3. Dropping Zones for Penalty Areas
   
   Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty (loss of hole in match play or two penalty strokes in stroke play).

   - **Dropping Zones for Penalty Areas**
     
     - **1. Out of Bounds (Rule 18-2)**
       - a) A ball is out of bounds when it is beyond any wall defining a boundary.
       - b) Procedure when Group is Out of Position
         - i. If a group is out of position, it will be given an official warning to speed up play.
         - ii. If the group does not get back into position and a decision is taken to time the group, each player in the group will be subject to individual timing by a referee. Each player in the group will be advised that they are “out of position” and are being timed.
         - iii. The maximum time allocated per shot is 40 seconds. 10 extra seconds are allowed for the first player to play:
           - a stroke on a par three hole;
           - a second stroke on a par 4 or par 5 hole;
           - a third stroke on a par 5 hole;
           - a stroke from around the putting green; and
           - a stroke from on the putting green
           - The timing will start when a player has had sufficient time to reach his/her ball, it is his/her turn to play and he/she is able to play without interference or distraction.

4. Ball Played From Outside Relief Area When Taking Back-On-The-Line Relief
   
   Rule 16.3 is modified in this way: no free relief is allowed for a ball embedded in the stacked turf or soil faces above a bunker.

5. Temporary Immovable Obstructions
   
   Model Local Rule F-23, with any additions or amendments in the additional Local Rules published by the Committee is in effect.

6. Replacement of Club that is Broken or Significantly Damaged
   
   Model Local Rule G-9 is in effect.

7. Abnormal Course Conditions (including Immovable Obstructions) (Rule 16)
   
   a) Ground Under Repair
      - (1) Any area bounded by a white line or a dotted white line.
      - (2) Any area of damaged ground (e.g. caused by vehicle movement) that is considered by a referee to be abnormal.
      - (3) French drains (stone-filled drainage ditches).
      - (4) Seams of cut turf; Model Local Rule F-7 is in effect.
      - (5) Yardage painted lines or dots on the putting green or in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less are to be treated as ground under repair from which relief is available under Rule 16.1. Interference does not exist if yardage painted lines or dots only interfere with the player’s stance.

8. 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 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 Local Rule: Disqualification.

9. Pace of Play Policy (Rule 5.6b)
   
   a) Time Allowed
      - 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.
      - **Definition of “Out of Position”**
        - The first group and any group after a starter’s gap will be considered to be “out of position” if, at any time during the round, the group’s cumulative time exceeds the time allowed for the number of holes completed. Any following group will be considered “out of position” if it is more than the starting interval behind the group in front.
        - **Note:** in making a decision on whether to time a “following group” that is out of position, leniency may be shown to a group that has not exceeded the time allotted for the number of holes completed.

   b) Procedure when Group is Out of Position
      - i. If a group is out of position, it will be given an official warning to speed up play.
      - ii. If the group does not get back into position and a decision is taken to time the group, each player in the group will be subject to individual timing by a referee. Each player in the group will be advised that they are “out of position” and are being timed.
      - iii. The maximum time allocated per shot is 40 seconds. 10 extra seconds are allowed for the first player to play:
        - a stroke on a par three hole;
        - a second stroke on a par 4 or par 5 hole;
        - a third stroke on a par 5 hole;
        - a stroke from around the putting green; and
        - a stroke from on the putting green

   - The timing will start when a player has had sufficient time to reach his/her ball, it is his/her turn to play and he/she is able to play without interference or distraction.

   - The following Local Rules and Terms of Competition, together with any additions or amendments published by the European Golf Association (EGA) at the golf course, will apply to all Championships and International Matches run by the EGA.
   
On the putting green, timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace his/her ball, repair damage and move loose impediments on his/her line of play. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball and aligning the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

iv. Timing ceases when a group is back in position and players will be advised accordingly.

Note: in some circumstances, an individual player, or two players within a group of three, may be timed instead of the entire group.

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10. Suspension of Play (Rule 5.7)

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

- stop for a non-dangerous situation - three consecutive notes of a siren;
- resumption of play - two consecutive notes of a siren.

The advice givers must be identified to the Committee prior to the start of the championship.

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11. Practice (Rule 5.2)

All recognised practice areas within the bounds of the course may be used by players for practice on any day of the competition.

12. Transportation

During a round, a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized or later approved by the Committee. A player who will play, or has played, under penalty of stroke and distance is always authorized to ride on motorized transportation. The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which there is a breach. A breach between two holes applies to the next hole.

13. Team Captains and Advice in Team Competitions (Rule 24)

a) Team Captain (Rule 24.3)

Each team must nominate a Team Captain who must be an amateur golfer in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Limited.

Penalty for Breach of Local Rule: disqualification of Team.

Procedure if a team has not nominated a Team Captain: the player whose surname comes first alphabetically will automatically be appointed the team captain.

b) Advice (Rule 24.4)

Two advice givers may be named by each team from whom players in the team may ask and receive advice. The first must be the Team Captain (see 11.a) and the second may or may not be a professional golfer.

The advice givers must be identified to the Committee prior to the start of the Championship.

The advice givers must not walk on the putting green when the ball of a team player is on the putting green.

Penalty for Breach of Local Rule: general penalty

14. Eligibility

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

15. Anti-Doping

Players are required to comply with and be bound by the Anti-Doping Policy that is established by the International Golf Federation. Any competitors who are taking medication and in doubt as to their clinical status should seek advice from the EGA Office no later than 30 days before the start of the championship.

16. Returning of Score Card

A player’s scorecard is officially returned to the Committee when the player has left the recording office/area.

17. Deciding Ties

The method for deciding ties is provided in the relevant Terms of Competition.

18. Results of Match or Championship - Competition Closed

a) Match Play

The result of a match 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 results of the competition are officially announced, and the competition is closed.


Players, captains and advice givers, should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times. Behaviour of the very highest order is expected by all players, captains or advice givers towards everyone involved in the Championship. Any player, captain or advice giver breaching the EGA Conduct Guidelines may be subject to disciplinary action by the Championship Committee.