



LOCAL RULES AND TERMS OF THE COMPETITION FOR NCAA WOMEN'S GOLF TOURNAMENTS

The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and the R&A govern play and where applicable, by the following Local Rules and Terms of the Competitions. Complete text of Rules and Local Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective August 2026. Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty. See applicable Championship Notice to Players for additional Local Rules and Terms of the Competition. If a player in a team competition breaches a Rule that results in disqualification, the effect will be to disqualify the player for that round only.

LOCAL RULES

OUT OF BOUNDS – Defined by the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of white stakes or fence posts.

PENALTY AREAS – 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.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR – Defined by white lines. Ground under repair also includes French drains, which are trenches filled with rock or stones and newly trenched areas, including grass-covered cables. See Temporary Power Lines and Cables.

Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage, including areas where spectators or other traffic has combined with wet conditions to affect materially the ground surface, but only when so declared by an authorized member of the Committee. When immediately adjacent to an obstruction, such an area is part of the obstruction.

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. All seams within the area of cut turf are treated as the same seam in taking relief. This means that if a player has interference from any seam after dropping the ball, the player must proceed as required under Rule 14.3c(2) even when the ball is within one club-length of the reference point.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS – Include plastic bumpers on roads and paths and mats secured to the ground with spikes when the bumpers or mats cover cables.

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.

WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH – Are loose impediments.

INTEGRAL OBJECTS – Include cables, rods, wires or wrappings when closely attached to trees, and artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas or in or adjacent to 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 the liner interferes only with the player's stance.

TEMPORARY POWER LINES AND CABLES – Model Local Rule F-22 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

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

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

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

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

PROHIBITING THE USE OF MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION – Model Local Rule G-6 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. A player who will play, or has played, under penalty of stroke and distance is always authorized to ride on motorized transportation.

PROHIBITING USE OF CERTAIN TYPES OF SHOES – Model Local Rule G-7 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

MODIFICATION OF PENALTY UNDER RULE 3.3b(2) FOR MISSING PLAYER OR MARKER CERTIFICATION – Model Local Rule L-1 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

USE OF CADDIE PROHIBITED – Model Local Rule H-1.1 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

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

STOPPING AND RESUMING PLAY – Model Local Rule J-1 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

All practice areas during an Immediate Suspension (such as when there is imminent danger) are closed until the Committee has declared them open. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to stop practicing; failure to stop practicing could result in disqualification for serious misconduct. An Immediate Suspension [Rule 5.7b(1)] will be signaled by one prolonged airhorn note. A Normal Suspension [Rule 5.7b(2)] will be signaled by three consecutive airhorn notes. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short airhorn notes.

RESTRICTIONS ON PRACTICE BEFORE OR BETWEEN ROUNDS – Rule 5.2 is modified in this way: In match play or stroke play, a player must not practice on the competition course before or between rounds, other than on the designated practice areas. Penalty for breach of Local Rule, see Rule 5.2.

ADVICE IN TEAM COMPETITION – See separate memorandum to players regarding who may give advice.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES – May be used by coaches in a private manner provided that such use does not breach Rule 10.2 (Advice) or disrupt practice or play. Violations will be considered a breach of NCAA misconduct provisions contained in the NCAA Golf Pre-Championships Manual.

CLOSE OF COMPETITION – The competition is deemed to have closed when the trophy has been presented to the winner or, in absence of a prize ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the Committee.

The result of a match is final when the Head Rules Official has confirmed the result of the match.

MISCONDUCT – See NCAA Golf Pre-Championships Manual.

LOGOS, UNIFORMS, EQUIPMENT – See NCAA Golf Pre-Championships Manual.