



2019 OSAA Local Rules and Terms of the Competition
For Use in the State Championship and District and Regional Qualifying

The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and the R&A govern play and where applicable, by the following Local Rules and Terms of the Competition. Complete text of Rules and Local Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 2019. Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty. See Notice to Players for additional Local Rules and Terms of the Competition. If a player in a team competition breaches a Rule that results in disqualification, the effect will be to disqualify the player for that round only. Exception: serious misconduct, in which it is up to the Committee.

Please note that while in some earlier competitions this year the Local Rule for Alternative to Stroke and Distance for Ball Lost or Out of Bounds may have been used, the Local Rule is not in effect for any competition covered by this document.

1. **OUT OF BOUNDS**: Defined by the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of the white stakes or fence posts. Out of bounds may also be defined by white lines.
2. **PENALTY AREAS**: 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 out of bounds.
3. **GROUND UNDER REPAIR**:
 - A. Defined by white lines. Ground under repair also includes French drains, which are trenches filled with rocks or stones and newly trenched areas, including grass-covered cables. See Temporary Power Lines and Cables.
 - B. Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage, including areas where spectators or other traffic has combined with wet conditions to affect materially the ground surface, but only when so declared by an authorized member of the Committee. When immediately adjacent to an obstruction, such an area is part of the obstruction.
4. **RELIEF FROM SEAMS OF CUT TURF**: If a player's ball is in the general area and the ball lies in or touches a seam of cut turf or a seam interferes with the player's area of intended swing, the player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. But interference does not exist if the seam only interferes with the player's stance.
5. **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS**: Include plastic bumpers on roads and paths, and mats secured to the ground with spikes when the bumpers or mats cover cables.
6. **WHITE-LINED AREAS TYING INTO ARTIFICIALLY SURFACED ROADS AND PATHS**: White-lined areas of ground under repair and the artificially surfaced roads, paths or other identified obstructions that they are connected to are a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.
7. **WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH**: Are loose impediments.
8. **INTEGRAL OBJECTS**: Include cables, rods, wires or wrappings when closely attached to trees, artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas and bunkers.
9. **TEMPORARY POWER LINES AND CABLES**: Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-22.
10. **TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS**: Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-23.
11. **LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS**: Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-1.
12. **LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS**: Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-3.
13. **PROHIBITING USE OF CERTAIN TYPES OF SHOES**: Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-7. Penalty for breach of Local Rule - see Rule 4.3.
14. **USE OF CADDIE PROHIBITED**: Rule 10.3a is modified in this way: A player must not have a caddie during the round.

15. **TRANSPORTATION**: During the round, a player must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized or later approved by the Committee (a player may always ride to and from where a previous stroke was made). Penalty for breach of Local Rule is the general penalty for each hole where the breach occurred. If the breach occurred between the play of two holes, it applies to the next hole.
16. **DRESS CODE**: The following attire is in effect for all competition. Soft spikes are required on all courses.
- A. **Boys**: No jeans, denim slacks, gym sweats or T-shirts. Walking shorts must be mid-thigh length. Sport caps must be worn bill forward. Shirts with collars, turtleneck or mock turtleneck only.
- B. **Girls**: No jeans, denim slacks, gym sweats or T-shirts. Walking shorts must be mid-thigh length. Sport caps must be worn bill forward. Halter-tops, tanks tops, bare midriff, tube tops or shirts with spaghetti straps are prohibited.
17. **REPLACEMENT OF BROKEN OR SIGNIFICANTLY DAMAGED CLUB**: Model Local Rule G-9 is in effect.
18. **BALL PLAYED FROM OUTSIDE RELIEF AREA WHEN TAKING BACK-ON-THE-LINE RELIEF**: Model Local Rule E-12 is in effect.
19. **TIME OF STARTING**: Player must be ready to play at the starting point and time set by the Committee. See Rule 5.3.
20. **ADVICE**: Each team may appoint one person who may give advice to members of that team. Advice givers must be identified to the Committee before giving advice. Advice may only be given to a player between the play of two holes or during suspensions of play but may not be given while a player is playing a hole. The penalty for each breach of this Rule by an advice giver is the General Penalty added to the player's score who is involved.
21. **STOPPING AND RESUMING PLAY**:
- A. A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged note of a siren or horn. All other suspensions will be signaled by three consecutive notes of a siren or horn. In either case, resumption of play will be signaled by two short notes of a siren or horn. See Rule 5.7b. **Note**: All practice areas are closed during an immediate suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to stop practicing; failure to stop practicing might result in disqualification.
- B. When play is suspended by the committee, if the players in a match or group are between the play of two holes, they must not resume play until the committee has ordered a resumption of play. If they have started play of a hole, they may discontinue play immediately or continue play of the hole, provided they do so without delay. If the players choose to continue play of the hole, they are permitted to discontinue play before completing it. Before lifting the ball, the player must mark its position. The players must resume play when the committee has ordered a resumption of play. An air horn will be used to notify players of a suspension of play.
22. **RESTRICTIONS ON PRACTICE BEFORE OR BETWEEN ROUNDS**: Rule 5.2 is modified in this way: a player must not practice on the competition course before or between rounds. Penalty for breach of Local Rule, see Rule 5.2.
23. **RESTRICTION ON PRACTICE OR TESTING 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 that putting green by rubbing the putting green or rolling a ball.
24. **PROHIBITING USE OF AUDIO AND VIDEO DEVICES**: Rule 4.3a (4) is modified in this way: During a round, a player must not listen to or watch content of any nature on a personal audio or video device. Penalty for breach of Local Rule – see Rule 4.3
25. **SCORING AREAS AND PROCEDURES**: Details on scorecard return procedures and scoring areas will be provided on the Notice to Players at each event.
26. **WHEN COMPETITION IS FINAL**: The competition is final 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.
27. **DOUBT TO PROCEDURE**: If you are uncertain about the right procedure while playing a hole, you may complete the hole with two balls without penalty. See Rule 20.1(3).