

# 2022 LPGA RULES OF PLAY

Play is governed by the Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and R&A Rules Limited and, where applicable, by the following Local Rules, and Terms of the Competition, subject to changes for particular tournaments by the LPGA Rules Committee. The following Local Rules apply and can be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 2019. Unless otherwise specified, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty.

## SECTION 1- LOCAL RULES

### 1. USE OF SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT:

- DRIVER HEADS:** List of Conforming Driver Heads: Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect. Penalty for Breach – Disqualification.
- GROOVE AND PUNCH MARK SPECIFICATIONS:** Model Local Rule G-2 is in effect. Penalty for Breach – Disqualification.
- GOLF BALLS:** List of Conforming Golf Balls: Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect. Penalty for Breach – Disqualification.
- TRANSPORTATION:** Model Local Rule G-6 is in effect. Rule 4.3a is modified as follows: During a round, a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorized transportation, except when authorized or later approved by the LPGA Rules Committee. A player operating under a stroke and distance penalty is always authorized.
- PROHIBITING CERTAIN TYPES OF SHOES:** Model Local Rule G-7 is in effect. Penalty for breach of Local Rule: First Breach – General Penalty. Second Breach – Disqualification.
- REPLACEMENT OF A CLUB THAT IS BROKEN OR SIGNIFICANTLY DAMAGED:** Model Local Rule G-9 is in effect.
- PROHIBITING CLUBS LONGER THAN 46 INCHES:** Model Local Rule G-10 is in effect. Penalty for Breach – Disqualification.

### 2. OUT OF BOUNDS: Rule 18.2. Defined by course-side points of white stakes, perimeter fence posts/fencing/walls at ground level, course-side edge of roadways and curbs, and white lines tying into any boundary. A ball that crosses any 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.

### 3. PENALTY AREAS: Rule 17. Red penalty areas with an opposite side relief option will be indicated on the applicable “Notice to Players” with Model Local Rule B-2.1. **Note:** When the edge of a red penalty area coincides with the boundary of the course, Model Local Rule B-2.2 is in effect and amends the first paragraph of Model Local Rule B-2.1.

### 4. BALL PLAYED FROM OUTSIDE RELIEF AREA WHEN TAKING BACK-ON-THE-LINE RELIEF: Model Local Rule E-12 is in effect.

### 5. ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS:

- White-lined areas (except dropping zones), and green-lined areas marked for gallery crosswalks;
- French drains (trenches filled with rocks or stones);
- Newly trenched areas, even if not marked;
- Seams of cut turf, for lie of ball or area of intended swing ONLY. All seams within the area of cut turf are treated as the same seam in taking relief under Rule 16.1b. Model Local Rule F-7 is in effect;
- 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 allowed under Rule 16.1 (for example, yardage, putting green reference dots, driving distance markings, etc.) for lie of ball or area of intended swing ONLY. Model Local Rule F-21.1 is in effect;
- White-lined areas of ground under repair and the roads or paths they tie into are treated as a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1. Model Local Rule F-3.1 is in effect.
- Damage, including the hole, made by a movable obstruction (microphones, stakes, signs, tripods, tables, chairs, etc.) may be treated as ground under repair by the Committee (but no relief for stance).

### 6. INTEGRAL OBJECTS:

- Retaining walls and pilings when located within penalty areas;
- Tree wrappings, electrical wires, cables, television equipment, antennae and lightning rods when closely attached to trees;
- Gates attached to objects defining out of bounds.
- Bunker liners. **Note:** An exposed liner may be treated as GUR by the Committee (but no relief for stance).
- Sponsor displays located within penalty areas. Lines or cables anchoring them are temporary immovable obstructions.

### 7. TEMPORARY WATER ON PUTTING GREEN: Model Local Rule J-2 is in effect. If temporary water exists on the putting green the Committee may:

- Squeegee the putting green until the players are near the putting green; or,
- Squeegee the line of play when the player's ball lies on the green; or,
- Allow the player to proceed under Rule 16.1d; or,
- Any combination of a, b and c above.

### 8. IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO THE PUTTING GREEN: Model Local Rule F-5 is in effect and 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.

### 9. LIMITING WHEN STROKE MADE FROM PUTTING GREEN MUST BE REPLAYED: Model Local Rule D-7 is in effect and modifies Exception 2 to Rule 11.1b.

### 10. TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS: Model Local Rule F-23 is in effect. Either side relief for line of sight interference ONLY: Either side relief is available for all TIOs, unless specified on the “Notice to Players”. If the player has line of sight interference and is entitled to relief, the player may take relief on the other side of the TIO in accordance with e(2) of the Model Local Rule F-23. Taking relief on the other side is not allowed if the player is taking relief from physical interference only using the procedures in Rule 16.1.

### 11. TEMPORARY POWER LINES AND CABLES: Model Local Rule F-22 is in effect.

### 12. STOPPING PLAY AND RESUMING PLAY: Rule 5.7, as modified by Model Local Rule J-1.

- METHODS FOR STOPPING AND RESUMING PLAY:** An **immediate suspension for a dangerous situation** will be signaled by **one prolonged siren or horn blast**. All other types of suspension will be signaled by several, intermittent horn blasts. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short horn blasts. Penalty for breach – **Disqualification**.
- PRACTICE AREAS DURING SUSPENSION:** During a suspension for a dangerous situation, all practice areas will be closed until the Rules Committee has declared them open for use. During other suspensions, practice is permitted on designated practice areas ONLY. Refer to the LPGA Tournament and Player Regulations.

### 13. PRACTICE BEFORE OR BETWEEN ROUNDS, OR AT PUTTING GREEN OF HOLE JUST COMPLETED PROHIBITED:

- Before or Between Rounds in Stroke Play: Model Local Rule I-1.2 is in effect. A player may practice on the designated practice areas. Rule 5.2b is modified as follows. Players must not practice on the competition course before or between rounds.
- Practice Between Two Holes: Model Local Rule I-2 is in effect. Rule 5.5b is modified as follows: Between two holes, a player must not: i) make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole just completed, or ii) test the surface of that putting green by rubbing the putting green or rolling a ball.

### 14. PACE OF PLAY: Rule 5.6b, Prompt Pace of Play as modified by Model Local Rule K-2 and further by the LPGA Pace of Play Policy, which is posted at all tournaments.

### 15. DEFINING EDGES OF PUTTING GREENS/AREAS CUT TO FAIRWAY HEIGHT OR LESS/BUNKERS: If necessary, green or blue paint will be used. The line is considered on the putting green, on the area cut to fairway height or less, or in the bunker.

## SECTION 2- TERMS OF COMPETITION

### 16. TIME OF STARTING: A player is at her starting point when she is within the roped/painted area of her starting tee, including the starter's tent. When both paint and ropes are present, paint defines the starting area.

- 17. RETURNING SCORECARD:** Rule 3.3b. A player has returned her scorecard to the Committee when she completely leaves the roped/painted area of the scoring tent or leaves the scoring trailer, unless otherwise specified on the LPGA “Notice to Players”. When both paint and ropes are present, paint defines the scoring area.
- 18. WHEN COMPETITION IS FINAL:** An LPGA competition is final when it has been electronically closed by the Rules Committee on the tournament software program.

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