



Terms of the Competition

The Rules of Golf approved by the United States Golf Association and R&A Limited govern play for all tournament events conducted by the Colorado Section of the PGA. The following Local Rules and Terms of the Competition apply and may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 1, 2019. See the applicable competition's "Notice to Players" for additional definitions, Local Rules or amendments. The local rules of the host course are not applicable. Unless otherwise stated, the penalty for breach of a local rule or condition is the General Penalty.

1. Out of Bounds - Rule 18.2

A ball that crosses a road defined as out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that road is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course. Model Local Rule A-3.

2. Penalty Areas - Rule 17

a. Dropping Zones:

If a ball is in or it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found is in a penalty area and a drop zone is specified on the applicable "Notice to Players" for that penalty area, the player may as an additional option, drop a ball under penalty of one stroke, in the white lined area labeled "Drop Zone" located as indicated on the applicable "Notice to Players". The ball must be dropped in and come to rest within the drop zone. Model Local Rule E-1.1.

3. Abnormal Course Conditions - Rule 16.1

a. Ground Under Repair:

- i. Areas completely encircled with white lines.
- ii. French drains, which are trenches filled with rocks or stones.
- iii. Aeration holes in General Area or on Putting Green - Model Local Rule E-4.
- iv. Seams of cut turf - Model Local Rule F-7; relief is for lie of the ball or stroke only, not stance.
- v. A hole made by a movable obstruction (stakes, signs, tables, chairs or the like) may be treated as Ground Under Repair by the Committee. But interference does not exist if the hole only interferes with the player's stance.

b. Immovable Obstructions:

- i. White lined areas tying into an obstruction are treated as a single abnormal course condition, not ground under repair.
- ii. When landscaped garden areas (flower beds, shrubbery, or the like) are completely encircled by an obstruction, the obstruction and landscaped area are treated as one abnormal course condition.
- iii. Roads or paths surfaced with wood chips or mulch; the individual pieces of wood chips or mulch are loose impediments.
- iv. When railroad ties, curbing or the like adjoin roads and paths, they are deemed to be part of the same abnormal course condition.

4. Integral Objects

- a. Bunker Liners - The Committee may treat an exposed liner as ground under repair under Rule 16.1. But interference does not exist if the liner only interferes with the player's stance.
- b. The portion of wrappings, wires, cables, and other objects when closely attached to trees or objects defining Out of Bounds.
- c. Artificial retaining walls and/or pilings when located within penalty areas.

5. **Permanent Elevated Power Lines or Cables** - Model Local Rule E-11 is in effect and is modified as follows: If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a power line in bounds, the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made in accordance with Rule 14.6.

6. Specifications of Equipment

- a. List of Conforming Driver Heads - Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect. Penalty for making a stroke with club in breach of this Local Rule - Disqualification.
- b. Groove and Punch Mark Specifications (except for amateurs in a Pro-Am that does not count in the official competition) - Model Local Rule G-2 is in effect but is modified as the exception to G-2 does NOT apply. Penalty for making a stroke with club in breach of Local Rule - Disqualification.
- c. List of Conforming Golf Balls - Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect. Penalty for making a stroke with a ball in breach of this Local Rule - Disqualification.
- d. The "One Ball Rule" is not in effect.

7. Pace of Play - Rule 5.6b (3)

See posted Colorado PGA Pace of Play Guidelines for pace of play and penalties

8. Stopping Play; Resuming Play - Rule 5.7

Model Local Rule J-1 is in effect as follows:

- a. Immediate Suspension (Dangerous situation): One prolonged note of the air horn.
- b. Normal Suspension (Non-Dangerous situation): Three short notes of the air horn.
- c. Resume Play: Two short notes of the air horn.
Note: During an immediate suspension for a dangerous situation, all practice areas are closed until the Committee has declared them open. Players who disregard such closing are subject to disciplinary action.

9. Practice - Rule 5.

Before or between rounds in stroke play - Model Local Rule I-1.1 is in effect and Rule 5.2b is modified as follows: A player must not practice on the competition course, but may practice on the designated practice areas. Penalty for breach of Local Rule, see Rule 5.2.

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10. Deciding Ties

The tie breaking procedures as outlined in the current Colorado PGA Tournament Rules and Regulations are in effect unless otherwise prescribed on the Notice to Competitors.

11. Scorecard Returned

Immediately upon the completion of a round, the player must promptly return his/her signed and attested scorecard. A PGA Professional must return their scorecard even if it is marked as a "No Card (NC)", "Withdrawal (WD)", or "Disqualification (DQ) "

12. When Result of Competition is Final

The competition is closed when the trophy has been presented to the winner, or in the absence of a prize ceremony, when all scores have been posted on the official scoreboard (including electronic) or when officially approved by the *Committee*.

13. Code of Conduct - Rule 1.2b

By signing an official entry form, registering online, or verbally committing to compete in a Colorado PGA event, the player agrees to abide by the prescribed Rules of Conduct that can be found in Article V of the Colorado PGA Tournament Rules & Regulations. Violations of the Rules of Conduct can result in a fine and/or loss of playing privileges.