

LOCAL RULES AND TERMS OF COMPETITION FOR 2022 WOGA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Out of Bounds: Defined by inside points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts or white lines on the ground. Objects defining out of bounds are NOT obstructions & are deemed fixed. [Rule 8.1a & Definition of Boundary Object]

Penalty Area Stakes, Lines: When both stakes and lines are used to define Penalty Areas, stakes identify, and lines define the margin. The stakes or lines are in the hazard. [Rule 17]

Penalty Areas: Defined by yellow stakes or lines or by red stakes or lines.

Ground Under Repair: Areas defined by white lines & all French Drains even if not marked. The lines are in the ground under repair. [Definition of Ground Under Repair.]

Fire Ant Hills: Relief procedure under Rule 16.2b, Dangerous Animal Condition. When the ball lies in a penalty area, it may be dropped in the penalty area for free relief or outside the penalty area for 1 penalty stroke. [Rule 16.2b]

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-70]

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]

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: Lightning rods, cables, wrappings & electrical wires closely attached to trees and artificial walls & pilings in Penalty Areas unless otherwise provided for in the Notice to Players. No relief without penalty.

Distance Measuring Devices: In all WOGA competitions, a player may obtain distance information by using a distance measuring device. If, during a competition round, a player uses a DMD to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect her play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 4.3. **Penalty:** 1st offense – General Penalty; any subsequent offense - **disqualification**.

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 **may** be permitted in some WOGA competitions; please consult the entry information for each event. Parents/Step-Parents/Guardians are not permitted to caddie for players age 18 & under.

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: [Rule 20.1b (2)]

Doubt as to Procedure in Stroke Play: The player must decide to play a 2nd ball after the uncertain situation arises & before making a stroke. She should announce which ball will count if the Rules allow the procedure. 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]

Scoring in Match Play: The player who is first on the tee is the scorer for the match. The Winner 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 Scorecard Count-Back [Committee Procedures, Section 5A (6), pg. 403]

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: **Match Play-Loss of Hole; Stroke Play-2 Strokes.**

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