



## North & South Amateur Championship Local Rules & Conditions of Competition



The Rules of Golf govern play. See North & South Notice to Players for additional Local Rules and Conditions. Complete text of Rules and Model Local Rules may be found in the Rules of Golf effective January, 2019. Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition - Stroke play – Two strokes, Match play – Loss of hole.

**BALL PLAYED FROM OUTSIDE THE RELIEF AREA** – In effect for a ball played from outside the relief area when taking back-on-the-line relief only. (MLR E-12)

**RELIEF FROM SEAMS OF CUT TURF** – If a player's ball is in the general area and the ball lies in or touches a seam of cut turf or a seam interferes with the player's area of intended swing, the player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. But interference does not exist if the seam only interferes with the player's stance. (MLR F-7)

### **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING**

**GREEN** – Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction (IO) may be taken under Rule 16.1. The player also has these extra options to take relief when such (IO) are close to the putting green and on the line of play. The player may take relief if an (IO) is:

- On the line of play
- Within two club-lengths of the putting green
- Within two club-lengths of the ball
- The ball lies in the General Area cut to fairway height or less (MLR F-5)

### **WHITE-LINED AREAS TYING INTO ARTIFICIALLY**

**SURFACED ROADS AND PATHS** – White-lined areas of ground under repair and the artificially surfaced roads, paths or other identified obstructions that they are connected to are a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.

**INTEGRAL OBJECTS** – Include cables, rods, wires or wrappings when closely attached to trees, artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas and bunkers, and bunker liners when in their intended position. **Note:** The Committee may treat an exposed bunker liner, not in its intended position, to be ground under repair. But interference does not exist if a bunker liner only interferes with the player's stance.

**EDGING GROOVES NEAR PUTTING GREENS** – The edging grooves around the aprons or fringes of putting greens are ground under repair. If a player's ball lies in or touches a groove or a groove interferes with the area of intended swing. Relief if available under 16.1b or 16.1d. There is no relief for line of play under this Rule. (MLR F-19)

**TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS** – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-23.

**LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS** – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-1.

**GROOVES AND PUNCH MARK SPECIFICATIONS** – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-2.

**LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS** – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-3.

**PACE OF PLAY** – See separate memorandum to players for pace of play policy.

### **REPLACEMENT OF CLUB THAT IS BROKEN OR**

**SIGNIFICANTLY DAMAGED** – Local Rule as prescribed in the Rules Clarifications (MLR G-9)

**TRANSPORTATION** – During the round, a player must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized or later approved by the Committee (a player making a stroke from where the previous stroke was made is always authorized). Penalty for breach of Local Rule is the general penalty for each hole where the breach occurred. If the breach occurred between the play of two holes, it applies to the next hole. (MLR G-6)

### **PROHIBITING USE OF CERTAIN TYPES OF SHOES** –

Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Penalty for breach of Local Rule - see Rule 4.3. (MLR G-7)

### **PROHIBITING USE OF AUDIO AND VIDEO DEVICES** –

Rule 4.3a(4) is modified in this way: During a round, a player must not listen to or watch content of any nature on a personal audio or video device. Penalty for breach of Local Rule – see Rule 4.3. (MLR G-8)

**CADDIES** – During the Men's a Women's Championship players are permitted to have caddies but are not required (MLR H-1.3). During the Junior's the use of a Caddie is prohibited (MLR H-1.1)

**STOPPING AND RESUMING PLAY** – A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged note of a siren or horn. All other suspensions will be signaled by three consecutive notes of a siren or horn. In either case, resumption of play will be signaled by two short notes of a siren or horn. See Rule 5.7b. **Note:** 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. (MLR J-1)

**MEASURING CONDITION OF PUTTING GREENS** - Before or between rounds on any day of the competition or play-off, a player must not use any device that measures the condition (slope, texture, firmness or moisture level) of any putting green on the course. The use of such a device is permitted during the practice round.

### **PAINT DOTS AND LINES NOT USED FOR COURES**

**MARKING** – Blue paint dots used to indicate the fronts and back of Putting Greens and to define the edge of the scoring area. Free relief is NOT available.

**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. The result of a match is final when the result is posted on the scoreboard