



2023 TERMS OF THE COMPETITION & STANDARD LOCAL RULES

Play is governed by the Golf Canada Rules of Golf (effective January 2023), 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 2023).

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.

Closed gates that are attached to boundary walls and fences are part of the boundary object. Relief is not allowed from such a gate under Rules 15.2 or 16.1. **But** an open gate is not treated as part of the boundary object and may be closed or moved to a different position: Model Local Rules F-26 is in effect.

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 at golfcanda.ca

3. **PACE OF PLAY (Rule 5.6)** – A Golf NB Pace of Play Policy will be in effect at all competitions and will be communicated prior to the start of the competition. The full policies are available at golfnb.ca.
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)** – Model Local Rule J-1 is in effect as follows:
 - a) **Immediate suspension** (Dangerous Situation): One prolonged note of the airhorn.
 - b) **Normal Suspension** (Non-Dangerous): Three short notes of the air horn.
 - c) **Resume Play**: Two short notes of the air horn.

Note: During an immediate suspension for a dangerous situation, all practice areas are closed until the Tournament Committee has declared them open. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to stop practicing. Players who fail to do so will be subject to penalties under the Code of Conduct.

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 (except on or near the first teeing area or any practice area) on the day of competition or between rounds.

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

Penalty for second breach: **Disqualification**.

- 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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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. Seams of Cut Turf: Model Local Rule F-7 is in effect. Interference exists if a player's ball lies in or touches a seam of cut turf or a seam interferes with the player's area of intended swing. However, 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.
- e. 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. The portion of cables, wires, wrappings, and other similar objects closely attached to trees;
- b. Artificial walls and/or pilings when located within penalty areas or which are adjacent to the edge of bunkers;
- c. Bunker liners in their intended position. An exposed bunker liner may be treated as ground under repair by the committee. However, interference by a bunker liner does not exist if the bunker liner only interferes with a player's stance.

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. **PENALTY AREAS (Rule 17)** – When a red penalty area is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend to infinity. When a red penalty area adjoins a boundary, the penalty area edge extends to and coincides with the boundary.

13. **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.

14. **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.

15. **CODE OF CONDUCT (Rule 1.2)** – Golf NB has adopted a Local Rule under rule 1.2b setting the standards of player conduct on the golf course during play at all competitions. The full policy is available at golfnb.ca.

The Golf NB Tournament Rules Committee may assess any or all 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

Note: Under Rule 1.2a, the Golf NB Tournament Committee may disqualify a player for serious misconduct for acting contrary to the spirit of the game.

16. **SCORE CARD RESPONSIBILITIES**

- a) **Scorecard Returned** – A player's scorecard has been returned to the Committee when the player has completely exited the defined scoring area, unless the player, prior to leaving verbally informs the Committee of their intention to leave the scoring area and receives the Committee's permission to do so.
- b) **Missing Player or Marker Certification** – Model Local Rules L-1 is in effect and Rule 3.3b(2) is modified in this way- If a player returns a scorecard without the hole scores being certified either by the player, the marker or both, the player gets the **General Penalty**. The penalty applies to the last hole of the player's round.

17. **CLOSE OF COMPETITION** – The competition is final when all scores have been validated in the scoring system and approved by the committee or when the trophy has been presented to the winner.