

# LOCAL RULES AND CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

## IDAHO GOLF ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Rules of the United States Golf Association govern play. See applicable Championship Notice to Players for modifications or additions to these Local Rules. Complete text of Rules and Model Local Rules may be found in the current "Rules of Golf".



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

### 2024 LOCAL RULES

**OUT OF BOUNDS** - Defined by the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts. Rule 18.2.

Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule A-5: a ball coming to rest on or beyond the road is out of bounds, even if it comes to rest on another part of the course that is in bounds for other holes.

All closed gates that are attached to boundary walls and fences are part of the boundary object. Relief is not allowed from such a gate under rules 15.2 or 16.1 (Model Local Rule F-26). But an open gate is not treated as part of the boundary object and may be closed or moved to a different position.

**RED AND YELLOW 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.

Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage, 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.

**OBSTRUCTIONS** - Includes asphalt and artificially surfaced roads and paths. White lined areas tying into roads and paths have the same status as the road or path; thus they are obstructions and not ground under repair. Railroad ties, curbing, or the like adjoining a cart path are deemed to be part of the cart path. Relief from ground netting and putting green liners is available for lie of ball and area of intended swing only.

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

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

**SCORECARDS** - 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. The penalty applies to the last hole of the player's round. Refer to Model Local Rule L-1.

**PRACTICE** - Prior to and after a round in stroke play, a player may practice on the designated practice areas. In stroke play, a player may practice on the course after completing play of his or her final round for that day. Prior to and between a round in match play, a player may practice on the course. Rule 5.2.

Refer to Rule 5.5b for when practicing between holes is allowed.

**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.

Note: 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.

**PACE OF PLAY** - A player shall be subject to penalty if he/she unduly delays play. Notes under Rule 5.6 and Optional Condition as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule K. See the separate memorandum for the IGA Pace of Play Policy.

**SOD SEAMS** - Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-7. Relief for the Seam only. Relief available for lie of ball and area of intended swing only.

**WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH** - are loose impediments. Wood chips and mulch used for artificially surfaced roads/paths remain loose impediments. This right is not cancelled by the fact that when a path is constructed of wood chips and mulch it becomes an artificially surfaced path and thus an immovable obstruction.

**TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS (TIO)** - Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-23. Relief from a TIO is allowed when there is physical interference or line of play interference from the TIO.

## **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING**

**GREENS** – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-5.1. Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 16.1.

The player also has these extra options to take relief when such immovable obstructions are close to the putting green and on the line of play:

Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is:

- On the line of play, and is:
  - Within two club-lengths of the putting green, and
  - Within two club-lengths of the ball, and
  - Both the ball & the obstruction are in part of the general area cut to fairway height or less

**Exception – No Relief If Line of Play Clearly Unreasonable.** There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.

**POWER LINES** – If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a power line (or tower or a wire pole supporting a power line) during play, the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made. Refer to Rule 14.6.

**INTEGRAL OBJECTS** - Include cables, rods, wires, and wrappings when closely attached to trees.

**CLOSE OF COMPETITION** - 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 it is reported to the Committee and/or the result as posted on the public scoreboard.