

2023 PHILADELPHIA PGA JUNIOR TOUR Local Rules and Terms of the Competition

The Rules of Golf approved by the United States Golf Association and R&A Rules Limited govern play, except as modified below by the Philadelphia Junior Tour. The following Local Rules and Terms of the Competition apply as referenced below and may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 1, 2023. See the applicable competition's "Notice to Players", for additional definitions, Local Rules and amendments.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is: Match Play - Loss of Hole; Stroke Play - Two Strokes.

1. Stopping Play; Resuming Play - Rule 5.7

a. Methods for Stopping and Resuming Play:

A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged note of a siren or horn. All other suspensions will be signaled by three consecutive notes of a siren or horn. In either case, resumption of play will be signaled by two short notes of a siren or horn. See Rule 5.7b.

Note: All practice areas are closed during an immediate suspension for a dangerous situation until the *Committee* has declared them open.

b. Removal of Temporary Water on the Putting Green:

If a player's ball lies on the *putting green* and there is interference by *temporary water* on the *putting green* the player may:

- 1) Take free relief under Rule 16-1d or
- 2) Have their *line of play* squeegeed

Such squeegeeing should be done across the *line of play* and extend a reasonable distance beyond the *hole* (That is at least one roller length) and only be carried out by individuals designated by the *Committee*.

4.3a1 Use of Distance Measuring Devices

The use of a distance measuring device to measure elevation changes, directional information or wind speed is strictly prohibited.

4.3a4 Audio and Video

Listening to music or other audio to eliminate distractions or to help with swing tempo is strictly prohibited. Players must not use airpods during the round.

Note: The *Committee* may squeegee the *putting green* at any time.

2. Restrictions on Use of Specific Equipment

a. List of Conforming Driver Heads:

Any driver the player uses to make a stroke must have a club head, identified by model and loft, which is on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the USGA.

Penalty for Making a Stroke with a Club in Breach of this Local Rule - Disqualification.

There is no penalty under this Local Rule for carrying, but not making a stroke with a driver that is not on the List of Conforming Driver Heads (See Model Local Rule G-1 in Committee Procedures).

b. Grooves and Punch Mark Specifications:

In making a stroke, the player must use clubs that conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Equipment Rules that took effect on January 1, 2010. Ping Eye 2 irons manufactured before March 31, 1990 with groove spacing to groove width ration of 2.3 to 1 are allowed for play under the Rules of Golf, even when this Local Rule is in effect (See Model Local Rule G-2 in Committee Procedures).

Penalty for Making a Stroke with a Club in Breach of this Local Rule - Disqualification.

There is no penalty under this Local Rule for carrying, but not making a stroke with a club which does not conform to these groove and punch mark specifications.

c. List of Conforming Golf Balls:

Any ball used in making a stroke must be on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the USGA.

10.2a/2 Player must try to stop Ongoing Advice

A player receives no penalty from someone giving advice when they do not ask for it. However, if the advice continues from the same person, the player must try to stop the person from giving advice. If they do not do so, they are eligible for the general penalty.

Penalty for Making a Stroke at a Ball Not on Current List in Breach of this Local Rule - Disqualification

3. Committee Pace of Play Policy (See Rule 5.6b(3)):

The Local Rule setting a Pace of Play Policy, including penalties for not following this Policy, is published in the Philadelphia Section PGA Junior Tour handbook.

4. Measuring Condition of Putting Greens:

Before or between rounds on any day of the Competition or play-off, a player or his caddie must not use any device that measures the condition (Slope, texture, firmness or moisture level) of any putting green on the course. The use of such a device is only permitted on practice days.

5. Restrictions on Practice

a. Before and Between Rounds:

Rule 5.2 is modified in this way: A player must not practice on the competition *course* before or between *rounds*.

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.

b. 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.

6. Returning Scorecard

For the purpose of applying Rule 3.3b(2), a player's scorecard is treated as returned when the player has first left the scoring area (Defined by blue tape) with both feet.

Model Local Rule L-1:

If a player returns a scorecard without the hole scores being certified either by the player, the marker or both, the player gets the general penalty (two penalty strokes). The penalty applies to the last hole of the player's round.

7. When the Result of the Competition is Final

When all scores have been posted on the official scoreboard and approved by the Committee, the Competition is closed.

8. Out of Bounds and Course Boundaries

Out of bounds is defined by the line between the course-side points at ground level of white stakes and fence posts. A ball that crosses a road defined as out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that road is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course.

9. Abnormal Course Conditions

a. Immovable Obstructions:

Asphalt and artificially surfaced roads and paths; white lined areas of ground under repair tying into such roads or paths are treated as a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.

Railroad ties, curbing, or other similar artificial edges adjoining cart paths are part of the same obstruction.

b. Ground Under Repair:

Defined by any area encircled by a white line (Except dropping zones or out of bounds).

French drains, which are trenches filled with rocks or stones.

Seams of Cut Turf: If a player's ball lies in or touches a seam of cut turf or the seam interferes with the player's area of intended swing, in the general area, the player may take relief under Rule 16.1. But interference does not exist if the seam only interferes with the player's stance. All seams within the area of cut turf area are treated as the same seam in taking relief (See Model Local Rule F-7).

10. Integral Objects

a. Retaining walls and pilings when located in penalty areas

16.3a Embedded Balls

When a ball is in its own pitch mark as a result of the previous shot and where part of the ball is below the surface of the ground.

20.1c3 Playing Two Balls

A player who is uncertain about how to proceed may choose to play two balls, but must announce the one they intend to score with. At scoring, they may discuss the ruling with the committee.

b. Wires, cables, wrappings, signs and lighting rods closely attached to trees or objects defining out of bounds.

c. Bunker liners in their intended position.

Note: The Committee may deem an exposed liner to be ground under repair, but, interference does not exist if the liner only interferes with the player's stance.

11. Penalty Areas

a. Dropping Zones:

If a ball is in or it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found is in a penalty area and a drop zone is specified on the "Notice to Players" for that penalty area, the player may as an extra option, drop a ball under penalty of one stroke, in the white lined area labeled "Drop Zone" located as indicated on the applicable "Notice to Players". The ball must be dropped and come to rest within the drop zone (See Model Local Rule E-1.1).

b. Relief on Opposite Side of Red Penalty Areas:

Red penalty areas with an opposite side relief option will be indicated on the applicable "Notice to Players" (See Model Local Rule B-2.1), stated at announcements for a shotgun or stated on the players 1st tee.

Note: When the edge of a red penalty area coincides with the boundary of the course, Model Local Rule B-2.2 is in effect and modifies the first paragraph of Model Local Rule B-2.1.

12. Aeration Holes

If a player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole:

a. In the general area, the player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. If the ball comes to rest in another aeration hole, the player may take relief again under this Local Rule.

18.3a Provisional Balls

If a ball may be lost outside of a penalty area or out of bounds, a player may play another ball under stroke and distance relief.

b. On the putting green, the player may take relief under Rule 16.1d.

But, interference does not exist if the aeration hole only interferes with the player's stance or, on the putting green, on the player's line of play.

13. Permanent Elevated Power Lines or Cables

If it is known or virtually certain that a ball hit a power line or cable in bounds, the stroke does not count, and the player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made in accordance with Rule 14.6.

14. Model Local Rule G-9

If a player's club is "broken or significantly damaged" during the round by the player or caddie, except in cases of abuse, the player may replace the club with any club under Rule 4.1b (4).

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).

15. Caddie - Rule 10.3

Caddies are only allowed in the 12 and Under Division.

16. Transportation

Players must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorized by the Committee.

17. How to Decide Ties

In the event of a tie for first place during the Jr. PGA Championship, Harry Hammond Invitational, Junior Tour Championship, Multi-Day and Overall Series events, there will be a sudden death playoff immediately following the round to determine the winner. All other events will be decided by a scorecard playoff (USGA recommended method).

