

2024 WSGA LOCAL RULES AND TERMS OF THE COMPETITION



The Rules of Golf as approved by the USGA and The R&A, effective January 1, 2023 govern play. See the applicable tournament Notice to Players for additional Local Rules and Conditions. Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for a breach of a local rule is the general penalty, loss of hole in match play and two strokes in stroke play. The local rules of the host course are not in effect.

LOCAL RULES

Out of Bounds. Defined by the inside edge of freshly painted white lines or the inside points of white stakes at ground level. Stakes, posts, or fencing are treated equally as boundary objects. When multiple objects exist, the nearest object to the course is treated as the boundary.

Penalty Areas. Identified by red or yellow stakes and defined by freshly painted red or yellow lines. When a penalty area is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend to infinity (otherwise indicated by a double stake). When a yellow or red penalty area is bounded by out of bounds, the penalty area edge extends to and coincides with the boundary edge.

Ground Under Repair. Defined by freshly painted white lines. French drains filled with stones that are exposed or discovered by probing are ground under repair. Ground under repair includes, whether or not marked, cultivated flowerbeds and active nurseries, which are further defined as No Play Zones. Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage, but only when declared by an authorized member of the Committee. When adjacent to an obstruction, such an area is part of the obstruction. Thinly grassed areas resulting from winterkill or drought conditions are not considered and are not marked as ground under repair.

An exposed bunker liner may be treated as Ground Under Repair, but interference does not exist if the liner interferes only with the player's stance

Integral Objects. Include cables, rods, wires or wrappings when closely attached to trees and artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas unless otherwise provided for in the Notice to Players

The following Model Local Rules are in effect as prescribed in Committee Procedures, Section 8 of the USGA Official Guide to the Rules of Golf.

- Relief from seams of Cut Turf (Sod Seams) Relief is for lie of ball and area of intended swing only (F-7)
- Immovable Obstructions Close to the Putting Green when Both the Ball and Obstruction are in General Area Cut to Fairway Height or Less (F-5)
- Ball Deflected By Power Line On the Course (E-11)
- Out of Bounds When Public Road Runs Through Course (A-5)
- Temporary Immovable Obstructions ("Either Side" Relief Option: F-23e(2))
- List of Conforming Driver Heads (G-1)
- List of Conforming Golf Balls (G-3)
- Replacing Club that is Broken or Significantly Damaged (G-9)
- Modification of Penalty Under Rule 3.3b(2) for Missing Player or Marker Certification (L-1)

TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

Pace of Play. See separate memorandum to players for pace of play policy and guidelines.

Practicing Before or Between Rounds. Rule 5.2 is modified in this way: In stroke play, a player must not practice on the competition course before or between rounds (I-1.1). Penalty for breach of Local Rule, see Rule 5.2.

Scoring Area and 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 or otherwise) with both feet. For when the official scorecard is digital/electronic, certification of the scorecard must be completed through the electronic application that is being used for scoring (i.e. Golf Genius).

Prohibiting Use of Audio and Video Devices. During a round, a player must not listen to or watch content of any nature on a personal audio or video device (MLR G-8). Penalty for breach of Local Rule, see Rule 4.3.

Discontinuance of Play. A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged air horn note. All other suspensions will be signaled by three consecutive air horn notes. In either case, resumption of play will be signaled by two short air horn notes. See Rule 5.7b. All practice areas are closed during 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 may result in disqualification.

Official Time. The official clock is with the starter. All other time pieces on property should be considered unofficial.

Close of Competition. The competition is closed when the symbolic prize for the event has been presented to the winner or in the absence of a ceremony, when the committee has approved all scores or results. A match is final when it has been reported to the committee, the result has been confirmed in the scoring system and is displayed on the scoreboard.

The Committee

For any Wyoming State Golf Association competition, the Committee consists of the designated Tournament Director, the designated Rules Captain, and any member of the WSGA Rules of Golf Committee who is either present or can be reached by phone. The members of the WSGA Rules of Golf Committee are