

## TOURNAMENT RULES HARD CARD JANUARY 2019

“In the event of a dispute arising as to the meaning of any Rule of Golf, Conditions of Competition or Local Rules, the Rule shall be interpreted according to the English Edition of the Rules of Golf Effective January 2019 and the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf Effective January 2019.”

### SECTION A – CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

#### 1. Pace of Play (Rule 5.6b(3))

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 the second or subsequent groups, out of position. From the commencement of timing, if any player exceeds 50 seconds on a “first to play shot”, or 40 seconds if it is a “second or third to play shot”, she is deemed to have had a “bad time.”

The time allowed will be determined by the Tournament Director and will be published on the official 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 from official
Two bad times	-	One stroke penalty and Rs.1000/- fine
Three bad times	-	Two stroke penalty and Rs.2000/- fine
Four bad times	-	Disqualification and Rs.5000/- fine

- Notes: 1) Players will **NOT** be advised that they are being timed.  
2) Timings will be taken from the moment it is deemed by the Official that it is the players turn to play  
3) In some circumstances, an individual player or two players within a group of three may be timed instead of the entire group.

#### 2. Specifications of Clubs and the Ball

##### a) List of Conforming Driving Heads – Model Local Rule G-1

Any driver the player uses to make a stroke must have a clubhead,

identified by model and loft, which is on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the R&A.

**Penalty for Making a Stroke with Club in Breach of this Local Rule: Disqualification**

*There is no penalty under this Local Rule for carrying but not making a stroke with a driver that is not on the List of Conforming Driver Heads.*

**b) Groove and Punch Mark Specifications – (Model Local Rule G-2)**

In making a stroke, the player must use clubs that conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Equipment Rules that took effect on 1 January 2010.

**Penalty for making a stroke in breach of this local rule: Disqualification**

*There is no penalty under this Local Rule for carrying but not making a stroke with a club which does not conform to these groove and punch mark specifications.*

**c) Specification of the Ball (Rule 4.2)**

i) List of Conforming Golf Balls – Model Local Rule G-3  
A ball used in making a stroke must be on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by The R&A. Penalty for Breach: Disqualification

ii) One Ball Condition – Model Local Rule G-4 applies  
*Exception: This condition does not apply to Professional or Amateur players in any pre-tournament Pro-Am or Approved One-Day event or Amateurs partnering professional players in a major Pro-Am tournament.*

**3. Time of Starting - Rule 5.3a**

**4. Transportation – (Model Local Rule G-6)**

During a round, a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorized transportation **except** as authorized or later approved by the Committee.

**5. Suspension of Play Due to a Dangerous Situation (Rule 5.7b)**

**Note:** All practice areas shall be closed during a suspension of play for a dangerous situation until the Tournament Director has declared them open. Players who disregard such closing shall be subject to disciplinary action.

**6. Practice Between Holes (Model Local Rule I-2 applies)**

(This condition does not apply to pre-tournament Pro-Am(s))

**7. Use of Distance-Measuring Devices - Prohibited**

Rule 4.3a(1) is modified in this way: During a round, a player must not

obtain distance information by using an electronic distance-measuring device.

This condition does not apply to pre-tournament Pro-Am(s).

## **8. Draws**

As per WGAI R&R Section-10 (a)

## **9. How to Decide Ties**

In the event of a tie for first place, there will be a play-off to determine the winner on a hole determined by the Tournament Committee.

## **10. Results of Competition- Competition Closed**

The results of a HWPGT event will be deemed to have been officially announced when the final results sheet is placed on the official Notice Board.

## **11. Scoring Area, Scorecard Returned**

The scoring area may include but is not limited to temporary buildings, tents or permanent rooms. Others may be defined on the official notice board. A scorecard will be deemed returned when a player has completely left the scoring area.

## **12. Anti-Doping**

Player must not make use of any drug to enhance performance. Should a player show evidence of use of drug for non-therapeutic purpose, the appointed official may require the player to undergo a drug test. Breach: WGAI R&R Section-12 Major Penalty (b).

## **SECTION B – LOCAL RULES**

The following Local Rules, together with any additions or amendments as published by the tournament committee at each venue, will apply until further notice to all HWPGT events.

### **1. Out of Bounds (Rule27)**

On or beyond any fence, wall or white stakes defining the boundary of the course.

#### **Notes:**

- 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 if all of it lies on or over such line.

- c) A ball which 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.

## 2. **Dropping Zones**

*Where there are dropping zones for a relief situation, a ball may be dropped in the dropping zone nearest to the reference point under the applicable rule.* When a player is using a dropping zone, the relief area is defined by that dropping zone and the ball must be dropped in and come to rest in the dropping zone. If the dropping zone is defined by a line on the ground, the line is inside the dropping zone.

## 3. **Integral Objects (No Relief)**

- a) Wires, cables, wrapping or other objects where they are closely attached to trees or other permanent objects.
- b) Concrete bases of boundary fence posts
- c) Pipes, cables or other objects attached to boundary walls/fences
- d) Embedded rocks, tree basins
- e) Retaining artificial walls and pilings when located within penalty areas.

## 4. **Abnormal Course Conditions (incl. immovable obstructions) (Rule 16.1)**

- a) White lined areas adjoining any areas defined as Ground Under Repair or areas defined as immovable obstructions are to be regarded as a part of a single abnormal course condition.
- b) Decorative landscaped areas (flowerbeds/shrubberies and the like) surrounded by an obstruction are part of that obstruction.
- c) Secured mats and plastic cable ramps covering cables are immovable obstructions.
- d) Non-permanent bridges erected for players or spectators are immovable obstructions.
- e) All areas bounded by white lines including spectator crossing points where bounded by white lines.
- f) Grass covered cable trenches.
- g) *Seams of cut turf* (Model Local Rule F-7 applies. Relief denied for stance). All seams within the area of cut turf are treated as the same seam in taking relief.
- h) *Drainage Channels* adjacent to, on and parallel to golf cart paths

should be treated as one obstruction.

- i) *Ant Hills*: Large or hard ant-hills on the course are, at the player's option, loose impediments that may be removed under Rule 15.1 or ground under repair from which relief is allowed under Rule 16.1.
- j) *Relief denied for Stance*: Relief will be denied for interference to stance from a hole, cast or runway made by an animal.
- k) Relief is available for lie of ball or area of intended swing from any painted yardage spot situated in any *closely mown area* through the green.  
**Note**: this does not include painted distances on long driving holes

## 5. Permanent Elevated Cables.

If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit an elevated power line or cable, the stroke does not count. The player **must** play the ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made (Rule 14.6).

## 6. On course units used for lighting

If a ball strikes on course unit for lighting, including power supply boxes and high-power electric towers, the ball must be played as it lies. If the ball is lost, Rule 18.2 applies.

## 7. Temporary Immovable Obstructions

The entire text of model local rule F-23 applies

## 8. Temporary Fencing for Crowd Control

Wooden and metal fencing (except single units) erected for crowd control will be treated as an immovable obstruction. When the ball lies inside the fencing Rule 16.1 will apply. When the ball lies outside the fencing in the general area and within four club-lengths of it, and providing that the fencing intervenes between the player's ball and the hole, or the ball lies within one club-length of a spot where such intervention would exist, the ball may be lifted and dropped, without penalty, inside the fencing under Rule 16.1 and "the point on the course nearest to where the ball lies" under that Rule shall be the nearest point inside the fencing which (a) is not nearer the hole than the ball's original position, (b) avoids interference as defined in Rule 16.1, and (c) is in the general area. The ball may be cleaned when so lifted.

### Exceptions

- Single units of metal fencing are movable obstructions; Rule 15.1 applies.
- The player may not obtain relief under this local rule if (a) interference by anything other than the metal fencing makes the stroke clearly impracticable or (b) interference by the metal fencing would occur only through the use of a clearly unreasonable stroke or an unnecessary abnormal stance, swing or direction of play.

## PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULES

### **STROKE PLAY – Two Strokes**