

LOCAL RULES AND TERMS OF COMPETITION FOR 2023 WOGA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Out of Bounds: Defined by the line between the course-side points of white stakes and fence posts at ground level.

Penalty Areas: 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 & coincides with out of bounds.

Ground Under Repair: Defined by white lines. French drains are ground under repair. For grass-covered trenching, see Temporary Power Lines & Cables. Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage, including areas where spectators 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 an area is part of that obstruction.

Seams of Cut Turf: 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: in the General Area, the player may take relief under R.16.1b; on the Putting Green, the player may take relief under R 16.1d.

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. [Model Local Rule F-7]

Worn Areas Within 1 Club Length of Artificially Surfaced Roads and Path have the same status as the roads and paths, that of obstructions. [Rule 16.1 & Committee Procedure 2F(2)]

Embedded Ball: Relief without penalty allowed **ONLY** when the ball is embedded in its own pitch mark as the result of the previous stroke & part of it is below the level of the ground in the General Area or on the Putting Green. **Exception:** A player may **NOT** take relief under this Rule if the ball is embedded in sand in a part of the General Area that is **not** cut to fairway height or less. [R. 16.3a]

Integral Objects: Include objects when closely attached to trees & boundary objects, & artificial walls & pilings located in penalty areas or in or adjacent to bunkers, & bunker liners. An exposed bunker liner may be treated as ground under repair, but interference does not exist if the liner interferes only with player's stance.

CONDITIONS

Time of Starting: Rule 5.3a

Unreasonable Delay, Prompt Pace of Play: See supplemental memo for pace of play policies & penalties. [R. 5.6a]

Caddies: Caddies are permitted **only** in the Girls' Junior Championship. Parents/Step-Parents/Guardians are not permitted to caddie for players age 18 & under.

Practice: Rule 5.2b is modified in this way: A player in Stroke Play may NOT practice **on** the competition course before or between rounds.

Discontinuance of Play- Dangerous Situation: One prolonged air horn note. Whether between holes or during the play of a hole, play must be **DISCONTINUED IMMEDIATELY** and must not be resumed until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. All practice areas shall be closed until the Committee has declared them open.

ALL OTHER SUSPENSIONS: Three consecutive air horn notes, repeated. During play of a hole, players may complete play of that hole, but may not begin play of a subsequent hole.

RESUMPTION OF PLAY: Two short air horn notes, repeated.

Penalty for Breach of Rule: Disqualification. [R. 5.7]

Making a Request for a Ruling in Match Play: Play of a 2nd ball is NOT permitted in Match Play. This procedure applies only in Stroke Play. [Rule 20.1b (2)]

Doubt as to Procedure in Stroke Play: The player may play a 2nd ball, after announcing her intention to do so & with which ball she chooses to score, if the Rules allow. She **must** report the circumstances of the situation to the Committee before signing her scorecard. If she does not, the penalty is **Disqualification**. [R. 20.1c(3)]

Scoring in Match Play: The player who is first on the tee is the scorer for the match. The Winner of the match shall return the scorecard and report the results to the scoring official.

Return of Scorecard: The scorecard is officially returned when the player has handed it to the scoring official & has left the table.

Ties: Unless otherwise published, ties will be decided by the Scorecard Count Back as prescribed in Committee Procedures, Section 5A (6).

Close of the Competition: The competition shall be deemed closed when the trophy has been presented to the winner.

General Penalty: Unless otherwise stated, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is **Loss of Hole in Match Play or 2 Strokes in Stroke Play**.

**ADDENDUM TO THE LOCAL RULES & TERMS OF COMPETITION
(EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY)**

It is now a requirement for participation in any WOGA competition that the Release of Liability form attached to the Entry Form be signed at the time of entry.

Entries are not complete and will not be accepted without this Release.