



**2023 LOCAL RULES AND TERMS OF THE COMPETITION.
THESE APPLY TO COMPETITIONS ON THE PGA TOUR,
PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS AND KORN FERRY TOUR.**

The Rules of Golf effective January 1, 2023, 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. A ball coming to rest on or beyond a road defined as out of bounds, is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course, under Model Local Rule A-5.
 - b. Closed gates attached to a boundary are part of the boundary object under Model Local Rule F-26.
2. **Penalty Areas** - Rule 17
 - a. Dropping Zones, labeled "DZ", are listed on the applicable Notice to Players and are relief areas under Model Local Rule E-1.1.
 - b. Opposite side relief is available for red penalty areas listed on the applicable Notice to Players under Model Local Rule B-2.1.
 - c. 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. **Abnormal Course Conditions** - Rule 16
 - a. Ground Under Repair includes:
 - i. Areas completely encircled with white lines, or otherwise specified.
 - ii. Drainage ditches filled with stones, (French drains).
 - iii. Sod seams (but no relief for stance) under Model Local Rule F-7.
 - iv. Grass-covered cable trenches under Model Local Rule F-22.
 - v. 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).
 - b. Immovable Obstructions include:
 - i. White-lined areas tying into an obstruction.
 - ii. Landscaped or garden areas completely encircled by an obstruction.
 - iii. Mats fastened in position and bumpers covering cables.
 - iv. Roads or paths artificially surfaced with wood chips or the like.
 - v. Where the non-golf course side of a road or path defines out of bounds, the road or path is an obstruction.
 - vi. Non-permanent bridges unless otherwise defined on the applicable Notice to Players.
4. **Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Greens**
Model Local Rule F-5.2 is in effect. For a ball in the general area, relief may be taken under Rule 16.1b when both the ball and obstruction lie in an area cut to fairway height or less. The obstruction must be located:
 - i. On or 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.
5. **Green Reading Material Restrictions**
Model Local Rule G-11 is in effect, except for an amateur playing only in a Pro-Am portion of the official competition. Approved materials include:
 - i. Committee approved yardage books from 2022 or 2023,
 - ii. Committee approved hole location sheets, and
 - iii. A map of the entire course no larger than letter or A4 sized paper.Note: MLR G-11 is not in effect for an open qualifying round.
6. **Integral Objects**
 - a. Bunker Liners - Note: An exposed liner may be treated as ground under repair by the Committee (but no relief for stance).
 - b. The portion of cables, wires, wrappings, poles, or antennas where closely attached to trees or objects defining out of bounds.
 - c. Artificial retaining walls and/or pilings located within penalty areas.
 - d. Artificial retaining walls and/or pilings located on the edge of bunkers, but such objects are not part of the bunker.
 - e. Sponsor displays floating or within water in penalty areas. Lines or cables anchoring them are temporary cables.
7. **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 player must replay the stroke (see Rule 14.6).
8. **Temporary Immovable Obstructions - (TIOs)**
Model Local Rule F-23 is in effect.
 - a. Either side relief is available as an extra option for line of sight interference from TIOs listed on the applicable Notice to Players.
 - b. Either side relief is available as an extra option for line of sight interference from 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.
 - c. 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.
 - d. Drones - If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a drone in flight and in bounds, the player must replay the stroke (see Rule 14.6). If the player does not replay the stroke, they get the general penalty and the stroke counts, but he has not played from a wrong place.
9. **Clubs and the Ball**
 - a. List of Conforming Driver Heads - Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect.
 - b. 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.
 - c. List of Conforming Golf Balls - Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect.
 - d. One Ball Rule - Model Local Rule G-4 is in effect, except for an amateur playing only in a Pro-Am portion of the official competition.
 - e. Replacing Club that is Broken or Significantly Damaged - Model Local Rule G-9 is in effect.
 - f. 46-inch Club Length Limitation - Model Local Rule G-10 is in effect, except for an amateur playing only in a Pro-Am portion of the official competition.
Note: MLR G-10 is not in effect for an open qualifying round.

TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

- 10. 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 a dangerous situation.
 - Three short blasts of horn: Suspension for a 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.
- 11. 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.
- 12. Distance-Measuring Devices**
Model Local Rule G-5 is in effect. Rule 4.3a(1) is modified as follows:
During a round, distance-measuring devices must not be used, except for an amateur playing only in a Pro-Am portion of the official competition.
Note: MLR G-5 is not in effect for an open qualifying round.
- 13. Transportation**
Model Local Rule G-6 is in effect and is modified as follows: A player or caddie must not ride on any transportation. A player operating under a stroke and distance penalty is always authorized.
Note: PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS cart policy is in effect for competitions on that Tour only, unless otherwise specified on the applicable Notice to Players.
- 14. Scoring in Stroke Play**
Model Local Rule L-1 is in effect and modifies the penalty for a missing signature(s) under Rule 3.3b(2).
- 15. Starting Round and Pace of Play** – Rule 5.3a and Rule 5.6b(3).
- Official starting time is displayed on the clock on the starting tee or is provided by the Committee.
 - 2023 Pace of Play Policy is in effect for the applicable Tour.

- 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.

PGA TOUR RULES COMMITTEE

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FINAL VERSION



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

Movable Obstructions

- include but are not limited to:
- 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.
 - Single sections of metal barricade, picket fencing or the like that are not fastened in position.

Immovable Obstructions

- include but are not limited to:
- Railroad ties, curbing or the like adjoining artificially surfaced roads or paths are part of the road or path.
 - 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.
 - 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.

Temporary Immovable Obstructions (TIOs)

- include but are not limited to:
- 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. Temporary landscaping 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.
 - Multiple sections of barricade or picket fencing that are linked together and do not define out of bounds, whether fastened in position or not.
 - The portion of a temporary obstruction closely attached to a TIO is part of the TIO. The portion not closely attached is an obstruction.
 - White-lined areas tying into a TIO are treated as part of the TIO.
 - 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.

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 a 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).