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**2019  
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Conditions of Competition  
& Local Rules for WGGC  
Events  
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## CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION & LOCAL RULES FOR WGGC EVENTS - 2019

The full text of specific conditions can be found in the 2019 edition of the R&A/USGA Official Guide to the Rules of Golf.

### SECTION A – CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

The following Conditions, in concert with those contained in the Terms of Competition entry form and any other additions or amendments as published, will apply under Committee Procedures Rule 1-B:

1. The competition will be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf.
2. Women's Golf Gold Coast Match Committee has the power to alter or make any variation in the programme or conditions should it be deemed necessary.
3. Women's Golf Gold Coast Match Committee will settle any disputes or claims, which must be reported to the Committee, without delay, after completion of your round.
4. **Clubs and Balls**
  - **List of Conforming Driver Heads:** Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect. Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of Local Rule: Disqualification.
  - **List of Conforming Golf Balls:** Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect. Penalty for breach of the Local Rule: Disqualification.

Note: An updated List of Conforming Clubs and Balls is available on [www.randa.org](http://www.randa.org)

#### 5. Time of Starting

Competitors must report to the starter at least 20 minutes prior to their scheduled hit-off time. Rule 5-3 then applies.

#### 6. Pace of Play (Rule 5.6)

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 second or subsequent groups, out of position. From the commencement of timing, if any player exceeds 50 seconds on a 'first to play approach shot (including Par 3 tee shot), chip or putt', or 40 seconds if it is a tee shot or 'second or third to play shot', they shall be deemed to have had a bad time.

The time allowed will be determined by the Committee and will be available prior to play. 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 Local Rule:

1<sup>st</sup> bad time: Player will be warned by official and told that, if they have a further bad time, they will be penalised as follows:

	Stroke Play	Match Play
2 <sup>nd</sup> bad time:	One Stroke Penalty	One Stroke Penalty
3 <sup>rd</sup> bad time:	Two Stroke Penalty	Loss of Hole
4 <sup>th</sup> bad time:	Disqualification	Disqualification

Note:

- It is not necessary for players to be advised they are being timed.
- Timings will be taken from the moment it is deemed by the Official that it is the player's turn to play.
- In exceptional circumstances, an individual player, or two players within a group of three players, may be timed instead of the whole group.

#### When Timing Commences:

Other than on the putting green, the timing of a player's stroke will begin when it is their turn to play and they can play without interference or distraction. Reasonable time spent by the first player to play in determining their yardage will not count as time taken for the next stroke. On the putting green, the timing of a player's stroke will begin after a player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to mark, lift, clean and replace their ball, repair damage to the green, and remove loose impediments on their line. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

#### 7. Modified Rules for Players with Disabilities

Specified clause/s of the Modified Rules for Players with Disabilities are in effect for a player when approved by the Committee.

#### 8. Suspension of Play (Rule 5.7)

Suspension of play for any situation, including a dangerous situation, will be signaled according to the Pro Shop of the course being played or the WGGC Representative. Resumption of play will be signaled in the same manner. See Rule 5.7b.

Note: When play is stopped for imminent danger, all practice areas will be immediately closed.

#### 9. Practice (Rule 5.2)

**In stroke play**, Rule 5.2b is modified in this way: A player must not practice on the competition course before or between rounds.

**Exception:** All recognised practice areas, within the bounds of the course, may be used by players for practice on any day of the competition.

**In Matchplay**, players may use all bounds of the course for practice, provided they are not holding up start of play (shotgun starts), this includes being at their respective tee for start time. Practice between holes is permitted on or near the putting green of the last hole played and rolling a ball on the putting green of the last hole provided it does not hold up play (i.e. for the group behind or keeping up with group in front).

#### 10. Eligibility

Players must meet the eligibility provisions established in the relevant Terms of Competition for the specific Championship or Match.

#### 11. Deciding Ties

The method for deciding ties is provided within the relevant entry conditions or is published at the golf course by the Committee.

#### 12. Returning of Score Card

A player's scorecard is officially returned to the Committee when the player has left the recording office/area with both feet.

#### 13. Results of Match or Championship – Competition Closed

**Match Play** The result of a match is officially announced when it has been recorded by the WGGC Official.

**Stroke Play:** When the Championship trophy is presented to the winner, the results of the competition are officially announced, and the competition is closed.

#### 14. DRUG & ALCOHOL POLICY:

A competitor shall not knowingly make use of any drug to enhance her performance; any abuse of this condition may mean disqualification. The consumption of alcohol by players and caddies on the course during a stipulated round is strictly prohibited. The penalty for breach of this condition is disqualification.

#### 15. CODE OF CONDUCT:

Where a Committee adopts a special Code of Conduct for an event under the specific authority of Rule 1.2b, the following penalty structure will apply:

First breach: Warning or committee sanction

Second breach: One Stroke Penalty

Third breach: General penalty

Fourth breach or any serious misconduct: Disqualification

#### 16. PUBLICITY:

It is a condition of entry that all players assent to references to them, and pictures of them in practice and play being published via any medium (including the internet).

#### 17. DRESS REGULATIONS:

The dress regulations of the venue club will apply for players and their caddies. It is the responsibility of the player to ascertain dress regulations for the venue club.

#### 11. TRANSPORTATION:

The use of motorised transport for competitors under the age of 65 years must be accompanied by the WGGC Medical Certificate which can be downloaded from our website under 'About/Forms'. A player who will play, or has played, under penalty of stroke and distance is always authorised to ride on motorised transportation. A player gets the general penalty for each hole during which there has a breach of this condition. A breach between two holes applies to the next hole.

## SECTION B – LOCAL RULES

The following Local Rules, together with any other additions or amendments as published by the Match Committee, will apply in accordance with Committee Procedures Sect 4-8 Model Local Rules. These will be the Local Rules used for all WGGC only events no matter where the event is to be held.

### 1. Out of Bounds (Rule 18.2)

Beyond the inside line of any wall, fence (or the extension of such wall or fence line) or line of white stakes and/or white lines defining the boundary of the course.

A ball that crosses a public pathway/roadway area defined as out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that area is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course.

Note: Where out of bounds is defined by white stakes or fence posts (excluding angled supports) the line joining the course side points at ground level of such stakes or posts defines the boundary. A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies over such line. (Note: Angled supports of a boundary fence are obstructions.) Where boundary fence posts have concrete bases, out of bounds is defined by the posts (NOT the bases) – additionally, the concrete bases are NOT obstructions.

### 2. Penalty Areas (Rule 17)

When a penalty area adjoins a boundary, the penalty area edge extends to and coincides with the boundary.

When a player's ball is found in or it is known or virtually certain to have come to rest in any penalty area where the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area at a point that coincides with the boundary of the course, opposite side relief is available under Model Local Rule B-2.1.

**Dropping Zones for Penalty Areas:** Where a dropping zone is marked for a penalty area, it is an additional option for relief under penalty of one stroke. The dropping zone is a relief area. A ball must be dropped in and come to rest in the relief area.

### 3. Abnormal Course Conditions, incl. Immovable Obstructions (Rule 16)

#### 1. Ground Under Repair

1. Any area bounded by a continuous or dotted white line, including spectator crossing points where marked.
2. Any area of damaged ground (e.g. caused by crowd or vehicle movement) that is considered by a referee to be abnormal.
3. Clearly defined wheel ruts.
4. Washaways in bunkers and at the margins of bunkers.
5. Grass-covered cable trenches.
6. Stone-filled drainage ditches.

7. Ground affected by tree roots on surfaces cut to fairway height or less, or within two club-lengths of surfaces cut to fairway height or less.

8. Yardage painted lines or dots on the putting green or in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less are to be treated as ground under repair from which relief is available under Rule 16.1. Interference does not exist if yardage painted lines or dots only interfere with the player's stance.

9. Restriction on Relief from Stance on Animal Hole. Rule 16.1 is modified in this way: Interference does not exist if the animal hole interferes with only the player's stance.

#### 2. Immovable Obstructions

1. The artificial surfaces and artificial edges or borders of roads and paths (includes gravel paths, wood-chipped paths, etc).
2. If two artificially-surfaced paths are adjoining, they are deemed to be the one path.
3. White-lined areas and the immovable obstruction they tie into are treated as a single abnormal course condition.
4. Landscaped garden areas and everything growing in them that are surrounded by an immovable obstruction are treated as a single abnormal course condition.
5. Mats that are secured and all ramps covering cables.
6. Staked trees and staked shrubs are ground under repair (the GUR includes the stake and any wrapping).

#### 4. Immovable Obstructions (e.g. Sprinkler Heads) Close to Putting Greens – Line of Play Interference

Rule 16.1b applies to immovable obstructions close to putting greens. In addition to the types of interference described in Rule 16.1a, interference also exists with an immovable obstruction if all of the following is true:

- It is on the player's line of play, AND
- It is within two club-lengths of the putting green, AND
- It is within two club-lengths of the ball.

(Exception – There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.)

#### 5. Integral Objects

The following are integral objects from which free relief is not allowed:

- Bunker liners in their intended position.
- Wires, cables, wrappings or other objects where they are closely attached to trees or other permanent objects.
- Artificial retaining walls and pilings when located in penalty areas.
- All roads and paths that are not artificially surfaced.
- Wood-chipped areas are integral objects unless the provisions of another local rule apply (individual woodchips are loose impediments).

#### 6. Seams of Cut Turf

If a player's ball in the general area 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. All seams within the area of cut turf are treated as the same seam in taking relief.

#### 7. Embedded Ball

Rule 16.3 is modified in this way: No free relief is allowed for a ball embedded in a stacked turf face above a bunker

#### 8. Temporary Power Lines or Cables

Model Local Rule F-22 is in effect.

#### 9. Ball Deflected by Permanent Power Lines

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

#### 10. Temporary Immovable Obstructions

Model Local Rule F-23, with any additions or amendments in the additional Local Rules published by the Committee, is in effect.

#### 11. Alternative to Stroke and Distance for Lost Ball or Ball Out of Bounds

When a player's ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may proceed under the Stroke and Distance Local Rule for a **penalty of two strokes**, rather than proceeding under stroke and distance. This Local Rule is not available if a provisional ball has been played. See Model Local Rule E-5 for full details of the Local Rule.

#### PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for a breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty (loss of hole in match play or two penalty strokes in stroke play).

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