



WOMEN'S SOUTH CAROLINA GOLF ASSOCIATION CONDITIONS OF THE COMPETITION

The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and R&A govern play, as modified by the WSCGA. See applicable competition's "Notice to Competitors (Players)" for modifications or additions to these Local Rules and Terms of Competition. Complete text of Rules and Local Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 2023.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for a breach of a Local Rule is: Match play- Loss of hole; Stroke play- General Penalty - Two strokes
CODE OF CONDUCT & DRESS CODE- All players are expected to conduct themselves as respectful guests of the course and as such; any conduct unbecoming to the game or to the WSCGA will be subject to disqualification, suspension or revocation of the privilege of playing in WSCGA events. Please refer to WSCGA Championship Policies and Procedures for Dress Code. Proper golf attire is required by all players.

1. **OUT OF BOUNDS**- When white stakes or fences are used, the out of bounds line is determined by the nearest inside points of the stakes or fence posts at ground level, excluding angled supports. When a white line on the ground is used, the line itself is out of bounds. A ball that crosses the inside edge of a road or curb defined as out of bounds and that comes to rest beyond the road or curb is out of bounds, even though it may be on another part of the course.

2. **PENALTY AREAS** -When both stakes and lines are used to define penalty areas, stakes identify penalty area and lines define margins. Yellow Penalty areas are defined by yellow stakes and/or yellow lines- Rule 17-1. Red Penalty areas are defined by red stakes and/or red lines- Rule 17-1

3. **ABNORMAL GROUND CONDITION** – Defined by white lines. French drains are abnormal ground condition. For grass – covered trenching, see Temporary 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 as area is part of the obstruction.

4. **NO PLAY ZONES** - A part of the course where Committee has prohibited play. A no play zone must be defined as part of either an abnormal course condition or a penalty area. The Committee will define the edge of a no play zone with line, stakes, or a definitive edge. The two types of stakes will be used: Red Stakes with a Green Top - Penalty Area No Play Zone; Blue stakes - Abnormal Course Condition - No Penalty No Play Zone

5. **RELIEF OF SEAMS OF CUT TURF** - Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-7

6. **WHITE-LINED AREAS TYING INTO ARTIFICIALLY SURFACED ROADS OR PATHS** White-lined areas of ground under repair and the artificially surfaced roads, paths or other identified obstructions that are connected to a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1

7. **DANGEROUS ANIMAL CONDITION** - A "dangerous animal condition" exists when a dangerous animal (such as alligators, poisonous snakes, fire ants, bees and wasp) near the ball could cause serious physical injury to the player if she had to play the ball as it lies. A player may take relief under Rule 16.2b from interference except when relief is not allowed. 1) When playing the ball as it lies is clearly unreasonable because of something other than the dangerous situation. 2) Interference exists only because player chooses a club, type of stance, swing, or direction of play that is clearly unreasonable under the circumstances. When interference is in a penalty area players relief must remain in penalty area or she can proceed under Rule 17.1 d - penalty relief.

8. **WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH** - Are loose impediments

9. **INTEGRAL OBJECT** - Include cables, rods, wires, and wrappings, when closely attached to trees, and artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas and bunkers. **Note:** The Committee may treat an exposed bunker liner as ground under repair, but interference does not exist if the liner interferes only with the player's stance

10. **TEMPORARY LINES AND CABLES** - Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-22

11. **TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS** - Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-23.

12. **LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS** - Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-1.

13. **GROOVE AND PUNCH MARK SPECIFICATIONS** - Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-2.

14. **LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS**- Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-3

15. **PACE OF PLAY** - A player shall be subject to penalty if she is in breach of the Pace of Play Guidelines. Such guidelines can be found on the local rules.

16. **SUSPENSION OF PLAY**

Dangerous situation shall be signaled by one prolonged air horn (or siren) blast. All practice areas shall be closed during such suspension until the WSCGA Rules Committee has declared them open. *Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to stop practicing; failure to stop practicing will result in disqualification.* Regular suspension shall be signaled by three consecutive, short air horn (or siren) blasts. Resumption of play shall be signaled by two consecutive, short air horn (or siren) blasts.

17. **DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE** -In stroke play only, the competitor plays a second ball under Rule 20.1c(3), following the restrictions listed therein. **NOTE:** The competitor must report the facts of the situation to the Rules Committee before returning his score card. If he fails to do so, she is disqualified. (Even if the score with both balls is the same)

18. **SCORECARD CERTIFICATION** – A player's scorecard is deemed returned (no changes allowed to scorecard) 15 minutes after the score has been entered in the tournament scoring software. 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). Model Local Rule L-1.

19. **NO SHOW POLICY** - those players who fail to appear for their assigned tee time without notifying the WSCGA or the host club, may be suspended from play for all WSCGA tournaments for one year. NO Shows also include withdrawals without notification to the official in charge.

20. **PRACTICE** - Prior to and after a round in **stroke play**, a player may practice on the designated practice areas. Rule 5.2b and Rule 5.5b covering practice in stroke play is modified in this way: A player may not practice on the competition course before or between rounds or make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole just completed. **In Match Play**, A player may not practice on the competition course before match on tournament day. Penalty for breach of Local Rule, see Rule 5.2a.

21. **DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICE OR COMPASS** – Use of DMD allowed. See Rule 4.3

22. **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 WSCGA Committee. The result of a match is final when the Committee has approved the result as posted on the public scoreboard.

TERMS OF COMPETITION

CLOSE OF COMPETITION: The competition is deemed to have closed 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. Once the match play draw has been approved by the Committee, the competition has closed for all non-qualifiers. In the event of the disqualification of a qualifier prior to his or her first match, that player's opponent will receive a "bye" in the first round.

The result of a match is considered to have been "officially announced" when the Committee has approved the result as posted on the public scoreboard.