



Lithuanian Golf Federation

“Hard Card 2016” (Standard Local Rules and Conditions of Competition)

I. LOCAL RULES

The following standard local rules, together with any additions or amendments as published by the Lithuanian Golf Federation (LGF) at the tournament venue, will apply to all competitions run by the LGF. Note: These Local Rules replace any Local Rules published by a host club (e.g. on a club's score card).

1. Out of Bounds (Rule 27-1)

- (a) Beyond any fence or line of white stakes defining the boundary of the course.
- (b) On or beyond any white line defining the boundary of the course.

Notes: Objects defining out of bounds are **not** obstructions and are deemed to be fixed, therefore relief without penalty from them is not available.

2. Water Hazards (including Lateral Water Hazards) (Rule 26)

When a water hazard or lateral water hazard is bounded by out of bounds, the hazard margin extends to and coincides with the boundary.

Note: Dropping Zones for Water Hazards:

Where there are dropping zones for water hazards, a ball may be played under Rule 26 or a ball may be dropped in the dropping zone nearest to where the original ball last crossed the margin of the hazard under penalty of one stroke.

For provisions relating to dropping or re-dropping a ball in a dropping zone, see the Note on pages 152-153 in the Rules of Golf.

3. Ground under Repair (GUR) (Rule 25-1)

- (a) Any area encircled by blue or white lines, or blue stakes.
- (b) Any area of damaged ground (e.g., caused by vehicle movement) that is considered by a referee to be abnormal.
- (c) Seams of cut turf: the specimen Local Rule in the Rule of Golf is in effect – see page 145.
- (d) Any erosional damage in bunkers caused by running water (wash-outs).

4. Stones in Bunkers

Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions (Rule 24-1 applies).

5. Turf Plugs on Putting Greens

On any putting green, turf plugs of any size have the same status as old hole plugs and may be repaired under Rule 16-1c.

6. Immovable Obstructions (Rule 24-2)

- (a) All artificially surfaced roads and paths (including the adjoining ditches made from artificial materials or not) on the course. All other roads, paths and tracks are integral parts of the course.
- (b) Stone-filled drainage ditches or channels.
- (c) Areas marked by blue or white lines, or/and blue stakes adjoining any areas defined as immovable obstructions are to be regarded as part of the obstruction and not ground under repair.

7. Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Green

Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 24-2.

In addition, if a ball lies **through the green** and an immovable obstruction on or within two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club-lengths of the ball intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole,

the player may take relief as follows: the ball must be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay that (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids intervention and (c) is not in a hazard or on a putting green.

If the player's ball lies **on the putting green** and an immovable obstruction within two club-lengths of the putting green intervenes on his line of putt, the player may take relief as follows: the ball must be lifted and placed at the nearest point to where the ball lay that (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids intervention and (c) is not in a hazard.

The ball may be cleaned when lifted.

Exception: A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if interference by anything other than the immovable obstruction makes the stroke clearly impracticable.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULES 1 – 7: Match play – Loss of hole; Stroke play – Two strokes.

8. Distance-Measuring Devices

In all competitions run by the LGF a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULES 8: Disqualification.

II. CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

The following Conditions, together with any additions or amendments as published by the Lithuanian Golf Federation (LGF) at the tournament venue, will apply under Rule 33-1 to all competitions run by the LGF.

1. Eligibility

All players must be of Amateur Status as defined by The Rules of Amateur Status. Players must meet the eligibility provisions established in the Conditions of Competition for the specific competition.

2. List of Conforming Driver Heads

The specimen Condition in the Rules of Golf is in effect – see pages 154-155.

Note: An updated List of Conforming Driver Heads is available on The R&A website (www.randa.org).

3. List of Conforming Golf Balls

The specimen Condition in the Rules of Golf is in effect – see pages 155-156.

Note: An updated List of Conforming Golf Balls is available on The R&A's website (www.randa.org).

4. Pace of Play (Note to Rule 6-7)

(a) Time Allowed

Each hole has been given a maximum completion time based upon the length and difficulty of the hole. The maximum time allotted for the completion of 18 holes will be available prior to play.

Definition of Out of Position:

The first group and any group after a starter's gap will be considered to be "out of position" if, at any time during the round, the group's cumulative time exceeds the time allowed for the number of holes completed. Any following group will be considered "out of position" if it is more than the starting interval behind the group in front and has exceeded the time allowed for the number of holes played.

(b) Procedure When Group is Out of Position

1. If a decision is taken to time the group, each player in the group will be subject to individual timing by a referee. Each player in the group will be advised that they are "out of position" and are being timed.

2. The maximum time allocated per shot is 40 seconds. 10 extra seconds are allowed for the first player to play:
- on a par three hole;
 - an approach shot; and
 - a chip or putt

The timing will start when a player has had sufficient time to reach his ball, it is his turn to play and he is able to play without interference or distraction.

On the putting green, timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace his ball, repair ball marks and move loose impediments on his line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

3. Timing ceases when a group is back in position and players will be advised accordingly.

Note: In some circumstances, an individual player, or two players within a group of three, may be timed instead of the entire group.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION:

1 Bad Time	–	Player will be warned by the referee and told that if he has a further bad time he will be penalised.		
		<i>Stroke Play</i>	<i>Match Play</i>	<i>Stableford</i>
2 Bad Times	–	Penalty of one stroke	Loss of hole	1 point from total
3 Bad Times	–	Further penalty two strokes	Further loss of hole	2 further points from Total
4 Bad Times	–	Disqualification	Disqualification	Disqualification

(c) Procedure When Again Out of Position During Same Round

If a group is “out of position” more than once during a round, the above procedure will apply on each occasion. Bad times and the application of penalties in the same round will be carried forward until the round is completed. A player will not be penalised if he has a second bad time before being advised of his earlier bad time.

5. Caddie (Note to Rule 6-4)

A player is prohibited from having a professional golfer and another player in the competition serve as his caddie during the stipulated round.

***PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION:**

Match play – At the conclusion of the hole at which the breach is discovered, the state of the match is adjusted by deducting one hole for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum deduction per round – Two holes.

Stroke play – Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – Four strokes (two strokes at each of the first two holes at which any breach occurred).

Match play or stroke play – If a breach is discovered between the play of two holes, it is deemed to have been discovered during play of the next hole, and the penalty must be applied accordingly.

Bogey and par competitions – See Note 1 to Rule 32-1a.

Stableford competitions – See Note 1 to Rule 32-1b.

*A player having a caddie in breach of this condition must immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred ensure that he conforms with this condition for the remainder of the stipulated round. Otherwise, the player is disqualified.

6. Suspension of Play Due to a Dangerous Situation (Note to Rule 6-8b)

When play is suspended by the Committee for a dangerous situation, 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 are in the process of playing a hole, they must discontinue play immediately and not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If a player fails to discontinue play immediately, he is disqualified, unless circumstances warrant waiving the penalty as provided in Rule 33-7

The following signals for suspending play are used:

- Discontinue Play Immediately: One prolonged note of siren.
- Discontinue Play: Three consecutive notes of siren, repeated.
- Resume Play: Two short notes of siren, repeated.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION: Disqualification

7. Transportation

Players must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorised by the Committee. (Example: when a specific situation arises, in order to save time, a Committee member or referee may allow a player to ride with him, or another person, in a golf cart, not for actual play of the stipulated round, but to and from the place where a previous stroke was made (e.g. lost ball), to go to a spot where a ruling occurred, to seek shelter of a thunderstorm, etc. The player may not drive the golf cart himself.)

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*Use of any unauthorised form of transportation must be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise, the player is disqualified.

8. Anti-Doping

Players are required to comply with and be bound by any anti-doping policy that is established for the event or match in which they are competing, as detailed in the relevant entry form, any prior notice or at the golf course.

9. Returning of Score Card

A player’s score card must be returned immediately in accordance with Rule 6-6b to the tournament recording office/area at the conclusion of play. A player’s score card is deemed officially returned to the Committee when has left the recording office/area.

10. Deciding Ties

Ties for first place in the Lithuanian Amateur Open Championship, Lithuanian Amateur Championship, Lithuanian Mid-Amateur Championship and LGF Cup competition will be decided by a sudden death play-off over holes to be determined by the Tournament Committee.

Ties for second and third places in the Lithuanian Amateur Open Championship, Lithuanian Amateur Championship, Lithuanian Mid-Amateur Championship, LGF Cup competition and the ties for first, second and third places in other LGF tournaments will be decided on the basis of the best score for the last nine, last six, last three and last hole.

11. Results of Competition – Competition Closed

- (a) Match Play. The result of the match is deemed officially announced when it has been recorded in the competition office.
- (b) Stroke Play. When the competition trophy is presented to the winner, the results of the competition are deemed officially announced and the competition is closed.