

LOCAL RULES and TERMS of the COMPETITION FOR 2023 WPGA EVENTS and CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and The R&A govern play. See applicable *Entry Applications* for modifications and/or additions to these Local Rules and Terms of the Competition. Complete text of the 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 breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty.

LOCAL RULES

DAMAGED AREAS TYING INTO ARTIFICIALLY SURFACED ROADS and PATHS – Areas of damaged ground (whether white-lined or not) and the artificially surfaced roads, paths or other identified obstructions that they are connected to are treated as a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR – Defined by white lines. French drains are ground under repair.

Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage, including areas where traffic has combined with wet conditions to affect materially the ground surface. When immediately adjacent to an immovable obstruction, such an area is part of that obstruction.

OUT of BOUNDS – When defined by reference to stakes or a fence, the line is determined by the nearest course-side points at ground level of the stakes or fence posts. When defined by a line on the ground, the line itself is out of bounds.

WOOD CHIPS and MULCH – Are loose impediments unless otherwise stated by the Committee.

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.

USE of AUDIO and VIDEO DEVICES – Electronic devices may be used in accordance with the Rules of Golf and any Local Rules and Terms of the Competition in effect. These devices are not to be used in a manner that distracts other players.

PACE of PLAY – Each player is expected to play any stroke within 40 seconds or less. Rule 5.6a states, in part: “A player must not unreasonably delay play, either when playing a hole or between two holes.”

OUT of BOUNDS/LOST BALL – Local Rule is in effect, with the exception of stroke play championships. As an option, a player, who has not hit a provisional ball, may choose to drop a ball in a relief area between two estimated reference points, equidistant from the flag, for a penalty of two strokes. Model Local Rule E-5.

PRACTICE - Prior to and after a round in stroke play, a player may practice on the designated practice areas. A player may not practice on the competition course before or between rounds that occur on the same day.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS – As an extra option for relief from an immovable obstruction under Rule 16.1, a player may take *line of play* relief if the obstruction is within two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club-lengths of the ball. Model Local Rule F-5.

TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

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