

2020 CONDITION OF COMPETITION & STANDARD LOCAL RULES



Play is governed by the 2019 Golf Canada Rules of Golf, and, where applicable, by the following Standard Local Rules and Condition of Competition, subject to changes, additions or deletions for particular championships. Complete text of Local Rules may be found in the Golf Canada Official Guide to the Rules of Golf (effective January 2019).

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for a breach of a Local Rule is the **General Penalty**.

Match play – Loss of hole; Stroke play – Two strokes

1. **Out of Bounds (Rule 18.2)** – Defined by course-side points at ground level of white dots, lines or stakes and fence posts. A ball is out of bounds when it is beyond any wall defining the boundary of the course.
2. **Clubs and Balls**
 - a. List of Conforming Driver Heads: Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect.
Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of the Local Rule: **Disqualification**.
 - b. List of Conforming Golf Balls: Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect.
Penalty for making a stroke with a ball in breach of the Local Rule: **Disqualification**.
 - c. Replacing Club that is Broken or Significantly Damaged – Model Local Rule G-9 is in effect. When replacing a club, the player must immediately take the broken or significantly damaged club out of play, using the procedure in Rule 4.1c(1).
Penalty for Breach of Local Rule – See Rule 4.1b.

Note: An updated List of Conforming Clubs and Balls is available via golfcanada.ca/rules.

3. **Ball Played from Outside Relief Area When Taking Back-On-the-Line Relief** – Model Local Rule E-12 is in effect. This applies in the application of Rules 16.1c(2), 17.1d(2), 19.2b, 19.3b.
4. **Modified Rules for Players with Disabilities** – Specified clause(s) of the Modified Rules for Players with Disabilities are in effect for a player when both conditions (player handicap and clause) are approved by the Committee.
5. **Caddies** – Rule 10.3a is modified in this way: A player *must* not have another player in the competition, who has played or will play in the same round, as his or her caddie during a round.

The player gets the **General Penalty** for each hole during which there is a breach of this Local Rule. If the breach occurs between the play of two holes, it applies to the next hole.

6. **Pace of Play (Rule 5.6(3))** – Golf Québec’s Group Pace of Play Policy is in effect at all amateur competitions. Players must ensure that they complete groups of holes and the round within the times established by the Tournament Rules Committee. The full policy is available online, in the Golf Québec Tournament Office and at registration.

Note: Rule 5.6a (Unreasonable Delay of Play) is still applicable.

7. **Stopping and Resuming Play (Rule 5.7)** – Model Local Rule J-1 is in effect as follows:
- a. Immediate suspension (Dangerous Situation): One prolonged note of the air horn.
 - b. Normal Suspension (Non-Dangerous situation): Three short notes of the air horn.
 - c. Resume Play: Two short notes of the air horn.

Note: During an immediate suspension for a dangerous situation, all practice areas are closed until the Tournament Committee has declared them open. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to stop practicing. Players who fail to do so will be subject to penalties under the Code of Conduct.

8. **Practice (Rule 5.2 and 5.5)**

- a. **Before or between rounds in Stroke Play and in Match play** – Model Local Rule I-1.1 is in effect and Rule 5.2b is modified in this way: A player must not practise on the competition course before or between rounds.
Penalty for first breach: General Penalty (applied to the player’s first hole).
Penalty for second breach: Disqualification.
- b. **Between holes in Stroke Play** – Model Local Rule I-2 is in effect and Rule 5.5b is modified in this way: Between the play of two holes, a player must not:
 - Make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole just completed, or
 - Test the surface of that putting green by rubbing the putting green or rolling a ball.

9. **Transportation** – Model Local Rule G-6 is in effect and is modified as follows: During a round, players or caddies must not ride on any form of motorized transportation unless authorized or later approved by the Tournament Rules Committee. A player proceeding under a stroke and distance penalty is always authorized to use motorized transportation for that purpose.

The player gets the General Penalty for each hole during which there is a breach of this Local Rule. If the breach occurs between the play of two holes, it applies to the next hole.

10. **Abnormal Course Conditions (Including Immovable Obstructions) (Rule 16)** –

- a. Areas defined by white lines;
- b. French drains filled with stones;
- c. Seams of Cut Turf – Model Local Rule F-7 is in effect. If a player’s ball lies in or touches a seam of cut turf or a seam interferes with the player’s area of intended swing:
 - (a) Ball in the General Area: The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b.
 - (b) Ball on Putting Green: The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d.

But interference does not exist if the seam only interferes with the player’s stance. All seams within the area of cut turf are treated as the same seam in taking relief. That means that if a player has interference from any seam after dropping the ball, the player must proceed as required under Rule 14.3c (2) even when the ball is still within one club-length of the reference point.

d. Immovable Obstructions – White-lined areas of ground under repair and the artificially surfaced road or path or other identified obstruction they tie into are treated as a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.

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

12. Integral Objects – The following are integral objects from which free relief is not allowed:

- a. The portion of cables, wires, wrappings and other similar objects closely attached to trees;
- b. Artificial retaining walls and/or pilings when located within penalty areas or which are adjacent to the edge of bunkers;
- c. Bunker liners in their intended position. Interference by a liner with a player's stance is deemed not to be, of itself, interference under this Rule;
- d. Closed gates attached to objects defining out of bounds.

13. Permanent Elevated Power Lines or Cables – 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 permanent elevated power line or cable in bounds the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made in accordance with Rule 14.6.

14. Temporary Immovable Obstructions – Model Local Rule F-23 is in effect. Temporary Immovable Obstructions include, but are not limited to, starting tents, publicity objects, scoring areas and pace of play stations. As an additional option, a player may drop on one side or the other of the obstruction.

15. Penalty Areas (Rule 17) – When a red penalty area is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend to infinity. When a red penalty area adjoins a boundary, the penalty area edge extends to and coincides with the boundary.

16. Anti-Doping – Players are required to comply with and are bound by the Golf Québec Anti-Doping Policy, or any communication in advance or at the golf course.

17. Code of Conduct (Rule 1.2) – Golf Québec has adopted the Local Rule under Rule 1.2b setting standards of player conduct on the golf course during play at all amateur competitions. The full policy is available online, in the Golf Québec Tournament Office and at registration.

The Golf Québec Tournament Committee may assess any or all of the following penalties outlined in the structure below, based on the severity and frequency of the violation:

- Warning
- One penalty stroke
- General Penalty
- **Disqualification**

Note: Under Rule 1.2a, a Committee may **disqualify** a player for serious misconduct for acting contrary to the spirit of the game.

- 18. Scorecard Returned** – A player's scorecard has been returned to the Committee when the player has completely exited the defined scoring area with both feet. Prior to returning the scorecard, a player that needs to leave the scoring area must inform the Scoring Official of their intention to leave and immediately return.
- 19. When Result of Competition is Final** – The competition is final when all scores have been validated in the scoring system and approved by the Committee or when the trophy has been presented to the winner
- 20. Round (Rule 5.1)** – In stroke play events, other than shotgun starts, when all play starts on the same hole, play will be comprised of two consecutive 9-hole rounds. When every player in the competition completes the first 9-hole round but not the second, only the scores for the first 9-hole round will count in the overall event total score. This rule applies only to one-day tournaments or to the last round of a multi-day tournament.
- 21. No play Zone** – All flowerbeds and turf/tree nurseries outside of a penalty area are deemed to be in the general area. The player **MUST** take relief if the ball lies in the No play zone or interferes with the player's area of intended stance or area of intended swing under Rule 16.1f and 17.1e.

RULES COMMITTEE – GOLF QUÉBEC
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