



## Local Rules and Terms of the Competition

### For 2023 SDGA Championships

*The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and The R&A govern play. These Local Rules and Terms of the Competition are in effect at all SDGA championships and hosted qualifying rounds. See applicable championship or qualifying round Notice to Players for modifications or additions to these Local Rules and Terms of the Competition. Complete text of the Rules and Local Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 2019. Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty.*

## LOCAL RULES

**Out of Bounds** — Defined by white lines or the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts.

**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 and 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 and 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.

**Relief from Seams of Cut Turf** — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-7.

**Immovable Obstructions** — Include plastic bumpers on roads and paths, and mats secured to the ground with spikes when the bumpers or mats cover cables.

**White-Lined Areas Tying Into Artificially Surfaced Roads and Paths** — White-lined areas of ground under repair and the artificially surfaced roads, paths or other identified obstructions that they are connected to are a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.

**Integral Objects** — Include cables, rods, wires and wrappings when closely attached to trees, and artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas and bunkers.

**Temporary Immovable Obstructions** — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-23.

**List of Conforming Driver Heads** — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-1.

**Groove and Punch Mark Specifications** — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect, except as modified by the applicable championship Entry Application. Model Local Rule G-2.

## TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

**When Competition Is Final**— The competition is final 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. The result of a match is final when the Committee has approved the result as posted on the public scoreboard.

**List of Conforming Golf Balls** — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-3.

**One Ball Rule (Not in effect)** — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is NOT in effect.

**Pace of Play** — See separate memorandum to players for pace of play policy, when applicable.

**Stopping and Resuming Play** — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule J-1. All practice areas are closed during an immediate suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to stop practicing; failure to stop practicing might result in disqualification. An immediate suspension will be signaled by one prolonged air horn note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive air horn notes. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short air horn notes.

**Replacing Club that is Broken or Significantly Damaged — Rule 4.1b(3) is modified in this way:** If a player's club is "broken or significantly damaged" during a round by the player or caddie, except in the case of abuse, the player may replace the club with any club under Rule 4.1b(4). Model Local Rule G-9.

**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 stroke does not count and must be replayed under Rule 14.6.

**Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Greens.** Model Local Rule F-5 is in effect and is modified as follows: For a ball in the general area, relief is allowed when both the ball and obstruction lie in an area cut to fairway height or less. The obstruction must be, i) 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.

**Practicing in between holes or rounds:** Model Local Rule I-1.1 "Rule 5.2a is modified in this way: A player must not practice on the competition course before or between rounds. [Or, if players are allowed to practice in limited ways: Describe those limits and when, where and how a player may practice on the course.] Penalty for Breach of this Local Rule: Penalty for first breach: *General Penalty* (applied to the player's first hole). Penalty for second breach: Disqualification."

**Dress Code:** Players and caddies must be properly attired on the course, in the clubhouse and on the grounds. Slacks or Bermuda length shorts or skorts are acceptable. Golf shirts must have a collar except for golf-style mock turtleneck shirts. Jeans, short shorts, cut-offs, tee shirts and tank tops are prohibited. Players may not play barefoot.

**Integral Objects:** a) The portion of supports, cables, wires, wrappings, poles, or antennas where closely attached to trees or boundary objects. b) Artificial retaining walls and/or pilings located within penalty areas. c) Gates. Model Local Rule F-26 is in effect.

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