



## LOCAL RULES AND TERMS OF THE COMPETITION FOR 2025 WPGA CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and R&A Rules Limited govern play. These Local Rules and Terms of the Competition are in effect at all WPGA championships and qualifying rounds. See applicable championship 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 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.**

### DISREGARD ALL LOCAL RULES ON CLUB SCORECARDS

**Out of Bounds** – Defined by line between the course-side points of white stakes and fence posts at ground level.

**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.

**Ground Under Repair** – Defined by white lines. French drains are Ground Under Repair. 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 immovable obstruction, such an area is part of the obstruction.

**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 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*. All seams within the area of cut turf are treated as the same seam in taking relief. This means that if a player has interference from any seam after *dropping* the ball, the player must proceed as required under Rule 14.3c(2) even when the ball is still within one club-length of the reference point.

**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.

**Wood Chips and Mulch** – Are loose impediments.

**Integral Objects** – Include objects 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.

**Transportation** – See Notice to Players and Entry Application.

**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.

**List of Conforming Driver Heads** – Model Local Rule G-1 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

**Groove and Punch Mark Specifications** – Model Local Rule G-2 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

**List of Conforming Golf Balls** – Model Local Rule G-3 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

**Broken or Significantly Damaged Club** – Model Local Rule G-9 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

**Prohibiting Use of Certain Types of Shoes** – Model Local Rule G-7 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Shoes with traditional spikes or spikes of any design that are entirely or partially made of metal is prohibited.

**Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Greens** – Model Local Rule F-5 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

**Stopping and Resuming Play** – Model Local Rule J-1 as prescribed in Section 8 of the committee Procedures is in effect.

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 practice; failure to stop practicing might result in disqualification.

An immediate suspension will be signaled by one prolonged airhorn note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive airhorn notes. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short airhorn notes.

**Practice** – Prior to and after a round in stroke play, a player may practice on the designated practice areas. Rule 5.2b covering practice in stroke play is modified in this way: A player may not practice on the competition course before or between rounds. Penalty for breach of Local Rule, see Rule 5.2.