

## LOCAL RULES

1. **Out of Bounds** – Defined by the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts.
2. **Penalty Areas.**
  - a. 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 the out of bounds.  
*Note:* When the edge of a red penalty area coincides with the boundary of the course, Model Local Rule B-2.2 is in effect and modifies the first paragraph of Model Local Rule B-2.1.
  - b. **Dropping Zones** - If a ball is in or it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found is in a penalty area and a drop zone is specified on the applicable "Notice to Players" for that penalty area, the player may as an extra option, drop a ball under penalty of one stroke, in the encircled white-lined area labeled "DZ" located as indicated on the applicable "Notice to Players". The ball must be dropped in and come to rest within the drop zone. Model Local Rule E-1.1.
3. **Back-On-the-Line-Relief** – Model Local Rule E-12 as prescribed in the Clarifications to the 2019 Rules of Golf is in effect. This applies in the application of Rules 16.1c(2), 17.1d(2), 19.2b, and 19.3b.

4. **Abnormal Course Conditions (Including Immovable Obstructions)** – See Rule 16.1.
  - a. **Ground Under Repair:**
    - i. Areas completely encircled with white lines.
    - ii. French drains.
    - iii. Bunker liners. Interference does not exist if the liner interferes with only the player's stance.
    - iv. Seams of cut turf – Model Local Rule F-7 is in effect.
    - v. Damage made by non-burrowing animals (hog, skunk, and the like) – Model Local Rule F-10 is in effect.
  - b. **Immovable Obstructions:**
    - i. White-lined areas tying into an obstruction are treated as part of the obstruction.
    - ii. When landscaped or garden areas (flower beds, shrubbery or the like) are completely encircled by an obstruction, the obstruction and the landscaped area are treated as one abnormal course condition.
    - iii. Stakes, ropes, wires, or other objects supporting trees or tree limbs, provided they are not closely attached. The tree or tree limb is not part of the obstruction.
    - iv. Where the outside edge (non-golf course side) of a road or path defines out of bounds, the road or path is an obstruction.
5. **Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Greens** – Model Local Rule F-5 is in effect and 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, the immovable obstruction may be on the putting green.

6. **Wood Chips and Mulch** – Are loose impediments.
7. **Integral Objects.**
  - a. Cables, rods, wires and wrappings that are closely attached to trees.
  - b. Artificial walls and/or pilings when located within penalty areas.
  - c. Where artificial retaining walls and/or pilings define the edge of bunkers, the artificial retaining walls or pilings are integral objects and are in the general area.
8. **Permanent Elevated Power Lines** – If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a permanent elevated power line or cable during the play of a hole, the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made in accordance with Rule 14.6.
9. **Temporary Immovable Obstructions (TIOs)** – Tents, signage, electronic scoreboards, circulation fans and any other temporary structures installed specifically for this championship are deemed to be Temporary Immovable Obstructions. Model Local Rule F-23.

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**10. Specifications of Clubs and the Ball.**

- a. List of Conforming Driver Heads – Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect.
- b. List of Conforming Golf Balls – Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect.
- c. Replacing Club that is Broken or Significantly Damaged – Model Local Rule G-9 as prescribed in the Clarifications to the 2019 Rules of Golf is in effect.

rounds. Penalty for breach of Local Rule, see Rule 5.2.

**Texas Golf Association**

**TERMS OF THE COMPETITION**

Upon completion and confirmation of entry, all players have agreed to abide by all Texas Golf Association Policies and Procedures – including: Code of Conduct, Dress Code, and any special guidelines for specific events.

**TEXAS GOLF ASSOCIATION  
LOCAL RULES &  
TERMS OF THE COMPETITION  
2020 TGA COMPETITIONS**

The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and the R&A Rules Limited govern play. The following Local Rules and Terms of the Competition apply as referenced here and may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 1, 2019.

**11. Pace of Play** – Rule 5.6b (3). The Texas Golf Association Pace of Play Policy is in effect.

**12. Stopping and Resuming Play** – Model Local Rule J-1 is in effect as follows:

- a. Immediate Suspension (Dangerous Situation): One prolonged note of the air horn.
- b. Normal Suspension (Non-Dangerous situation): Three short notes of the air horn.
- c. Resumption of Play: Two short notes of the air horn.

Note: All practice areas are closed during an immediate suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Player who practices on closed practice areas will be asked to stop practicing; failure to stop practicing might result in disqualification.

**1. Scorecard Returned** – Scorecards must be attested and returned immediately after the completion of a round to the designated TGA scoring area. The scorecard is considered returned when the player has left the designated scoring area.

**2. When Result of the Competition is Final** – The competition is final 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 Committee has approved the result as posted on the public scoreboard or website.

The Texas Golf Association (TGA) Tournament Rules Committee shall have the final decision on all claims and disputes.

These Local Rules and Terms of the Competition are in effect at all TGA championships and qualifying rounds. See applicable “Notice to Players” and Tournament Information for modifications or additions to these Local Rules and Terms of the Competition.

**13. Practice** – Prior to and after a round in stroke play, a player may practice on the designated practice areas. Rule 5.2b covering practice in stroke play is modified in this way: A player may not practice on the competition course before or between

**TGA CODE OF CONDUCT**

Players (and their caddies) are to observe proper golf etiquette at all times. Any abuse or disrespect of fellow competitors, officials, spectators, employees of the host facility, or other persons conducting or attending a TGA sponsored event can be grounds for disqualification from the event, and possible rejection of entry for future TGA events. Such abuse may be verbal or physical or threat thereof and includes, but is not limited to: the use of obscene language, physical damage to property or equipment including that of the TGA or the host facility, and being under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances during a competitive round.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty: **Match Play – Loss of Hole; Stroke Play – Two Strokes**

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