

LOCAL RULES AND CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION 2018

Penalty for breach of Condition (Stroke Play):

- One "Bad Time" – Verbal Warning
- Two "Bad Times" – One Stroke Penalty
- Three "Bad Times" – Two Stroke Penalty
- Four "Bad Times" – Disqualification

Note:

- a) A player who is timed will have a bad time carried forward in the round even if her group subsequently arrives back in position or within time.
- b) A session of timing will only be recorded if it extends into a second hole however if the individual player must be timed again during that Stipulated Round, a minimum of one session will be recorded.
- c) During a Stipulated Round, if a player who is being timed exceeds the maximum time allowed for an individual stroke by up to the otherwise permitted 10% on 3 separate occasions, she will incur a "Bad Time".
- d) Players may be timed without being advised.
- e) Timings will be taken from the moment it is deemed by the Official that it is the player's turn to play.
- f) If a player wishes to know her position, she should ask an Official.
- g) Any player wishing to question any timing applied to her must do so with the Official/Tournament Director no later than 30 minutes after the completion of her round. After this time the record will stand.
- h) In addition, please note 5A point 15 (Pace of Play) in the LET Access Series members' regulations

4. Suspension of play due to a dangerous situation (Note to Rule 6-8b) – Page 158

5. Practice Between Holes (Note 2 to Rule 7-2) – Page 159

This condition does not apply to pre-tournament Pro-Am(s) or Match Play tournaments. N.B. This prohibition includes rolling a ball on the Putting Green of the hole last played.

6. Transportation – Page 159

Exception: When permitted to ride by the Rules Committee

7. Anti-Doping

Players are required to comply with and be bound by the Ladies European Tour Anti-Doping Policy (the Anti-Doping Policy). The current version of the Anti-Doping Policy may be viewed in the Members' area of the LETAS website.

Note: Players should be aware that, under the Anti-Doping Policy, if a player is found to have committed an Anti-Doping rule violation, she may face disqualification both from the tournament at which she was tested (or otherwise committed the violation) and from any subsequent tournament in which 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.

8. 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.

9. How to decide ties

Unless otherwise specified in the Conditions of a particular Tournament, in the event of a tie for first place, there will be a hole-by-hole play-off to determine the winner.

10. Results of the Competition – Competition closed

When the final results sheet is placed on the Official Notice Board, the results of the Competition is deemed to have been officially announced.

The following Local Rules and Conditions of Competition have been formulated after consultation with the Rules of Golf Committee of R&A Rules Limited. In the event of a dispute arising as to the meaning of any Rule of Golf, LET Access Series Local Rules or Conditions of Competition, the Rule will be interpreted according to the English edition of the Rules of Golf or LET Access Series Local Rules or Conditions of Competition Card.

The following listed Local Rules and Conditions of Competition apply to all LET Access Series events. For the full text of the Local Rules and Conditions of Competition, please refer to Appendix I of the current edition, effective from January 2016, of the Rules of Golf as published by R&A Rules Limited on the page(s) indicated.

SECTION A – LOCAL RULES

The following Local Rules, together with any additions or amendments as published by the LET Access Series at each golf course, will apply until further notice to all Tournaments under the auspices of the LET Access Series.

1. Out of Bounds (Rule 27) – Page 116

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

Note:

- a) Where Out of Bounds is defined by white stakes or fence posts (excluding angled support), the line joining the nearest inside points at ground level of such stakes or posts. A ball is Out of Bounds when all of it lies on or over such a line.
- b) 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 a line.
- c) 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 – Pages 152 – 153

If a ball is in, or it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found is in the Water Hazard and Dropping Zone(s) have been marked, the player may:

- i) Proceed under rule 26-1; or
- ii) As an additional option, drop a ball, under penalty of one stroke, in the (nearest) dropping zone.

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

- a) All areas bounded by white lines, including spectator crossing points where bounded by white lines.
- b) Grass covered cable trenches.
- c) Seams of cut turf – Page 145
- d) French drains (stone filled drainage trench)

4. Abnormal Ground Conditions (Rule 25-1a Note) – Page 109

- a) Relief will be denied for interference to stance from a hole, cast or runaway made by a borrowing animal, a reptile or a bird.
- b) Relief is available for lie of ball or area of intended swing, from any painted yardage spot (including painted distances on long driving holes) situated in any closely mown area Through the Green.

5. Embedded Ball (Rule 25-2) – Page 112

Relief extended to Through the Green – Pages 142-143

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 staked turf.

6. Immovable Obstructions (Rule 24-2) – Page 106

- White lined areas adjoining any areas defined as Immovable Obstructions, are to be regarded as part of the Obstruction and not Ground Under Repair.
- Decorative landscape areas (Flowerbeds/shrubberies and the like) surrounded by an Obstruction are part of the Obstruction.
- Mats that are secured and plastic cable ramps covering cables are Immovable Obstructions.
- Non-permanent bridges erected for players or spectators are Immovable Obstructions.

7. Stones in Bunkers – Pages 145-146

Stones in Bunkers are Movable Obstructions.

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. Accidental movement of Ball on Putting Green

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

When a player's ball lies on the Putting Green, there is no penalty if the ball or the ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, her partner, her 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.

10. Integral part of the Course

- Wires, cables, wrapping or other objects where they are closely attached to trees or other permanent objects.
- Retaining artificial walls and pilings when located within Water Hazards.
- Bunker liners

11. 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 last played in accordance with Rule 20-5 (Making a Stroke from where previous Stroke made). If the ball is not immediately recoverable, another ball may be substituted.

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

12. Temporary Immovable Obstructions – Pages 147-151

The complete text under Temporary Immovable Obstructions apply, including the clause relating to Temporary Power Lines and Cables.

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 her stance or area of intended swing and relief is required, she may proceed under any of the options available under the Rule, or if Dropping Zones have been marked, as an additional option, she may drop the ball, without penalty, in the nearest Dropping Zone.

13. The Exception to Rule 6-6d is modified as follows:

Exception: If a competitor returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken due to failure to include one or more penalty strokes that, before returning her score card, she did not know she had incurred, she is not disqualified. In such circumstances, the competitor incurs the penalty prescribed by the applicable Rule, but there is no additional penalty for a breach of Rule 6-6d. This Exception does not apply when the applicable penalty is disqualification from the competition.

14. Crowd Control Temporary Fencing

Metal fencing (except single units) erected for crowd control will be treated as an Immovable Obstruction.

When the ball lies inside the fencing, the Nearest Point of Relief is determined without crossing over, through or under the fencing, and thereafter Rule 24-2 will apply. When the ball lies outside the fencing "Through the Green" and within four club-lengths of it – and providing that the fencing intervenes between the player's ball and the hole, or the ball lies within one club-length of a spot where such intervention would exist – the ball may be lifted and dropped, without penalty, inside the fencing under Rule 24-2b(1). The Nearest Point of Relief under that Rule is the nearest point inside the fencing:

- That is not nearer the hole than the ball's original position;
- Where, if the ball were so positioned, no interference by the fencing would exist for the stroke the player would have made from the original position if the condition were not there; and
- Is not in a hazard and not on a Putting Green. The ball may be cleaned when so lifted.

Exceptions:

- Single units of metal fencing are Movable Obstructions (Rule 24-1 applies).
- A player may not obtain relief under this Local Rule if (a) interference by anything other than the metal fencing makes the stroke clearly impracticable or (b) interference by the metal fencing would occur only through the use of a clearly unreasonable stroke or an unnecessary abnormal stance, swing or direction of play.

15. Distance Measuring Devices

Cannot be used on Tournament days but may be used in pre-tournament Pro-Am(s) only.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULES

Match Play: Loss of Hole - Stroke Play: Two Strokes

SECTION B – CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

1. Specification of the Clubs

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 the R&A. Penalty for making a Stroke with Club in breach of Condition: Disqualification.

b) Groove and punch-mark specification, Dec. 4-1/1 – Pages 174-176

The player's club 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.

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

a) List of Conforming Golf Balls – Pages 155-156

b) 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 One-Day event or Amateur partnering professional players in a major Pro-Am Tournament.

3. Pace of Play (Note to Rule 6-7) – Page 158

In the absence of mitigating circumstances, a group (or an individual) is liable to be timed if the group (or she) is in excess of the time allowed, or 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 shot), chip or putt", or 40 seconds if it is a tee shot or "second or third to play shot", she is deemed to have had a "bad time". The time allowed will be determined by the Tournament Director and will be published on the official notice board. The first group will be considered Out of Position if, at any time during the round, the group's cumulative time exceeds the time allowed for the number of holes completed. Any following group will be considered Out of Position if it is more than the starting interval behind the group in front. In addition, in the absence of mitigating circumstances, a player is liable to receive a "Bad Time" if she exceeds 59 seconds for any shot during play, even if she (or her group) is not being timed. Under such circumstances, the position of the player's group relative to the group in front (or relative to the time allowed for the number of holes completed if in the first group), will not be taken into consideration.