



## LOCAL RULES AND TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

*The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and the R&A govern play. 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.*

**OUT OF BOUNDS** — Defined by the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts or white lines. When lines are present, the line defines the boundary of the OB. A ball that crosses a public 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.

**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. Penalty areas can be marked by yellow or red stakes or yellow or red paint. If the color of a penalty area has not been marked or indicated by the Committee, it is treated as a red penalty area.

**GROUND UNDER REPAIR** — Defined by white lines. French drains are ground under repair. Decorative Flowers and the beds they are in are ground under repair. Please note that these could be No Play Zones and will be noted on the Event specific Local Rules

**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.

**AERIFICATION HOLES**—Model Local Rule E-4 is in effect.

**WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH** — Are loose impediments.

**IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS** — Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 16.1. Relief is also available if the ball lies in the general area and the obstruction is: on the line of play, within two club lengths of the putting green and is within two club lengths of the ball. Model Local Rule F-5.2

**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. Artificial objects defined by the Committee as integral objects are not obstructions.

**TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS** — (TIO) Relief for physical interference or line of play interference. Maintenance fans used to support air flow near a putting green & their supporting posts are deemed to be temporary immovable obstructions. Model Local Rule F-23.

**BALL DEFLECTED BY A POWER LINE** - If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a power line (or tower, or a wire or pole supporting a power line) during the play of a hole, the stroke does not count. The Player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made (14.6).

**RELIEF FROM SEAMS OF CUT TURF** — Relief for a ball that lies in one of the cut turf seams, or if a seam interferes with the players area of intended swing. No relief for standing on seam only. Model Local Rule F-7.

**REPLACEMENT OF CLUB**—Model Local Rule G-9 is in effect.

**CADDIES**—A player must not have a caddie during the round. Modern Local Rule H-1.1

**AUTOMOTIVE TRANSPORTATION** – A player must not use automotive transportation unless authorized or later approved by the Committee (a player using transportation to return to where the previous stroke was made is always authorized). See Tournament regulations for use of automotive transportation due to medical situation.

**SHOES:** During a round, a player must not wear shoes with

- Traditional spikes-that is, spikes having single or multiple points designed to penetrate deeply into the surface of the ground (regardless of whether made of metal, ceramic, plastic, or other materials)
- Spikes of any design that are entirely or partially made of metal, If such metal may come in contact with the course.

Penalty for breach of this Local Rule: See Rule 4.3 Modern Local Rule G-7

**TWO ADVICE GIVERS PERMITTED PER TEAM:** Model Local Rule H-2 is in effect. Each team may name two advice givers whom players on the team may ask for advice and receive advice from during the round. The role of advice giver can't be transferred during the round.

**Note:** A team member is not a partner and may not give advice to or receive advice from another member of the team.

**COACHING RESTRICTIONS** – See separate OHSAA Tournament Regulations

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**LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS** — Local Rules as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures are in effect. Model Local Rule G-3. A ball used in making a stroke must be on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the USGA. A player may change the brand and model between holes or when a Rule permits.

**GROOVE AND PUNCH MARK SPECIFICATIONS** — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-2.

**PACE OF PLAY** —See separate memorandum to players for pace of play policy.

**STOPPING AND RESUMING PLAY** — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule J-1. 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 suspension will be signaled by one prolonged air horn note. Two short air horn notes will signal resumption of play. Three consecutive air horn notes will signal all other types of suspension.

**DECISION OF TIES** – See separate OHSAA Tournament Regulations.

**COMPETITION IS FINAL** - The competition is deemed to have closed when either the winners have been announced/presented trophies or, in the absence of such a ceremony, when the Committee has approved all scores.