

2019 LOCAL RULES AND TERMS OF COMPETITION



The USGA and R&A Rules of Golf govern play. See the competition's Notice to Players and the Entry Application for additional Local Rules and Terms of Competition. The 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 or Condition is: the General Penalty (**Match Play** - Loss of Hole; **Stroke Play** - Two Strokes)

LOCAL RULES & TERMS OF COMPETITION

1. **OUT OF BOUNDS** - Rule 18.2

Defined by the course-side edges at ground level of boundary walls, perimeter fence posts, public-use roads, white stakes and white connecting lines. A ball that comes to rest beyond the boundary of the hole being played is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course.

2. **ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS** (free relief) - Rule 16.1

TURF AERATION HOLES - Relief without penalty in the general area.

ANIMAL HOLES - When ball lies in a non-turfed area, interference does not exist if it only interferes with the player's stance.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR - Areas enclosed by white lines.

SEAMS OF CUT TURF - In the general area, relief for lie of ball or area of intended swing only. Interference does not exist if seam of cut turf only interferes with the Player's stance. - see MLR F-7

PREPARED ROCK - An area of rock closely arranged for a functional purpose (e.g., drainage or erosion control) is an obstruction.

ADJACENT OBSTRUCTIONS - Immovable obstructions adjacent to another immovable obstruction are part of that same obstruction.

WHITE-LINED AREAS TIED INTO OBSTRUCTIONS - Share the same status as the obstruction.

TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS (TIO) - see MLR F-23

3. **PENALTY AREAS** - Rule 17

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.

4. **INTEGRAL OBJECTS**

Includes stakes, rods, wires, cables or wrappings in close contact with a tree, as opposed to other supports which are obstructions. There is no free relief from an integral object.

5. **STOPPING PLAY; RESUMING PLAY** - Rule 5.7

All practice areas are closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to cease doing so; failure to comply may result in penalty.

- ONE LONG AIR HORN NOTE = signal for an immediate suspension of play for a dangerous situation.
- THREE CONSECUTIVE AIR HORN NOTES, REPEATED = signal for all other types of suspension.
- TWO SHORT AIR HORN NOTES, REPEATED = signal for resumption of play.

6. **PACE OF PLAY** - Rule 5.6

See separate Pace memorandum for pace of play policy, when applicable.

7. **CODE OF CONDUCT** - Rule 1.2b

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CLARIFICATIONS

**When a Local Rule references MLR (Model Local Rule), the Local Rule may be found in the Committee Procedures part of the Official Guide; Section 8

- Loose Impediments include: wood chips, mulch, gravel, etc., even when used to surface paths.
- Unless defined as a penalty area, areas of desert and washes on the golf course are in the general area.

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