



LOCAL RULES AND CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

2023 WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA TOURNAMENTS

The Rules of the United States Golf Association govern play.

See applicable Tournament Notice to Players for *additional Local Rules and Conditions*. Complete text of Rules and Model Local Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective 2023, or usga.org.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is: **Stroke play – Two strokes; Match play – Loss of hole**

LOCAL RULES

DISREGARD ALL LOCAL RULES ON CLUB SCORECARDS

Out of Bounds – Defined by 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 exists 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. Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage, including areas where spectator 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 area is part of the obstruction.

Immovable Obstruction Close to the Putting Green - Local Rules as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F5.

Relief from Seams of Cut Turf – Local Rules as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-7.

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 unless otherwise stated in the Course Information sheet.

Integral Objects – Includes cables, rods, wires and wrappings when closely attached to trees, and artificial walls and pilings, when located in penalty areas.

Pace of Play – See separate memorandum for Pace of Play when applicable.

Use of Audio and Video Devices - During a round, a player must not listen to or watch content of any nature on a personal audio or video device. **Model Local Rule G-8**

Wireless Communication Devices – Use on the golf course is limited to usage as a distance measuring device, as an application for USGA rules, for weather information, for emergency and competition related texting. No phone calls allowed.

Temporary Power Lines and Cables – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-22.

Temporary Immovable Obstructions – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-23.

List of Conforming Driver Heads – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-1.

Replacement of Broken/Damaged Club – Model Local Rule G-9 rule 4.1b.

List of Conforming Golf Balls – Local Rules as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-3.

Stopping and Resuming Play – Local Rules as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule J-1. **One long signal to STOP PLAY IMMEDIATELY!** 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 practice; failure to stop practicing might result in disqualification.

An immediate suspension will be signaled by **one prolonged airhorn note**. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive airhorn notes. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short airhorn notes.

Transportation – See notice to Players and Entry Application.

TERMS OF COMPETITION

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