

TOURNAMENT RULES HARD CARD JANUARY 2022

“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 tournament 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.1000.00 fine
Three bad times	-	Two stroke penalty and Rs.2000.00 fine
Four bad times	-	Disqualification and Rs.5000.00 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 Rules Official that it is the players turn to play.
3) If deemed necessary by the Rules Official, an individual player or two players within a group of three may be timed instead of the entire group.

Tracking Penalty: In addition to the above, the tour shall maintain a record for each round when a player is timed or 'put on the clock' during a season. While monitoring by itself will not lead to any golfing penalty such as loss of stroke(s), it will attract fines as per the following table:

Up to 4 rounds in a season	- No fine
5th round	- Rs.5000.00
6th round	- Rs.7500.00
7th round	- Rs.10000.00 and suspension from Tour for remainder of season

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 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 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 Rounds (Model Local Rule I-1.1 applies)

Rule 5.2b is modified in this way:

A player must not practice on the competition course before or between rounds.

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

Rule 5.5b is modified in this way:

Between the play of 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

Penalty of Breach of Local rule: General Penalty

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

8. 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.

Penalty for Breach of Local Rule – See Rule 4.3

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

9. Use of Electronic Devices - Prohibited

Use of electronic devices including mobile phones is prohibited.

Utilization of any function/application of an electronic device designed for voice calls or for any other purpose, including audible notifications from such applications (including ringing of a mobile phone) is prohibited. Use of electronic devices to store/use putting green maps or any other similar materials is prohibited.

Note: This restriction also applies to the player's caddie.

Exception 1: Use of a phone to call tournament officials or club services approved by the committee.

Exception 2: The act of switching the phone on/off, whether or not intentional.

Penalty for Breach of Local Rule – See Rule 4.3

10. Limitation on Using Green Reading Materials (Interpretation 4.3a/1)

The player is allowed to use a putting green map or other putting green information, except that:

- i) Any image of a putting green must be limited to a scale of 3/8 inch to 5 yards (1:480) or smaller (the "scale limit");
- ii) Any book or other paper containing a map or image of a putting green must not be larger than 4 1/4 inches x 7 inches (the "size limit"), although a "hole location sheet" that displays 9 or more holes on a single sheet of paper may be larger, provided that any image of a single putting green meets the scale limit;

- iii) No magnification of putting green information is allowed other than a player's normal wearing of prescription glasses or lenses;
- iv) Hand drawn or written information about a putting green is only allowed if contained in a book or paper meeting the size limit and written by the player and/or her caddie.

11. Draws

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

12. 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.

13. Results of Competition - Competition Closed

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

14. 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.

15. 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 HWPGE events.

1. Out of Bounds (Rule 27)

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. Penalty Areas

(a) Opposite Side Same Distance Relief for Red Penalty Areas (Model Local Rule B-2.1)

Model Local Rule B-2.1 is applicable for a tournament only if the additional local rules for that tournament list out which (if any) red penalty areas have this option and is limited to those areas that are listed.

If no such red penalty areas are listed, this local rule does not apply to any red penalty area.

(b) Opposite Side Relief Where Ball Last Crossed Edge of Penalty Area Where the Edge and the Boundary of the Course Coincide (Model Local Rule B-2.2)

When a player's ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area where the edge of the penalty area and a boundary of the course coincide, that edge is deemed red and opposite side relief is available under model local rule B-2.1.

3. 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. Such a dropping zone is available as an additional option unless specifically mentioned otherwise.

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.

4. 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

5. 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 a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less. Relief denied for Stance.
Note: this does not include painted distances on long driving holes.

6. Limited Relief for Embedded Ball (Model Local Rule F-2.2)

Rule 16.3 is modified this way:

Free relief is not allowed when a ball is embedded in stacked turf surfaces above bunkers.

7. Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Greens (Model Local Rule F-5)

Model Local Rule F-5 is in effect but 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. This includes an obstruction that is on the putting green.

8. Replacement of Club that is Broken or Significantly Damaged (Model Local Rule G-9)

Rule 4.1b(3) is modified in this way:

If a player's club is "broken or significantly damaged" during the round by the player or caddie, except in cases of abuse, the player may replace the club with any club under Rule 4.1b(4).

When replacing a club, the player must immediately take the broken or significantly damaged club out of play, using the procedure in Rule 4.1c(1).

For the purposes of this Local Rule:

A club is “broken or significantly damaged” when:

- i) the shaft breaks into pieces, splinters or is bent (but not when the shaft is only dented)
- ii) the club face impact area is visibly deformed (but not when the club face is only scratched)
- iii) the clubhead is visibly and significantly deformed
- iv) the clubhead is detached or loose from the shaft, or
- v) the grip is loose

Exception: A club face or clubhead is not “broken or significantly damaged” solely because it is cracked.

Penalty for Breach of Local Rule– See Rule 4.1b.

9. 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).

10. Limiting When Stroke Made From Putting Green Must Be Replayed Under Exception 2 to Rule 11.1b (Model Local Rule D-7)

Exception 2 to Rule 11.1b applies, except that when a ball is played from the putting green accidentally hits:

- the player
- the club used by the player to make the stroke or
- an animal defined as a loose impediment (that is, worms, insects and similar animals that can be removed easily)

The stroke counts and the ball must be played as it lies.

Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule:
General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a.

11. Ball Played From Outside the Relief Area When Taking Back-On-The-Line Relief (Model Local Rule E-12)

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.

This exemption from penalty applies even if the ball is played from nearer the hole than the reference point (but not if played from nearer the hole than the spot of the original ball or the estimated point where the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area).

This Local Rule does not change the procedure for taking Back-On-the-Line relief under a relevant Rule. This means that the reference point and relief area are not changed by this Local Rule and that Rule 14.3c(2) can be applied by a player who drops a ball in the right way and it comes to rest outside the relief area, whether this occurs on the first or second drop.

12. 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.

13. Temporary Immovable Obstructions

The entire text of model local rule F-23 applies.

14. 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 -
GENERAL PENALTY, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED**

**GENERAL PENALTY - LOSS OF HOLE IN MATCH PLAY
TWO STROKES IN STROKE PLAY**