

Note: When play is stopped for imminent danger, all practice areas will be immediately closed.

10. Practice. Rule 5.2.

(a) Practice before or between rounds in Stroke Play. Rule 5.2b. Model Local Rule I-1.2 is in effect.

Rule 5.2b is modified in this way:

“Before or between rounds a player must not practice on the competition course”.

Penalty for breach of Rule 5.2: See penalty statement in Rule 5.2.

Exception: All recognized practice areas within the bounds of the course may be used by players on any day of the competition.

11. Transportation Policy.

Model Local Rule G-6 motorised transportation is in effect. Rule 4.3a is modified in this way:

“During a round a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorised transportation except as authorised by the Rules Committee”. (A player taking a stroke and distance penalty is always authorised).

PART II - Terms of Competition.

12. Eligibility.

Players must meet the eligibility provisions established in the relevant Terms of Competition for the specific Championship or Match.

13. Advice in Team Competitions. Rule 24

Each team may name one advice giver whom players in the team may ask for advice and receive advice from during the round. The team must identify each advice giver to the Committee before any player on the team begins his or her round.

14. Deciding Ties.

The method for deciding ties is provided on the relevant Entry Form or is published at the golf course by the FPG.

15. Recording Area and Scorecard Returned.

The location of the Recording Area will be detailed on the Local Rules sheet. The scorecard is officially returned to the Committee when the player leaves the recording office / area with both feet.

16. Results of Competition - Competition Closed

(a) Match Play: The result of the tournament is officially announced when it has been recorded in the Championship Office.

(b) Stroke Play: When the Championship trophy is presented to the winner, the final results of the competition are officially announced, and the competition is closed.

17. Anti-Doping

Players are required to comply with and be bound by the FPG / Portuguese Anti-Doping .



2019 FPG Championships and Matches Local Rules and Terms of Competition Hard Card.

The following Local Rules and Terms of Competition, together with any additions or amendments published by the FPG at each golf course, will apply until further notice to all events, Championships and International Matches run by the FPG.

For the full text of the Local Rules, please refer to the Committee Procedures of the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf effective from January 2019 as published by R&A Rules Limited.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is The General Penalty.

Match Play – Loss of Hole | **Stroke Play** – Two strokes

PART I - Local Rules.

1.Out of Bounds. Rule 18.2.

(a) A ball is out of bounds when it is beyond any wall defining a boundary.

(b) A ball that is played from one side of a public road which is defined as Out of Bounds and comes to rest on the other side of that road is Out of Bounds. This is true even if the ball comes to rest on another part of the course that is in bounds for other holes.

2. Penalty Areas. Rule 17.

(a) Opposite Side Equal Distance Relief for Red Penalty Areas.

The local rules sheet will specify which (if any) red penalty areas have an equal distance option on the opposite side. Model Local Rule B-2.1 will apply only to the penalty areas that are listed.

(b) Opposite Side Relief Where Ball Last Crossed Margin of Penalty Area Where Margin and Boundary of Course Coincide.

Model Local Rule B-2.2 is in effect. It amends the first paragraph of B-2.1. when a player's ball is found in or it is known or virtually certain to have come to rest in any red penalty area where the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area at a point that coincides with the boundary of the course.

(c) Dropping Zones for Penalty Areas.

Where a dropping zone is marked for a Penalty Area, it is an additional option. Model Local Rule E-1.1 is in effect and applies under penalty of one stroke. The dropping zone is a Relief Area under rule 14.3. meaning a ball must be dropped in and come to rest in the relief area.

3. Abnormal Course Conditions. Rule 16.1.

Ground Under Repair.

(a) All areas bounded by white lines.

(b) Any area of damaged ground (e.g., caused by vehicle movement) that is considered by a referee to be abnormal.

(c) Seams of Cut Turf: Model Local Rule F7 is in effect.

(d) French drains (stone-filled drainage ditches).

(e) Holes left by movable obstructions in parts of the General Area cut to fairway height or less. Relief is available for lie of ball or area of intended swing but there is no relief for interference to the stance.

Immovable Obstructions.

(a) White lined areas that tie into any immovable obstruction are treated as part of the obstruction.

(b) Landscaped garden areas and everything growing in them that are completely surrounded by an immovable obstruction are part of the obstruction.

(c) Mats that are secured and all ramps covering cables.

(d) Roads or paths surfaced with woodchip or mulch. Individual pieces are loose impediments.

Temporary Water.

Squeeze Policy for Temporary Water removal.

If a player's ball lies on the putting green and there is interference by temporary water on the putting green, the player may take relief under rule 16.1d.

The Committee may squeeze greens until players are nearby and if conditions deteriorate, to keep play going, they may authorise a combination of all the above measures.

Such squeezeing should be done across the line of play, must extend a reasonable distance beyond the hole (i.e. at least one club-length) and may only be carried out by Committee authorised personnel.

Note: Restriction on Relief from Stance in Animal Hole.

Rule 16.1 is modified in this way:

“Interference does not exist if the Animal Hole interferes with only the player’s stance”.

4. Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Greens.

Model Local Rule F-5 is in effect but is modified as follows:

For a ball in the General Area, relief is allowed only when both the ball and the immovable obstruction lie in an area cut to fairway height or less.

5. Integral Objects.

The following are integral objects from which free relieve is not allowed:

(a) Bunker liners in their intended position.

(b) Wires, cables or wrapping when closely attached to trees or objects defining the boundary of the course.

(c) Artificial retaining walls and pilings when located within Penalty Areas.

6. Permanent Overhead Power Line.

Model Local Rule E-11 is in effect but for a ball which strikes only the power line itself and not the supporting pole. (Stroke is cancelled and replayed.)

7. Clubs and Balls.

(a) List of Conforming Driver Heads. Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect.

Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of the Local Rule: Disqualification.

(b) Groove and Punch Mark Specifications. Model Local Rule G-2 is in effect. Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of the Local Rule: Disqualification.

(c) Conforming Balls List. Model Local Rule G-3 Conforming Golf Balls is in effect. Penalty for breach of local rule: Disqualification.

Note: An updated List of Conforming Clubs and Balls is available on www.RandA.org

8. Pace of Play Policy. Rule 5.6.

Each hole has been given a maximum completion time based upon the length and difficulty of the hole. The maximum time allotted for the completion of 18 holes will be available prior to play from the Championship Office. Please ensure you obtain a copy of the Pace of Play Policy and read it carefully before playing. The Pace of Play Policy will be strictly enforced.

Penalty for Breach of Pace of Play Policy: Stroke Play and Match Play:

1 bad time - Verbal warning from Referee and told that if he/she has a further bad time he/she will be penalised.

2 bad times - 1 stroke penalty.

3 bad times – General Penalty.

4 bad times - Disqualification.

Notes:

(1) Timings will be taken from the moment it is deemed by the Referee that it is the player’s turn to play.

(2) In addition, please note FPG general regulation on Pace of Play in the Code of Conduct.

9. Play Suspensions. Rule 5.7.

The following signals will be used to suspend and resume play:

Immediate Stop/dangerous situation - 1 prolonged note of the siren.

Normal non-dangerous stop - 3 consecutive short notes of the siren.

Resume play - 2 consecutive short notes of the siren.