

2. Immovable obstructions

- a. White lined areas and the immovable obstruction they tie into are treated as a single abnormal course condition.
- b. Landscaped garden areas (and everything growing in them) that are completely surrounded by an immovable obstruction are treated as a single abnormal course condition.

3. Temporary Water.

Squeegee Policy for Temporary Water removal. If a player's ball lies on the putting green and there is interference by temporary water on the putting green, the player may take relief under rule 16.1d or have his line of play squeegeed. The committee may squeegee greens until players are nearby and if conditions deteriorate, to keep play going, they may authorise a combination of all the above measures. Any squeegeeing should be done across the line of play, must extend a reasonable distance beyond the hole (i.e. at least one club-length) and may only be carried out by committee authorised personnel.

4. Immovable obstructions close to putting greens.

Model Local Rule 8F-5 is in effect but is modified as follows: For a ball in the general area, relief is allowed only when both the ball and the immovable obstruction lie in an area cut to fairway height or less.

5. Integral objects

- a. Bunker beddings and bunker liners made of artificial material in their intended position.
- b. Wires, cables, wrapping or other objects where they are closely attached to trees or other permanent objects.
- c. Retaining artificial walls and pilings when located within penalty areas

6. Permanent overhead power line.

Model Local Rule 8E-11 is in effect but only for a ball which strikes a power line located in bounds and not the supporting pole. (Stroke is cancelled and must be replayed).

7. Clubs and Balls.

- a. List of Conforming Driver Heads: Model Local Rule 8G-1 is in effect.
Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of this local rule: Disqualification.
- b. Groove and Punch Mark Specifications: Model local rule 8G-2 is in effect.
Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of this local rule: Disqualification.
- c. Conforming Balls List: Model local rule 8G-3 is in effect.
Penalty for making a stroke in breach of this local rule: Disqualification.

8. Pace of Play Policy (Rule 5.6)

A player, for whom it is possible to make a stroke and, from when it is deemed that he/she should have reached her/his ball, has

- 60 seconds to make the stroke if he/she is deemed to not have had time for preparing for her/his stroke
- 40 seconds to make the stroke if he/she is deemed to have had time for preparing to make her/his stroke

A player in breach of any of the time limits is deemed to have a "bad time".

Penalty for breach of this local rule during the same round:

One bad time	Verbal warning
Two bad times	Matchplay and strokeplay: One stroke penalty
Three bad times	Matchplay: Loss of hole; Strokeplay: Two stroke penalty
Four bad times	Disqualification

Notes:

1. A player has had time to prepare for making her/his stroke if it is deemed that he/she should have reached his ball while,

- a. another player in the same group, who is to make her/his stroke before the player, is preparing to make her/his stroke, or
- b. the group in front of the player's group is within reach of the player's intended stroke.

2. It is possible to make a stroke when,
 - a. the group in front of the player's group is out of reach of the player's intended stroke, or
 - b. the player's group does not have a ruling or is not waiting for a referee, or
 - c. the player does not have to wait for players on holes close by.
3. Players will not be advised that they are being timed.
4. Players will not be timed on a hole where a match can be decided
5. In case of a penalty the player should be informed as soon as possible

9. Play suspensions (Rule 5.7)

The following signals will be used to suspend and resume play:

Immediate Stop/dangerous situation - one prolonged note of the siren.

Normal non-dangerous stop - three consecutive short notes of the siren.

Resume play - two consecutive short notes of the siren.

When play is stopped in a dangerous situation, all practice areas are immediately closed.

10. Practice (Rule 5)

Rule 5.2a is modified in this way:

A player must not practise on the competition course before or between rounds.

Penalty for Breach of this Local Rule:

For first breach: General Penalty (applied to the player's first hole).

For second breach: Disqualification.

11. Transportation policy

During around, a player or caddie must not ride on any form of transportation except as authorized by the Swedish Golf Federation.

Exception 1: Players born 1950 or earlier if authorized by their home club (applies only to a player who is a member of a Swedish golf club).

Exception 2: If a member of the committee at the competition in question temporarily gives permission to ride for a short distance.

Exception 3: A player taking a stroke and distance penalty is always authorized.

Note: Authorization is valid if

- 1) the Committee assesses the condition of the course good enough to permit the use of transportation
- 2) the host club can provide transportation

Section B – Terms of Competition

The following Terms of Competition together with the Terms of Competition stated in the manual that applies to the competition and any Terms of Competition published by the Committee at the competition will apply.

1. Standards of Player Conduct (Rule 1.2)

All players are expected to play in the spirit of the game by following Rule 1.2a. Penalty for breach of Rule 1.2a can (except disqualification) result in the following:

- Suspension from participating in Federation Competition (A- and B-competitions).
- Unable to qualify to competitions representing Sweden.
- Report/notification to the SGF Legal Committee.

For information regarding administration, dealing with and appeals against a players' breach against the term of competition see the manual for the competition in question.

2. Scoring Area and Scorecard Returned.

The location of the scoring area will be detailed on the additional local rules sheet. The scorecard is returned when the player leaves the recording area.

3. Results of Competition – Competition Closed

The Competition is closed when the final result is officially published by the committee.

4. Anti-Doping

Players are required to comply with and be bound by the Anti-Doping Policy adopted by the Swedish Confederation of Sports and WADA.

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/she may face disqualification both from the tournament at which he/she was tested (or otherwise committed the violation) and from any subsequent tournament in which he/she participated until provisionally suspended or rendered ineligible under the Policy. Disqualification in such cases includes the loss of all results, points and prize money.

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Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a local Rule is the General Penalty.

Matchplay: Loss of Hole

Strokeplay: Two strokes

Section A – Local Rules

The following Local Rules, together with any additional Local Rules published by the Committee at the competition will apply.

1. Out of Bounds (Rule 18.2)

- a. A ball is out of bounds when it is beyond any wall defining a boundary.
- b. A ball that is played from one side of a road which is defined as out of bounds and comes to rest on the other side of that road is out of bounds. This is true even if the ball comes to rest on another part of the course that is in bounds for other holes.

2. Penalty areas (Rule 17)

- a. A Committee can introduce a Local Rule to allow lateral relief on the opposite side of the red penalty area as an extra relief option under Rule 17.1d. See Model Local Rule 8B-2.1. The Committee must state in which penalty areas this Local Rule may be used.
- b. When a player's ball last crosses the edge of a penalty area where the edge of the penalty area and a boundary of the course coincide, that edge is deemed red and opposite side relief is available under model local rule B-2.1 and B-2.2
- c. Where a dropping zone is marked for a penalty area, it is an additional option under penalty of one stroke. The dropping zone is a relief area under rule 14.3. meaning a ball must be dropped in and come to rest in the relief area.

3. Back-on-the-line relief.

Playing from outside the Relief Area. Model Local Rule E-12 is in effect when taking Back-On-the-Line Relief under any Rule. Note the Back-on-the-line options in Rules 16.1c(2), 17.1d(2), 19.2b and 19.3b.

4. Abnormal Course Conditions (Rule 16.1)

1. Ground Under Repair (GUR).

- a. All areas indicated by blue stakes and/or GUR notice.
- b. All areas bounded by white lines.
- c. All damaged areas (for example by a vehicle used by the greenkeeper) deemed by a referee to be abnormal
- d. GUR defined as a No Play Zone is identified by blue stakes with a green top, Model Local Rule 8E-8.1.
- e. Seams of Cut Turf: Model Local Rule 8F-7 is in effect. Free relief is available for lie of ball or area of intended swing, but there is no relief for interference to the stance.
- f. French drains (stone-filled drainage ditches).
- g. Restriction on relief from stance in 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.
- h. Painted yardage markings on the general area cut to fairway height or less and painted dots on greens are treated as GUR. Free relief is available for lie of ball or area of intended swing, but there is no relief for interference to the stance.