



OSAA / OnPoint Community Credit Union

## GOLF STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 2023 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 2023. 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. **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS:** Include plastic bumpers on roads and paths, and mats secured to the ground with spikes when the bumpers or mats cover cables.
5. **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREENS:** Model Local Rule F-5.1 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.
6. **RELIEF FROM SEAMS OF CUT TURF:** Model Local Rule F-7 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. 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: (a) Ball in the General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. (b) Ball on Putting Green. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d. But interference does not exist if the seam only interferes with the player's stance.
7. **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.
8. **WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH:** Are loose impediments.
9. **INTEGRAL OBJECTS:** Include objects, such as cables, rods, wires or wrappings, when closely attached to trees and boundary objects, and artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas or in or adjacent to bunkers, and bunker liners. An exposed bunker liner may be treated as ground under repair, but interference does not exist if the liner interferes only with the player's stance.
10. **BALL DEFLECTED BY POWER LINE:** Model Local Rule E-11 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a permanent power line, tower, or a wire or pole supporting a power line during the play of a hole, the player must replay the stroke by playing the original ball or another ball from the spot where that stroke was made (see Rule 14.6).
11. **TEMPORARY POWER LINES AND CABLES:** Model Local Rule F-22 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.
12. **TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS:** Model Local Rule F-23 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.
13. **LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS:** Model Local Rule G-1 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

14. **LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS:** Model Local Rule G-3 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.
15. **TRANSPORTATION:** Model Local Rule G-6 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. 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).
16. **PROHIBITING USE OF CERTAIN TYPES OF SHOES:** Model Local Rule G-7as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.
17. **PROHIBITING USE OF AUDIO AND VIDEO DEVICES:** Model Local Rule G-8 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. 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.
18. **USE OF CADDIE PROHIBITED:** Model Local Rule H-1.1 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. A player must not have a caddie during the round.
19. **RESTRICTIONS ON PRACTICE BEFORE OR BETWEEN ROUNDS:** Model Local Rule I-1.1 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Rule 5.2b 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
20. **RESTRICTION ON PRACTICE OR TESTING BETWEEN THE PLAY OF TWO HOLES:** Model Local Rule I-2 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. 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 or make any practice stroke on or near any practice green.
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. Resumptions of play will be signaled by two short notes of a siren or horn.
22. **DRESS CODE:** The following attire is in effect for all competition. Soft spikes are required on all courses.
- 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.
- 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.
23. **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.
24. **SCORING AREAS AND PROCEDURES:** Details on scorecard return procedures and scoring areas will be provided on the Notice to Players at each event.
25. **MODIFICATION OF PENALTY UNDER RULE 3.3b(2) FOR MISSING PLAYER OR MARKER CERTIFICATION:** Model Local Rule L-1 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.
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.