2022 CAROLINAS PGA Local Rules and Terms of the Competition

The Rules of Golf govern play, except as modified below by the Carolinas 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.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is:
Match Play – Loss of Hole Stroke Play – Two Strokes

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. Committee Procedures 8A-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 encircled 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.
   b. Relief on Opposite Side of Red Penalty Areas:
      Red penalty areas with an opposite side relief option will be indicated on the applicable "Notice to Players". 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 modifies the first paragraph of Model Local Rule B-2.1.

3. **Back-On-The-Line Relief** – Model Local Rule E-12 is in effect. This applies in the application of Rules 16.1c(2), 17.1d(2), 19.2b, 19.3b.

4. **Abnormal Course Conditions (including Immovable Obstructions)** – Rule 16.1.
   a. Ground Under Repair to include:
      i. Areas completely encircled with white lines.
      ii. French drains (drainage ditch filled with stones) which may or may not be covered with turf.
      iii. Aeration holes in general area or on putting green – Model Local Rule E-4 is in effect.
      iv. Seams of cut turf – Model Local Rule F-7 is in effect.
      v. Edging grooves near putting greens – Model Local Rule F-19 is in effect.
      vi. 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 that same obstruction. Model Local Rule F-3.1
      ii. When landscaped or 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. Model Local Rule F-3.3
      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 an obstruction, they are treated as that same obstruction.
      v. Where the non-course side edge of a road or path defines out of bounds, the road or path is an obstruction.
   c. Removal of Temporary Water:
      Model Local Rule J-2 is in effect. If a ball lies on the putting green and there is interference by temporary water on the putting green, the Committee may:
      i. Require the player to proceed under Rule 16.1.
      ii. Squeegee the line of play.
      iii. Squeegee the putting green until the players are near the putting green.
      iv. In extreme cases, any combination of i, ii, & iii and as otherwise directed by the Committee.

5. **Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Greens**
   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. The obstruction must be, i) within two club-lengths of the putting green, ii) on the player's line of play, and iii) the ball must be within two club-lengths of the obstruction.

6. **Temporary Immovable Obstructions (TIO's)**
   Model Local Rule F-23. Includes tents, signs and other temporary immovable obstructions installed for the competition.

7. **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.

8. **Integral Objects**
   a. Bunker Liners – The Committee treats 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, poles or antennas when closely attached to trees or objects defining out of bounds.
   c. Artificial retaining walls and/or pilings when located within penalty areas.
   d. Gates attached to objects defining out of bounds.

9. **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.

10. **Specifications of Clubs and the Ball**
    a. Replacing Club that is Broken or Significantly Damaged – Model Local Rule G-9 is in effect.
    b. 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.
    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.

11. **Pace of Play** – Rule 5.6b (3).
    See posted CPGA Pace of Play Guidelines for pace of play and penalties.

12. **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.

13. **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.

TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

14. **Deciding Ties**
    In the event of a tie for first place, unless otherwise specified, a hole-by-hole stroke play play-off will determine the winner immediately following the last round.

15. **Scorecard Returned**
    A player's scorecard has been returned to the Committee when the player has exited the defined scoring area with both feet. Prior to returning the scorecard, a player that needs to leave the scoring area must inform the Committee of his/her intention to leave and immediately return.

16. **When Result of Competition is Final**
    The competition is final when all scores have been approved by the Committee. In the event of a play-off, the competition is final when the play-off scores have been approved by the Committee.

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

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