



CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION AND STANDARD LOCAL RULES



Play is governed by the Rules of Golf of Golf Canada, Golf Canada Decisions on the Rules of Golf and where applicable, by the following Local Rules and Conditions of Competition, subject to changes, additions or deletions for particular Championships by the Rules Committee of Golf Québec. The player's attention is drawn to Conditions of Competition as printed on the forms accompanying applications for entry. Complete text of Rules and Appendix I, Part A and B may be found in Golf Canada Rules of Golf.

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

SECTION A: CONDITIONS OF THE COMPETITION

Specification of the Ball – The ball the player plays must be named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls recognized by Golf Canada (see note 5.1). The current List of Conforming Golf Balls is available in the Golf Québec Tournament Office.

Penalty for Breach of Condition: Disqualification

Specification of Driver Head – Any driver the player carries must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft, that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads recognized by Golf Canada. The current List of Conforming Driver Heads is available in the Golf Québec Tournament Office.

Penalty for Breach of Condition: See Penalty Statement for Rules 4-1 and 4-2

Caddies – In stroke play competition, a player is prohibited from having another competitor in the same stipulated round serve as his caddie. Penalty for Breach of Condition: See Penalty Statement for Rule 6-4. *For shoes*, a caddie may not wear traditionally-designed spikes or shoes with conventional spikes (regardless of composition). Spikeless golf shoes are prohibited.

Pace of Play – See posted Golf Québec Pace of Play Policy. Please note that Rule 6-7 is in effect.

Discontinuance of Play – Note to Rule 6-8b is in effect. All practice areas are closed when play is suspended for a dangerous situation until the Golf Québec Rules Committee has declared them open. A player using such practice areas will be subject to disqualification.

Note: A suspension for a dangerous situation will be signalled by one prolonged air horn note. All other types of suspension will be signalled by three consecutive air horn notes. Resumption of play will be signalled by two short air horn notes.

Practice – In stroke play competition, a player may not practice on or near the putting green of the hole last played or roll a ball on the putting green of the hole last played (see note 2, Rule 7-2). **In match play competition, a player cannot practice on the golf course, on the day of the competition and in between rounds.**

Transportation – Players must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorized by the Committee. See Golf Québec Transportation Policy.

Penalty for Breach of Condition: See Penalty Statement in Appendix 1, Part B, Section 8.

Close of Competition – The competition is deemed to have closed when the trophy has been presented to the winner or, in the absence of a prize ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the Committee. In match play competition, the round is considered finished when the result of the match has been posted.

SECTION B: LOCAL RULES

Abnormal Ground Conditions - Rule 25

Ground under repair includes:

- a) Areas defined by white lines;
- b) French drains filled with stones;
- c) Seams of Cut Turf – Through the green, seams of cut turf (not the turf itself) are deemed to be ground under repair. However, interference by a seam with the player's stance is deemed not to be, of itself, interference under Rule 25-1. If the ball lies in or touches the seam or the seam interferes with the area of intended swing, relief is available under Rule 25-1. All seams within the cut turf area are considered the same seam.

Stones in bunker - are movable obstructions (Rules 24-1 is in effect).

Embedded Ball - Through the Green, a ball that is embedded in its own pitch-mark in the ground may be lifted, without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to where it lay but not nearer to the hole.

Obstructions - Rule 24 – White lined areas tying into artificially surfaced roads, paths or obstructions are deemed to have the same status as the road, path or obstruction and are not ground under repair.

Turf Plugs on Putting Green – On any putting green, turf plugs of any size have the same status as old hole plugs and may be repaired under Rule 16-1c.

Wood Chips and Mulch – Wood chips and mulch are loose impediments.

Integral Parts of the Course

- a. Wrappings, wires, cables and other objects when closely attached to trees;
- b. Artificial walls and/or pilings when used to define the margin of bunkers. Such walls and/or pilings are through the green.

Permanent Elevated Power Lines or Cables – If a ball strikes a permanent elevated power line or cable, the stroke **MUST** be cancelled and the player must play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played in accordance with Rule 20-5.

DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICES For all Golf Quebec tournaments, a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

Penalty for first breach of this local rule: **two strokes**.

Penalty for second breach: **disqualification**.

Temporary Obstructions - Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I, Part A, Section 4b is in effect.

Accidental Movement of a Ball on a Putting Green - Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows:

When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment.

The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rule 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1. This local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

Note: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.