



2021 LOCAL RULES & TERMS OF THE COMPETITION (REVISED JANUARY 1, 2021)

The *Rules of Golf* as approved by the United States Golf Association and The R&A govern play. These Local Rules and Terms of the Competition are in effect at all Georgia PGA competitions and qualifying rounds. See applicable tournament or qualifying round Notice to Players and Entry Application for modifications or additions to these Local Rules and Terms of the Competition. Complete text of the Rules and Local Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 2019.

Code of Conduct

Any conduct that is detrimental to the Junior Tour will not be tolerated, including, but not limited to the following:

- Throwing and or breaking clubs
- Using abusive or profane language
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages
- Usage of tobacco products
- Drug use
- Gambling
- Cheating
- Damaging the golf course intentionally
- Abuse of club facilities
- Disrespect to the host facility staff, Junior Tour staff, sponsors, spectators or other players

Any breach of the above guidelines will result in disqualification from the event where the incident occurred; disqualification from the next event in which you are entered without refund. Continued violations will result in dismissal from the Junior Tour.

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

(Match Play - Loss of Hole - Stroke Play - Two Strokes)

1. Out of Bounds – Rule 18

- a. Defined by the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of the white stakes, fence posts and/or white lines.
- b. When the inside edge of a road or curb defines out of bounds, a ball that crosses such boundary is out of bounds even though it may lie on another part of the course.

2. Penalty Areas – Rule 17

- a. Penalty Areas are identified by yellow stakes and defined by yellow lines and/or are identified by red stakes and defined by red lines.
- b. Back-On-the-Line Relief: Model Local Rule E-12 is in effect. This applies in the application of Rules 16.1c(2), 17.1d(2), 19.2b or 19.3b. When taking back on the line relief from a penalty area, the reference point must be outside that penalty area.
- c. Relief on Opposite Side of Red Penalty Areas:
Red penalty areas with an opposite side relief option will be indicated, **if applicable**, on the “Notice to Players”. Model Local Rule B-2.1.

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.

3. Abnormal Course Conditions – Rule 16

- a. Defined by areas completely encircled with white lines.
- b. French drains filled with stones.
- c. Seams of cut turf. Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-7. Lie of ball and area of intended swing, not stance.
- d. Bunker Liners. An exposed liner is treated as ground under repair by the Committee under Rule 16.1. But interference does not exist if the liner only interferes with the player’s stance.

4. Immovable Obstructions – Rule 16

- a. White lined areas tying into obstructions are deemed to have the same status as the obstruction and are not ground under repair.
- b. Landscaped garden areas completely encircled by an obstruction are part of the obstruction.
- c. Mats secured to the ground and rubber or plastic bumpers covering cables.
- d. When railroad ties, curbing or the like adjoin artificially

- e. surfaced roads or paths, they are deemed to be part of the road or path.
- e. Bird houses

5. Integral Objects

Include cables, rods, wires or wrappings when closely attached to trees, artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas or adjacent to bunkers.

6. BALL PLAYED FROM PUTTING GREEN HITS PLAYER, CLUB USED OR ANIMAL DEFINED AS LOOSE IMPEDIMENT

The Model Local Rule D-7 is in effect.

7. Wood Chips and Mulch — Are loose impediments.

8. Elevated Power Lines, Poles, Towers or Cables

Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule E-11. If a ball strikes a permanent elevated power line, pole, tower or cable, the stroke must be canceled and replayed, without penalty. If the ball is not immediately recoverable another ball may be substituted.

9. Temporary Immovable Obstructions –

Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-23. (Includes temporary immovable obstructions installed for the competition and fans).

10. Specifications of Clubs and the Ball

- a. Replacing Club that is Broken or Significantly Damaged – Model Local Rule G-9 is in effect.
- b. List of Conforming Driver Heads – Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect. Penalty for making a stroke with club in breach of this Local Rule – Disqualification.
- c. List of Conforming Golf Balls – Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect. Penalty for making a stroke with a ball in breach of this Local Rule – Disqualification.
- d. One Ball Rule is **not in effect** unless noted on the Notice to Players- Model Local Rule G-4.

11. Pace of Play (Rule 5.6b(3)) See posted GPGA Junior Tour Pace of Play Guidelines and for pace of play penalties.

12. Suspension of Play Due to a Dangerous Situation Rule 5-7b

All practice areas are closed during the suspension for a dangerous situation until the Rules Committee has declared them open for use. Players who disregard such closing will be subject to disciplinary action by the Section Tournament Committee.

