

# **LOCAL RULES**

*Capitals Golf Club, 16-18/6/2023*

## **OUT OF BOUNDS (Rule 18.2)**

The beginning and the end of the boundary of out of bounds within the course may be marked by two white stakes approximately two feet apart each other. The line between these stakes indicates that the boundary of the out of bounds extends to infinity in that direction.

## **PENALTY AREAS (Rule 17)**

When a penalty area is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend to infinity.

The beginning and the end of the margin of red penalty area within the course may be marked by two red stakes approximately two feet apart each other. The line between these stakes indicates that the margin of the red penalty area extends to infinity in that direction.

## **DROPPING ZONES FOR PENALTY AREA**

If a ball is in the red penalty area on the left side of 12th or 13th hole which is defined by red stakes with white top, including when it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found came to rest in this penalty area, the player has these relief options, each for one penalty stroke: (i) take relief under Rule 17.1, or (ii) as an extra option, drop the original ball or another ball in the dropping zone which is marked by white line and letters D.Z. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3.

## **ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS (INCLUDING IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS) (Rule 16)**

### (a) Ground under Repair (GUR)

- 1) Any area bounded by a white or blue line or blue stakes.
- 2) Any area of damaged ground (e.g., caused by crowd or vehicle movement) that is considered by a referee to be abnormal.
- 3) Areas in bunkers where sand has been removed by the movement of water resulting in deep furrows through the sand are ground under repair.

### (b) Immovable Obstructions

- 1) All artificially surfaced roads and paths. Roads and paths with uncertain boundaries can be marked by white dotted lines. Ditches near roads and paths are considered part of the road or paths if their boundary is marked with white dotted lines.
- 2) White lined areas and the immovable obstruction they tie into are treated as a single abnormal course condition.

### (c) Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Greens

Model Local Rule F-5.1 is in effect (<https://www.randa.org/en/rog/committee-procedures/8>).

Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 16.1.

The player has an extra option to take relief when such immovable obstructions are on or close to the putting green and on the line of play:

Ball in General Area: The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is:

- On the line of play, and is:
- On or within two club-lengths of the putting green, and
- Within two club-lengths of the ball.

**But** complete relief must be taken, which includes both physical and line of play interference.

**Exception** – No Relief If Line of Play Clearly Unreasonable. There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.

Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a.

## **PACE OF PLAY POLICY (Rule 5.6)**

### (1) 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.

**Note:** in making a decision on whether to time a “following group” that is out of position, leniency may be shown to a group that has not exceeded the time allotted for the number of holes completed.

### (2) Procedure when Group is Out of Position

- i. If a group is out of position, it will be given an official warning to speed up play.
- ii. If the group does not get back into position and 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.

iii. The maximum time allocated per shot is **40 seconds**. **10 extra seconds** are allowed for the first player to play:

- a stroke on a par three hole;
- a second stroke on a par 4 or par 5 hole;
- a third stroke on a par 5 hole;
- a stroke from around the putting green; and
- a stroke from on the putting green.

The timing will start when a player has had sufficient time to reach his/her ball, it is his/her turn to play and he/she 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/her ball, repair damage and move loose impediments on his/her line of play. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball and aligning the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

iv. 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 or three players within a group of four, may be timed instead of the entire group.

Penalty for Breach of Policy: “Bad times” are carried through an entire stroke play championship. For example, a player who gets a “bad time” in Round 1 (a warning) will get one penalty stroke if he/she gets a second “bad time” either later in Round 1 or during any subsequent round of the championship. In match play, bad times only apply to a specific match, whether 18 holes or 36 holes.

One bad time	Player will be warned by the referee and told that, if he/she has a further bad time, he/she will be penalised.
	<b>Stroke Play</b>
Two bad times	One Stroke Penalty
Three bad times	Additional Two Penalty Strokes
Four bad times	Disqualification

(3) Excessive Shot Time

At any time, if any player is observed by a referee taking more than 120 seconds to play a shot, he or she will be notified of the excessive shot time and given an official warning to speed up play. The player will also be advised that the Committee may start individual timing at any time, even if the group is not out of position.

(4) Random Timing Without Warning When Group Not Out of Position

In some circumstances, a group or an individual player may be timed without warning, including when a group is not out of position. In such cases of “random timing”, the timing provisions and penalties set out in clause (2.iii) above apply, except that a player will only be given a bad time if he exceeds **60 seconds** to play a shot, with **an extra 10 seconds** given (i.e. 70 seconds in total) for the “first player to play” shots referenced in (2.iii) above.

**CADDIE (Rule 10.3)**

Model Local Rule H-1.2 is in effect (<https://www.randa.org/en/rog/committee-procedures/8>). Rule 10.3a is modified in this way: A player must not have a professional golfer or another player of the same competition as his or her caddie during the round.

**SUSPENSION OF PLAY (Rule 5.7)**

The following signals will be used to suspend and resume play:

- immediate stop for imminent danger – one prolonged note of a siren;
- stop for a non-dangerous situation – three consecutive notes of a siren;
- resumption of play – two consecutive notes of a siren.

**Note:** when play is stopped for imminent danger, all practice areas will be immediately closed.

**MODIFICATION OF PENALTY UNDER RULE 3.3B(2) FOR MISSING PLAYER OR MARKER CERTIFICATION**

Model Local Rule L-1 is in effect (<https://www.randa.org/en/rog/committee-procedures/8>). Rule 3.3b(2) is modified in this way: If a player returns a scorecard without the hole scores being certified either by the player, the marker or both, the player gets the general penalty (two penalty strokes). The penalty applies to the last hole of the player’s round.

**TRANSPORTATION**

During a round, a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorized transportation. A player who will play, or has played, under penalty of stroke and distance is always authorized to ride on motorized transportation. The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which there is a breach. A breach between two holes applies to the next hole.

**RETURNING OF SCORECARD**

A player’s scorecard is officially returned to the Committee when the player has left the recording office/area with both feet.

**RESULTS OF COMPETITION – COMPETITION CLOSED**

When the stroke play Competition trophy is presented to the winner, the results of the competition are officially announced, and the competition is closed.

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PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULES: Two strokes.