



NORDIC GOLF LEAGUE

Local Rules and Conditions of Competition

The following Local Rules and Conditions of Competition have been formulated after consultation with the Rules of Golf Committees of the Nordic Federations. In the event of a dispute arising as to the meaning of any Rule of Golf, Nordic Golf League Local Rules or Conditions of Competition, the Rule will be interpreted according to the English Edition of the Rules of Golf or Nordic Golf League Local Rules and Conditions of Competition card.

The following listed Local Rules and Conditions of Competition apply to all Nordic Golf League events. For the full text of the Local Rules and Conditions, please refer to Appendix 1 of the current edition of the Rules of Golf as published by R&A Rules Limited on the Pages indicated.

SECTION A – LOCAL RULES

The following Local Rules, together with any additions or amendments as published by the tournament committee at each tournament, will apply until further notice to all tournaments under the auspices of the Nordic Golf League.

1. Out of Bounds (Rule 27) – page 116

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

Note:

- 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.
- Where any continuing or adjoining white line is in existence, it defines the boundary. A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies on or over such line.
- 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. Water Hazards Including Lateral Water Hazards (Rule 26) – page 113

Note: Dropping Zones for Water Hazards

Where there are dropping zones for water hazards, a ball may be played under Rule 26, or a ball may be dropped in the dropping zone nearest to where the original ball last crossed the margin of the hazard under penalty of one stroke. When dropping a ball in a dropping zone, the dropped ball must not be redropped if it comes to rest within two club-lengths of the spot where it first struck a part of the course, even though it may finish outside the boundaries of the dropping zone or nearer the hole.

3. Ground Under Repair (Rule 25-1) – page 109

- All areas bounded by white lines including spectator crossing points where bounded by white lines.
- Grass covered cable trenches.
- Seams of Cut Turf - Page 145.
- French drains (stone-filled drainage ditches).

4. Abnormal Ground Conditions – (Rule 25-1 Note)

- Relief will be denied for interference to stance from a hole, cast or runway made by a burrowing animal, a reptile or a bird.

b. 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. Embedded Ball –Relief extended to “through the green” – Page 142.

Additional exception: A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if the ball is embedded in the face of a bunker that consists of stacked turf.

4. Movable Obstructions – Definitions

Examples include but are not limited to, free-standing advertising boards situated away from teeing grounds, drinks dispensers, all cameras and their tripods, TV microphones, free standing radio scoring masts and crossing point indicators.

5. Stones in Bunkers – Page 145-146. Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions.

6. Immovable Obstructions (Rule 24-2)

a. White lined areas adjoining any areas defined as immovable obstructions are to be regarded as part of the obstruction and not GUR.

b. Decorative landscaped areas (flowerbeds/shrubberies and the like) surrounded by an obstruction are part of that obstruction

c. Mats that are secured and plastic cable ramps covering cables are immovable obstructions.

d. Non-permanent bridges erected for players or spectators are immovable obstructions

7. Accidental Movement of a Ball on a Putting Green

Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows:

When a player’s ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1.

This Local Rule applies only when the player’s ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

Note: If it is determined that a player’s ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.

8. Turf Plugs on Putting Green

On any putting green, turf plugs of any size have the same status as old hole plugs and may be repaired under Rule 16 - 1c.

9. Integral Parts of the Course

a. Wires, cables, wrapping or other objects where they are closely attached to trees or other permanent objects.

b. Retaining artificial walls and pilings when located within water hazards.

10. Permanent Elevated Cables

If a ball strikes an elevated power line, telephone line or cable, the stroke is cancelled and the player must play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was played in accordance with Rule 20-5 (Making Next Stroke from Where Previous Stroke Made). If the ball is not immediately recoverable, another ball may be substituted.

Exception: Ball striking elevated junction section of cable rising from the ground is not replayed.

11. Temporary Immovable Obstructions – Definitions

Examples include but are not limited to; Clocks, advertising boards fixed to other temporary immovable obstructions or advertising boards and hole number distance indicators that are situated around teeing grounds.

12. Temporary Immovable Obstructions – Pages 147-151

Note; Through the green, when a player's ball lies in, on or under a temporary immovable obstruction or so close to that obstruction that it interferes with his stance or area of intended swing and relief is required, he may proceed under any of the options available under the Rule, or if dropping zones have been marked, as an additional option, he may drop the ball, without penalty, in the nearest dropping zone.

13. Distance-Measuring Devices

A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc) the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULES

Match Play – Loss of Hole

Stroke Play – Two Strokes

SECTION B – CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

1.(a) List of Conforming Driver Heads – Pages 154-155

Any driver the player carries must have a club head, identified by model and loft, that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by R&A.

Penalty for making a stroke with club in Breach of Condition – Disqualification.

(b) Groove and Punch Mark Specification – (Decision 4-1/1)

The player's clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the rules of golf that are effective from 1 January 2010.

Penalty for making a stroke with club in Breach of Condition – Disqualification.

(c) Specification of the Ball (Note to Rule 5-1)

i. List of Conforming Golf Balls – Page 155-156

ii. One-Ball Condition – Page 156 (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).

2. Pace of Play (Note 2 to Rule 6-7) – Page 158 in "Rules of Golf"

If a player, from the time he reaches his ball, and/or it is possible to play, exceeds 60 seconds to play his shot, he is deemed to have had a "bad time".

Penalty for Breach of Condition during same round:

One bad time — Verbal warning and 20 EUR fine

Two bad times — Verbal warning and 40 EUR fine

Three bad times — One stroke penalty and 60 EUR fine

Four bad times — Two stroke penalty and 80 EUR fine

Five bad times — Disqualification

Notes:

1. Players will **NOT** be advised that they are being timed.

2. There are no mitigating circumstances for exceeding 60 seconds to play a shot, except if the player has a rule situation or is waiting for a Rules Official, waiting for the group in front or waiting for players on holes close by.
3. In some circumstances, an individual player, or two players within a group of three, may be timed instead of the entire group.
4. Any player who has five bad times during the season will be fined 100 EUR and for every additional bad time he will be fined 100 EUR.
5. All bad times will be recorded on the official Pace of Play list on the Nordic Golf League website.

3. Suspension of Play Due to a Dangerous Situation (Note to Rule 6-8b) - Page 158

Discontinue Play Immediately:

One prolonged note of siren

Discontinue Play:

Three consecutive notes of siren, repeated

Resume Play:

Two short notes of siren, repeated

4. Practice Between Holes (Note 2 to Rule 7) - Page 159 (This condition does not apply to pre-tournament Pro-Ams or Match play tournaments.) N.B. This prohibition includes rolling a ball on the putting green of the hole last played.

5. Transportation – Page 159

(Exception; When permitted to ride by The Rules Committee.)

6. Anti-Doping

Players are required to comply with and be bound by the Nordic Golf Leagues Anti-Doping Policy, which can be found in the Nordic Golf League Rules and Regulations.

Note: Players should be aware that, under the Anti-Doping Policy, if a player is found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation, he may face disqualification both from the tournament at which he was tested (or otherwise committed the violation) and from any subsequent tournament in which he participated until provisionally suspended or rendered ineligible under the Policy. Disqualification in such cases includes the loss of all results, points and prize money.

7. How to Decide Ties

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

8. Result of the Competition – Competition Closed

When the final results sheet is placed on the official notice board, the result of the Competition is deemed to have been officially announced.

9. Recording Area, Scorecard returned.

The recording 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 recording area.

Nordic Golf League Executive Committee, April 2018