (microphones, stakes, signs, tripods, tables, chairs, etc.) may be treated as ground under repair by the Committee (but no relief for stance).
- Immovable Obstructions include:
  - White-lined areas tying into an obstruction.
  - Landscaped or garden areas completely encircled by an obstruction.
  - Mats fastened in position and bumpers covering cables.
  - Roads or paths artificially surfaced with wood chips, mulch or the like.
  - Where the outside edge of a road or path defines out of bounds, the road or path is an obstruction.
  - Non-permanent bridges unless otherwise defined on the applicable "Notice to Players".

#### 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 Committee may:
- Provide relief for line of play on the putting green.
  - Squeeze the line of play.
  - Squeeze the putting green until the players are near the green.
  - Only if directed by the Committee, any combination of i, ii, & iii.

#### 5. **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 when both the ball and obstruction lie in an area cut to fairway height or less. The obstruction must be, i) within two club-lengths of the putting green, ii) on the player's line of play, and iii) the ball must be within two club-lengths of the obstruction.

#### 6. **Limiting When Stroke Made from Putting Green Must be Replayed.**

Model Local Rule D-7 is in effect and modifies Exception 2 to Rule 11.1b

#### 7. **Integral Objects.**

- Bunker Liners. Note: An exposed liner may be treated as ground under repair by the Committee (but no relief for stance).
- The portion of cables, wires, wrappings, poles or antennas where closely attached to trees or objects defining out of bounds.
- Artificial retaining walls and/or pilings located within penalty areas.
- Sponsor displays located within penalty areas. Lines or cables anchoring them are temporary cables.
- Gates attached to objects defining out of bounds.

#### 8. **Permanent Elevated Power Lines.**

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 and must be replayed under Rule 14.6.

#### 9. **Temporary Immovable Obstructions - (TIOs).**

- Model Local Rule F-23 is in effect.
- Either side relief is available as an extra option for Line of Sight Interference for TIOs listed on the applicable "Notice to Players". Note: This does NOT apply to a player with only physical interference.
  - Either side relief is available as an extra option for Line of Sight Interference for ShotLink Camera Tripods or Communication Antennas when they are standing alone, tied together, or virtually touching each other. This excludes such objects when tied into or attached to any other structures. Note: This does NOT apply to a player with only physical interference.
  - Temporary Lines and Cables. Model Local Rule F-22 is in effect and is modified as follows: Mats fastened in position and bumpers covering cables are immovable obstructions

#### 10. **Clubs and the Ball.**

- Replacing Club that is Broken or Significantly Damaged - Model Local Rule G-9 is in effect.
- List of Conforming Driver Heads - Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect.
- Groove and Punch Mark Specifications - Model Local Rule G-2 is in effect but is modified as the exception to G-2 does NOT apply.
- List of Conforming Golf Balls - Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect.
- One Ball Rule - Model Local Rule G-4 is in effect, except for an amateur playing in a Pro-Am portion only of the official competition.

#### 11. **Pace of Play** - Rule 5.6b(3)

The 2021 PGA TOUR Pace of Play Policy is in effect.

#### 12. **Stopping Play; Resuming Play** - Rule 5.7

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

- One long blast of horn: Immediate suspension for dangerous situation.
- Three short blasts of horn: Suspension for non-dangerous situation.
- Two short blasts of horn: Resume play.  
Note: During an immediate suspension for a dangerous situation, all practice areas are closed until the Committee declares them open.

#### 13. **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.
- Between holes in stroke play - Model Local Rule I-2 is in effect and Rule 5.5b is modified as follows: A player must not make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole just played or test the surface of that putting green by rubbing the green or rolling a ball.

#### 14. **Distance-Measuring Devices.**

Model Local Rule G-5 is in effect and Rule 4.3a(1) is modified as follows: Distance-measuring devices must not be used. This is also in effect in a Pro-Am played as the official competition. Note: This is not in effect for an open qualifying round.

#### 15. **Transportation.**

Model Local Rule G-6 is in effect and is modified as follows: A player or caddie must not ride on any transportation, except as authorized or later approved by the Committee. A player operating under a stroke and distance penalty is always authorized.

## TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

### 16. Deciding Ties.

In 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.

### 17. 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 leaves the scoring area must inform the scoring official of his intention to immediately return.

### 18. When Result of Competition is Final.

The competition is final when all scores have been validated in the scoring system by the scoring official and 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.

## THE FOLLOWING LOCAL RULES AND TERMS OF THE COMPETITION APPLY IN PGA TOUR CO-SPONSORED TOURNAMENTS

### Movable Obstructions - include but not limited to:

- i. Gallery ropes, gallery stakes, hole indicator signs, spectator crossing signs, mobile concession carts, cameras not fastened in position, tripods not fastened in position, microphones, portable generators, non-display vehicles, tables, chairs and trash containers.
- ii. Single units (sections) of bicycle (barricade) or picket fencing that are not fastened in position.

### Abnormal Course Conditions.

#### a. Immovable Obstructions - include but not limited to:

- i. Railroad ties, curbing or the like adjoining artificially surfaced roads or paths are part of the road or path.
- ii. Stakes, ropes, wires, or other objects supporting trees or tree limbs, provided they are not closely attached. The tree or tree limb is not part of the obstruction.
- iii. The portion of a temporary obstruction closely attached to an immovable obstruction is part of the immovable obstruction. The portion not closely attached is either a movable obstruction or a TIO.

#### b. Embedded Ball - Model Local Rule F-2.2 is in effect. Rule 16.3 is modified as follows: Free relief is not allowed when a ball is embedded in a stacked turf face above a bunker.

### Temporary Immovable Obstructions (TIOs) – include but not limited to:

- i. Tents, grandstands, hospitality structures, scoreboards, towers, platforms, tripods fastened in position, cameras fastened in position, antennas fastened in position, lavatories, display vehicles, tee backdrop signs or structures. Landscaping areas associated with any of the above items are part of the TIO, however, within such landscaping, individual potted plants are movable obstructions and individual pieces of mulch, pine straw or the like are loose impediments.
- ii. Multiple units (sections) of bicycle (barricade) or picket fencing, that do not define out of bounds, whether fastened in place or not.
- iii. The portion of a temporary obstruction closely attached to a TIO is part of the TIO. The portion not closely attached is an obstruction.
- iv. White-lined areas tying into a TIO are treated as part of the TIO.
- v. Multiple TIOs are treated as one single TIO when, i) they are tied together with a white line, or ii) they are touching or virtually touching each other.

### Integral Objects.

Where artificial retaining walls and/or pilings define the edge of bunkers, the artificial retaining walls or pilings are integral objects and are in the general area.

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### Scoring in a Pro-Am played as the Official Competition.

The professional player is the marker and scoring is in accordance with Rule 23.2 (Scoring in Four-Ball).

In the Pro-Am competition, the gross scores to count must be individually identifiable; otherwise the side is disqualified.

Only one partner needs to certify the hole scores on the side's scorecard under Rule 3.3b(2) and Rule 23.2b(1).

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