



2022 TERMS OF THE COMPETITION & STANDARD LOCAL RULES

Play is governed by the Golf Canada Rules of Golf (effective January 2019), and, where applicable, by the following Local Rules and Terms of the Competition, subject to changes, additions, or deletions for particular championships. The player's attention is drawn to Terms of the Competition as printed and distributed prior to each round of competition. Complete text of Local Rules may be found in the Golf Canada Official Guide to the Rules of Golf (effective January 2019).

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

Match play – Loss of hole; Stroke play – Two strokes

1. **OUT OF BOUNDS (Rule 18.2)** – Defined by course-side points at ground level of white lines or stakes and fence posts. A ball is out of bounds when it is beyond any wall defining the boundary of the course.
2. **CLUBS AND BALLS**
 - a. List of Conforming Driver Heads: Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect.
Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of the Local Rule: **Disqualification**.
 - b. List of Conforming Golf Balls: Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect.
Penalty for breach of the Local Rule: **Disqualification**.
 - c. Replacing Club that is Broken or Significantly Damaged – Model Local Rule G-9 is in effect. When replacing a club, the player **MUST** immediately take the broken or significantly damaged club out of play, using the procedure in Rule 4.1c(1).

Penalty for Breach of Local Rule – **See Rule 4.1b**.

Note: An updated List of Conforming Clubs and Balls is available via golfcanada.ca/rules.

3. **PACE OF PLAY (Rule 5.6)** – See the posted Golf NB Pace of Play Policy. Players must ensure that they complete groups of holes and the round within the times established by the Tournament Rules Committee.
4. **CADDIES** – Rule 10.3a is modified in this way: A player **MUST** not have another player in the competition, who has played or will play in the same round, as his or her caddie during a round.
5. **SPECTATORS** – Spectators may follow groups, provided they walk, remain in the rough or tree lines, off the fairways and greens, and a **MINIMUM** of 50 yards from competitors. This includes competitors who have yet to begin, or who have already completed their round(s) on a particular day of the competition.
6. **SUSPENSION OF PLAY (Rule 5.7)** – The course and all practice areas are closed when play is suspended for a dangerous situation until the Tournament Rules Committee has declared them open.

A player practicing in these areas when closed will be subject to **DISQUALIFICATION**.

Note: A suspension for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged air horn note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive air horn notes. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short air horn notes.

7. **PRACTICE (Rule 5.2 and 5.5)**
 - a) **Before or between rounds in Stroke Play** – Model Local Rule I-1.1 is in effect and Rule 5.2b is modified in this way: A player must not practice on the competition course before or between rounds.
 - b) Between holes in Stroke Play – Model Local Rule I-2 is in effect and Rule 5.5b is modified in this way: Between the play of two holes, a player **MUST** not:
 - Make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole just completed, or
 - Test the surface of the putting green by rubbing the putting green or rolling a ball.

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- Penalty for first breach: **General Penalty** (applied to the player's first hole).
- Penalty for second breach: **Disqualification**.

8. **ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS (Including Immovable Obstructions) (Rule 16) –**

Ground Under Repair – Rule 16.1 includes:

- a. Areas defined by white lines;
- b. French drains filled with stones;
- c. All flower gardens and newly sodded areas from which relief **MUST** be taken;
- d. Immovable Objects – White-lined areas of ground under repair and the artificially surfaced road or path or other identified obstruction they tie into are treated as a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.

9. **WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH** – Wood chips and mulch are loose impediments.

10. **INTEGRAL OBJECTS** – The following are integral objects from which free relief is not allowed:

- a. Wrappings, wires, cables and other similar objects when closely attached to trees;
- b. Artificial walls and/or pilings when located within penalty areas or which are adjacent to the edge of bunkers;

11. **PERMANENT ELEVATED POWER LINES OR CABLES** – If a ball strikes a permanent elevated power line or cable, the stroke does not count. The player **MUST** play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made (Rule 14.6).

12. **TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS** – Model Local Rule F-23 is in effect. Temporary Immovable Obstructions include, but are not limited to, starting tents, scoring tents and pace of play stations.

13. **ELECTRONIC DEVICES** - The use of cellular telephones or other electronic communication devices during play of a stipulated round (except for the purpose of procuring assistance due to a medical emergency) may be subject to a penalty under Rule 1.2, up to and including **DISQUALIFICATION**.

Note: Devices may be used to obtain distance measurements, provided the ring capabilities are turned off.

14. **CODE OF CONDUCT (Rule 1.2)** – Pursuant to the Golf NB Players Code of Conduct, the Rules Committee may assess any of the following penalties as outlined, based on the severity and frequency of the violation:

- a) Warning
- b) One penalty stroke
- c) General Penalty
- d) Disqualification

15. **RETURNING SCORE CARD** – A player's score card has been returned to the Committee when the player has entered the scoring area, had their score submitted by their marker, confirmed it with the committee and subsequently left the defined scoring area.

16. **CLOSE OF COMPETITION** – The competition is deemed to have closed 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.