

LOCAL RULES AND TERMS OF THE COMPETITION FOR 2020 GOLF ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA TOURNAMENTS

The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and The R&A govern play. These Local Rules and Terms of Competition are in effect at all GAP championships and qualifying rounds. See applicable Championship or qualifying round Notice to Competitors/Players and Entry Application for modifications or additions to these Local Rules and Terms of Competition. Complete text of Rules and Local Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 2019.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty.

LOCAL RULES

OUT OF BOUNDS - Defined by the course - side points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts.

ALTERNATIVE TO STROKE AND DISTANCE FOR LOST BALL OR BALL OUT OF BOUNDS: The Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect for the for ONLY the following events: Warner Cup Net, Chapman Cup Net, Tee it Forward Spring and Fall Net Championships, Caddie Tournament, Volunteers Day and all Member Play Days. All other events will NOT use this Local Rule. Model Local Rule E-5.

PENALTY AREAS - When a penalty area is defined on only one side, it extends to infinity. When a penalty area is connected to out-of-bounds, the penalty area extends to and coincides with out of bounds.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR - Defined by white lines. French drains are ground under repair. For grass-covered trenching, see Temporary Lines and Cables.

Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage, including areas where spectators or other traffic has combined with wet conditions to affect materially the ground surface, but only when so declared by an authorized member of the Committee. When immediately adjacent to an immovable obstruction, such an area is part of the obstruction.

RELIEF FROM SEAMS OF CUT TURF - The Local Rule as prescribed in prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-7.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS – Include plastic bumpers on roads and paths, and mats secured to the ground with spikes when the bumpers or mats cover cables.

WHITE LINED AREAS TYING INTO ARTIFICIALLY SURFACED ROADS AND PATHS – White lined areas of ground under repair and the artificially surfaced roads, paths or other identified obstructions that they are connected to are a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1

WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH - Are loose impediments.

INTEGRAL OBJECTS – Include cables, rods, wires and wrappings when closely attached to trees, and artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas and bunkers, and bunker liners.

An exposed bunker liner may be treated as ground under repair, but interference does not exist if the liner interferes only with the players stance.

TEMPORARY LINES AND CABLES – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-22.

TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS - Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-23.

LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-1.

LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-3.

BROKEN OR SIGNIFICANTLY DAMAGED CLUB – Local Rule as prescribed in the Clarifications to the 2019 Rules of Golf is in effect. Model Local Rule G-9.

BACK-ON-THE-LINE RELIEF – Local Rule as prescribed in the Clarifications to the 2019 Rules of Golf is in effect. Model Local Rule E-12.

PACE OF PLAY – See separate memorandum to players for pace of play policy.

STOPPING AND RESUMING PLAY – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule J-1.

All practice areas are closed during an immediate suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to cease doing so; failure to stop practicing may result in disqualification.

An immediate suspension will be signaled by one prolonged air horn note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive airhorn notes, repeated. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short airhorn notes.

PRACTICE – In only the BMW Amateur, Mid-Amateur, Patterson Cup, Open Championship and Junior Boys Championship. Prior to and after a round in stroke play, a player may practise on any designated practise areas that are part of the course. Rule 5.2 a covering practise in match play is modified in this way: A player must not practise on the competition course before or between rounds. Rule 5.2b covering practise in stroke play is modified in this way: A player may not practise on the competition course before or between rounds. Penalty for breach of Local Rules, See Rule 5.2. Model Local Rule I-1.1 and Model Local Rule I-1.2.

PROHIBITING USE OF MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION - In the BMW Philadelphia Amateur Championship, Open Championship, Joseph H. Patterson Cup and the following Junior events - Christman Cup; Junior Boys' Championship; Jr.-Jr. Boys' Championship; Francis X. Hussey Memorial; Jock MacKenzie Memorial - players shall walk at all times during a stipulated round. Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-6.

WHEN THE 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 considered to be final when the Committee has approved the result as posted on the public scoreboard.

2020 GOLF ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA TOURNAMENT POLICIES

ADMINISTRATION FEE

A \$20 administration fee will be charged for withdrawal prior to entry deadline.

CANCELLATIONS AND POSTPONEMENTS

Tournaments will not be cancelled or postponed unless a course is deemed unplayable by the Member Club, a GAP Tournament Committee Member or an authorized official.

CELLULAR PHONES

All players/caddies are advised that the use of cellular/Smart phones for phone calls/emails/texts/messaging on the course is permitted as long as it is done so within the confines of Rule 4.3 and if the host facility allows those devices to be used. All players are expected to keep their phones in silent mode while on the course. If a player consistently disregards his fellow competitors or opponent to their detriment, the Committee will take appropriate disciplinary action. Such action may, for example, include prohibiting play for a limited time or in a certain number of competitions. In the case of serious breach misconduct, the Committee may disqualify a player under Rule 1.2. There could be a penalty for undue delay (Rule 5.6). Golf is considered a gentleman's game and each player is expected to adhere to the highest standards of conduct on the course.

DRESS CODE

Male Golfers - Required to observe good taste and dress appropriately for the golf course. Items of clothing such as cargo pants and shorts (baggy clothing with large pockets in the knee area), blue jeans, short-shorts (bottom of shorts may be not higher than two inches from the top of the knee), tank tops, etc. are considered inappropriate. Anyone attired in such a manner will not be allowed to participate in an Association event.

Female Golfers - Appropriate Attire: Bermuda shorts, skirts, Capri pants, slacks and skorts. Length of shorts, skirts and skorts may be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee. Sleeveless shirts must have a collar, or a collarless shirt must have sleeves. Inappropriate Attire: denim, tee shirts or tank tops, gym shorts, sweat pants, cargo shorts. Anyone attired in such a manner will not be allowed to participate in an Association event.

ETIQUETTE

The Committee may take disciplinary action against player(s) who disregard etiquette to the detriment of other players. Such action may, for example, include prohibiting play for a certain number of competitions. This is considered to be justifiable in terms of protecting the interest of the majority of golfers who wish to play in accordance with the guidelines of the Rules of Golf.

In the case of a serious breach of Etiquette, the Committee may disqualify a player under Rule 1.2.

FAILURE TO RETURN A SCORECARD

Any player who fails to return a scorecard to the scoreboard official or who withdraws during play without notifying an official and personally surrendering his scorecard to that official will be suspended from play in all GAP tournaments for one year.

NO SHOW

If unable to meet the assigned time you must notify the Golf Office by phone at 610-687-2340, ext. 14. If withdrawal is on the day of the event, call Kirby Martin, Director of Competitions, at 267-421-9432, or contact via email at kmartin@gapgolf.org. Those players who fail to appear for their assigned time without notifying GAP will be suspended from playing in all GAP tournaments for one year.

KNUTH TOURNAMENT HANDICAP SYSTEM

The GAP will utilize the Knuth Tournament Handicap System for the following events when the field size is 50 players or more: Chapman Cup - Net; "Tee it Forward" - Fall/Spring Net Championships; Father-Son (Middle); Father-Son (Older); Four-Ball Stroke Play Championship, Four-Man Team; Pro.-Pres., Golf & Green; Senior Four-Man Team; Senior Four-Ball Stroke Play Championship; Volunteers Day; Warner Cup - Net and all Winter Series events.

CART FEE REFUNDS

Refunds for the cart fee portion of the entry fee will be issued only for a withdrawal occurring 14 days prior to the event.

SPECTATOR CARTS

In order to protect the players and the courses on which the Association host and its events, the use of spectator golf carts in any event is prohibited.

TEE TIMES

Assignment of starting times will be made according to preference. In the event this can't be equitably arranged, priority will be determined on a first-come, first-serve basis. In the event that the number of entries can't facilitate an afternoon wave of starting times, all players will receive a morning starting time.