

Conditions of Competition and Local Rules

Section A Conditions of Competition

The TP TOUR 'Official Hard Card' Local Rules and COC will be supplied to all competitors. Additional local rules pertaining to each individual tournament will be supplied where applicable by officials, on the tee or at registration at each venue.

Tournaments will be played under the 2021 Rules of Golf, as published by R&A Rules Limited. For the full text of Conditions or Local Rules, please refer to the referenced page number in the Rules of Golf.

Any doubtful points or disputes must be referred to a TOUR Referee or official immediately upon completion of play, prior to scorecards being signed. The Tournament Director's decision is final.

1. List of Conforming Driver Heads (model local rule G-1 is in effect] Any driver the player carries must have a club head identified by model and loft, that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the R&A. Penalty for making stroke with a club in breach of condition – Disqualification 2. Groove and Punch Mark Specification (LR G-3) The player's clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications. Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of condition – Disqualification.

3. Specification of the Ball (Note to Rule 5-1) 1. A player must use a ball on the conforming golf balls list issued by the R&A. 2. The 'One Ball' condition local rule G-4 is in effect Exception – this condition does not apply in Pro-am events

4. Pace of Play - Rule 5.6b In the absence of mitigating circumstances, a group is liable to be timed if it is in excess of the time allowed and in the case of second or subsequent groups, out of position. From the commencement of timing, if any player exceeds 50 seconds on a 'first to play' approach shot (including par 3 tee shot), chip or putt or 40 seconds if it is a tee shot or 'second or third to play' shot, he is deemed to have had a 'bad time' The time allowed for the round will be determined by the Chief Referee and posted on the notice board. Out of position is defined as being more than the starting interval behind the group in front. A player whose group is timed will have a bad time carried forward in the round even if the group subsequently arrives back in position or within time Penalty for Breach of Condition One bad time – verbal warning Two bad times – 1 stroke penalty Three bad times – 2 stroke penalty and £200 fine Four bad times - D/Q and £200 fine

Notes:

a. Players will be advised that they are being timed b. Timings will be taken from the moment it is deemed by the official that it is the players turn to play c. An individual player may be timed instead of the entire group

5. Suspension of Play Due to Dangerous Situation (Rule 5-7) Players should stop play immediately on one prolonged note of the horn and seek shelter, balls should be marked. Play may only be resumed following two short blasts of the horn. Suspension of play for any other reason will be

signalled by three blasts of the horn and players may decide to stop immediately or complete the hole in progress, resumption of play is two blasts.

6. Practice (Rule 5] applies in Stroke play events No practice is allowed on or near the putting green of the hole last played.

7. Practice Between Rounds (Note to Rule 5.2) Practice is permitted on a course yet to be played between rounds of a competition

8. Transportation (Model rule G-6) Players must walk at all times. Exception when permitted to ride by the Rules Committee

9. Deciding Ties: in the event of a tie for first place there will be a hole-by-hole play-off to determine the winner

10. Official Recording Area: a scorecard will be deemed returned when a player has completely left the recording area

11. Result of the Competition – a competition is deemed finalised and closed when the result is posted on the noticeboard and when the competition winner officially announced by the tournament committee

Section B - Local Rules

1. Out of Bounds (Rule 18.2) Beyond any wall, fence or white stakes defining the boundary of the course

a. Where out of bounds is defined by white stakes or fence posts (excluding angled supports) the line joining the nearest inside points at ground level of such stakes or posts defines the boundary. A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies on or over such line

b. Where any continuing or adjoining white line is in existence it defines the boundary. A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies on or over such line

c. A ball which has been played and crosses a an out of bounds fence, road or a boundary and comes to rest on a part of the course that is in bounds, is deemed to be out of bounds

2. Penalty areas (Rule 17) Note: Drop Zones Where there are dropping zones for a penalty area, a ball may be dropped in the dropping zone nearest to where the original ball last crossed the margin, under penalty of one stroke. The DZ is relief area under rule 14.3 where a ball must be dropped and come to rest in the designated DZ area itself

3. Abnormal course conditions (Rule 16-1) a] Ground Under Repair

(1) All areas bounded by white lines including spectator crossing points where marked (2) Seams of cut turf: Model Local rule F-7 is in effect.

(3) French drains (stone filled drainage ditches)

(4) For holes left by movable obstructions in parts of the general area cut to fairway height or less, free relief is available for the lie of ball or area of intended swing, but there is no relief for interference to the stance.

b] Immovable Obstructions

1. White lined areas adjoining any areas defined as immovable obstructions are to be regarded as part of the obstruction 2. Decorative landscaped areas (flower beds / shrubberies) surrounded by an obstruction are part of that obstruction 3. Mats that are secured and all ramps that are covering cables are immovable obstructions 4. Roads or paths surfaced with woodchip or mulch – individual pieces of this material are loose impediments 5. Non-permanent bridges erected for players or spectators are immovable obstructions

c] Temporary Water

If a player's ball lies on the putting green and there is interference by temporary water the player may take relief under rule 16.1d or have his line of play squeegeed

Any Squeegee activity should be done across the line of play, must extend a reasonable distance beyond the hole (1 club length) and may only be carried out by authorised tournament personnel.

4. Immoveable Obstructions close to putting greens

Model local rule F5 is in effect but is modified as follows; a ball in the general area, relief is obtainable when both the ball and the immoveable obstruction lie in an area cut to fairway height or less

5. Integral Objects

a. Bunker liners in their intended position.

b. Wires, cables or other objects when closely attached to trees or other permanent objects. c. Artificial retaining walls and pilings when located within penalty areas.

d. Floating sponsor display signs when in penalty areas (no line of sight relief allowed) Wires or cables anchoring them are temporary cables

e. Any closed gate attached to a boundary object. 6. Permanent overhead power lines

Model local rule E11 is in effect but only for a ball that strikes a power line located inbounds and not a supporting pole or object (stroke is cancelled and must be replayed without penalty)

7. Temporary immoveable obstructions (TIO) Model local rules F22 and F23 are in effect

A. Dropping zone policy: In the general area when a player's ball lies in or on a TIO or so close to the TIO it interferes with the stance or area of intended swing and relief is required, the player may : proceed under any of the options the TIO local rule or rule 16.1 or if dropping zones have been marked, the player may drop the original ball or another ball without penalty in the nearest DZ. This is true even if it is nearer the hole

The dropping zone is a relief area under 14.3, where a ball must be dropped in or come to rest in the DZ itself

8. Movable Obstructions Definitions – examples are but not limited to; free standing advertising hoardings and boards, drink dispensers, cameras, microphones, free standing scoreboards

9. Embedded Ball – Model local rule F-2 is in effect - Note: exceptions apply, including the following additional exception: a player may not take relief if the ball is embedded in the face of a bunker that consists of stacked turf

10. Protection of young trees or regeneration areas: [No play zones – model local rule E10] may be identified by stakes, wire stays and or cages

11. Turf plugs on Putting Green: on any putting green - turf plugs of any size have the same status as old hole plugs and may be repaired

12. Model local rule E12 is in effect - When taking Back-On-the-Line relief, there is no additional penalty if a player plays a ball that was dropped in the relief area required by the relevant Rule (Rule 16.1c(2), 17.1d(2), 19.2b or 19.3b) but came to rest outside the relief area, so long as the ball, when played, is within one club-length of where it first touched the ground when dropped

13. Distance Measuring Devices /DMD's are permitted – they may not be set to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect play such as elevation or slope. Penalty for improper use - DQ

14. Model local rule G-9 is in effect - if a players club is 'significantly damaged' during a round by the player or caddie, except in cases of abuse, the player may replace the club with any club under rule 4.1 c [1] however a cracked clubface does not constitute 'significantly damaged'

Additional rules and safety - 'Covid19 rules '

Rules and regulations pertaining to health and safety including Covid 19 rules and best practice with various government advice, will be directly relayed to players and enforced on site.

The following 'Winter Rules' may be in effect when notified:

1. Lift, Clean and Place: applies on closely mown areas only, cut to fairway height or less, the ball must be marked before lifting. The ball may be cleaned and placed no nearer the hole within six inches of its original position 2. Aeration Holes: Relief without penalty is available for lie of the ball only. Through the green the ball must be placed - at the nearest point of relief, no nearer the hole.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULES: Stroke Play – Two Strokes (unless otherwise stated)