



CODE OF CONDUCT – The OGA Code of Conduct is in effect under specific authority of Rule 1.2b. (See separate memorandum for OGA Code of Conduct Policy). The following Penalty structure will apply:

- First Breach – Warning or *Committee* Sanction
- Second Breach – One-stroke Penalty
- Third Breach – General Penalty
- Fourth Breach or Serious Misconduct – Disqualification

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

STOPPING PLAY - Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures 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 stop practicing; failure to stop practicing might result in disqualification.

An immediate suspension will be signaled by one prolonged siren/air horn note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three (3) consecutive siren/airhorn notes. Resumption of play will be signaled by two (2) short siren/airhorn notes.

WHEN 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*.

LOCAL RULES AND TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

Play is governed by the Rules of Golf effective January 2019, and where applicable, by the following Local Rules and Terms of the Competition.

See entry application for additional conditions.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is:
The General Penalty

Complete Text of Rules may be found in the current Rules of Golf.

OUT OF BOUNDS AND COURSE

BOUNDARIES- *Out of Bounds* is defined by the line between the *course*-side points at ground level of white stakes and fence posts. **Note:** A ball which crosses a public 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.

PENALTY AREAS – *Penalty Areas* that are marked with yellow stakes and/or yellow lines give the player two relief options. *Penalty Areas* that are marked with red stakes and/or red lines give the player an extra lateral relief option. When both stakes and lines are used, stakes identify the *Penalty Area* and the lines define the edge. When a *Penalty Area* is defined on only one side, it extends to infinity. When a *Penalty Area* is connected to the *Out of Bounds* edge, the penalty area extends to and coincides with *Out of Bounds*.

ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS AND INTEGRAL OBJECTS

a. Ground Under Repair:

- i) Any area **encircled by a white line**.
- ii) French drains, which are trenches filled with rocks or stones.
- iii) May include areas of unusual damage but only when so declared by an authorized member of the committee. When immediately adjacent to an immovable obstruction, such area is part of that obstruction.
- iv) Relief from seams of cut turf – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

Model Local Rule F-7

b. Immovable Obstructions:

- i) Asphalt and artificially surfaced roads and paths. White lined areas of *ground under repair* tying into such roads or paths are treated as a single *abnormal course condition* when taking relief under rule 16.1

- ii) Railroad ties, curbing or other similar artificial edges adjoining cart paths are part of the same *obstruction*.

c. Integral Objects (Free relief not allowed):

- i) Artificial retaining walls and/or pilings when located in *Penalty Areas*
- ii) Wires, cables, wrappings, signs and lightning rods closely attached to either trees or objects defining *Out of Bounds*.
- iii) Bunker liners in their intended position.
- iv) All gates that are for the purpose of getting through boundary walls and fences are *Integral Objects*.

MULCHED OR GRAVEL PATHWAYS -

Mulched or gravel pathways are *Immovable Obstructions*. Individual pieces of mulch or gravel are *Loose Impediments*. Elsewhere, when used other than on pathways, mulch and gravel are *Loose Impediments*.

PROTECTION OF YOUNG TREES - Young trees identified by closely attached wires and stakes, cables and wrappings are *No Play Zones*.

- d. If a player's ball lies anywhere on the course other than in a *Penalty Area* and it lies on or touches such a tree or such a tree interferes with the player's *stance* or area of intended swing, the play must take relief under Rule 16.1f.
- e. If the ball lies in a *Penalty Area*, and interference to the player's *stance* or area of intended swing exists from such a tree, the player **must** take relief either with penalty under Rule 17.1e or with free relief under Rule 17.1e(2).

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.