



PGA

Tri-State Section

2021 TRI-STATE SECTION PGA HARD CARD

Play is governed by the Rules of Golf effective January 2019, and where applicable, by the following Local Rules and Terms of the Competition. Committee Procedures refers to the Committee Procedures section in the current *Official Guide to the Rules of Golf*. The *Committee* refers to the PGA of America Rules Committee. Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule in *stroke play* is the *general penalty (two penalty strokes)*.

1. RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT

a. List of Conforming Driver Heads: Any driver the player uses to make a stroke must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft, which is on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the USGA.

Penalty for Making a Stroke with Club in Breach of this Local Rule: Disqualification.

There is no penalty under this Local Rule for carrying, but not making a stroke with a driver that is not on the List of Conforming Driver Heads (See Model Local Rule G-1 in Committee Procedures).

b. Groove and Punch Mark Specifications: In making a stroke, the player must use clubs that conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Equipment Rules that took effect on 1 January 2010. Ping Eye 2 irons manufactured before 31 March 1990 with a groove spacing to groove width ratio of 2.3 to 1 are allowed for play under the Rules of Golf, even when this Local Rule is in effect (See Model Local Rule G-2 in Committee Procedures).

Penalty for making a Stroke with Club in Breach of this Local Rule: Disqualification.

There is no penalty under this Local Rule for carrying, but not making a stroke with a club which does not conform to these groove and punch mark specifications.

c. List of Conforming Golf Balls: Any ball used in making a stroke must be on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the USGA. This list is posted in the locker room and starting tees and is regularly updated and can be found at www.usga.org.

Penalty for Making a Stroke at a Ball Not on Current List in Breach of this Local Rule: Disqualification.

2. COMMITTEE PACE OF PLAY POLICY: See Rule 5.6b(3). The Local Rule setting a Pace of Play Policy, including penalties for not following this Policy, is published and posted in the locker room and starting tees.

3. AUTOMOTIVE TRANSPORTATION: An automotive cart is part of a player's equipment.

(a) Players are permitted to ride unless otherwise posted at site. **(b)** To prevent "scouting", a player(s) using a cart, their caddies, may not drive the cart past their ball. An exception would be if a player's ball lies on or within 60 feet of the putting green, the player or caddie would be entitled to drive the cart around the green. Penalty For Breach Of Rule: 2 Strokes. **(c)** When one cart is shared by two players, the cart and any person or thing in it is deemed to be the equipment of the player whose ball is involved, except, that when the cart is being driven by one of the players, the cart and its contents are considered to be the equipment of that player. **(d)** A player(s) using a cart may appoint someone to drive the cart, in which case the driver is considered to be the caddie of the player(s). **(e)** Use of a cart by anyone other than the player(s) using it or an appointed driver is prohibited. Any player allowing unauthorized use of this cart is subject to a penalty as follows at each hole at which the breach occurred. Stroke Play – 2 Strokes. **(f)** There will be no spectator carts allowed. Only official carts authorized by the committee will be allowed on the course. Players who are in violation are subject to a penalty.

4. PRACTICE BETWEEN HOLES: Appendix 1

Between the play of two holes, a player shall not play any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the last hole played.

5. OUT OF BOUNDS AND COURSE BOUNDARIES: Out of bounds is defined by the line between the course-side points at ground level of white stakes and fence posts.

Note: A ball coming to rest on or beyond a public road is out of bounds, even if it comes to rest on another part of the course that is in bounds for other holes.

6. RETURNING SCORECARD: For the purpose of applying Rule 3.3b(2), a player's *scorecard* is treated as returned when the player has first left the scoring area with both feet.

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7. PROCEDURES FOR BAD WEATHER AND SUSPENSIONS OF PLAY:

a. Methods for Stopping and Resuming Play:

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.

b. Removal of Temporary Water on the Putting Green:

If a player's ball lies on the *putting green* and there is interference by *temporary water* on the *putting green* the player may:

Take free relief under Rule 16-1d or

Have their *line of play* squeegeed

Such squeegeeing should be done across the *line of play* and extend a reasonable distance beyond the *hole* (that is at least one roller length) and only be carried out by individuals designated by the *Committee*.

Note: The *Committee* may squeegee the *putting green* at any time.

8. DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

Distance Measuring Devices are allowed please follow rule 4.3 Use of Equipment.

9. ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS AND INTEGRAL OBJECTS

1. Ground Under Repair:

a. Any area **encircled by a white line**, including gallery crosswalks (except dropping zones or *out of bounds*).

b. **Newly trenched areas**, including grass-covered cables.

c. **French drains**, which are trenches filled with rocks or stones.

d. 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 in the *general area*, the player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. **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 within one club-length of the reference point.

e. **Painted lines or dots** in a part of the *general area* cut to fairway height or less. **But** interference does not exist if the painted lines or dots interfere **only** with the player's *stance*.

2. Immovable Obstructions:

a. **Asphalt and artificially surfaced roads and paths**. White lined areas of *ground under repair* tying into such roads or paths are treated as a single *abnormal course condition* when taking relief under Rule 16.1.

b. **Railroad ties, curbing** or other similar artificial edges adjoining cart paths are part of the same *obstruction*.

c. **Secured mats and plastic cable ramps** covering cables.

3. Integral Objects (Free relief not allowed):

a. **Artificial retaining walls** and/or pilings when located in *penalty areas*.

b. **Wires, cables, wrappings, signs and lightning rods** closely attached to trees or objects defining *out of bounds*.

c. **Bunker liners** in their intended position.

Note: The *Committee* may treat an exposed liner, not in its intended position, to be *ground under repair*, but interference does not exist if a liner only interferes with the player's *stance*.

d. **Temporary Immovable Obstructions:** Model Local Rule F-23 in Committee Procedures is in effect and includes any Temporary Immovable Obstruction installed for the competition.

The Following Rules Are Not In Effect Unless Stated Under "Supplementary Rules" On The Front Of This Hard Card.

10. PREFERRED LIES

Following Local Model E3 (Page 467)

1. Reference Point:

a. Spot of original ball.

2. Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point:

b. Specify size of relief area, such as one *club-length*, one scorecard length or 6 inches from the reference point, **but** with these limits.

3. Limits on Location of Relief Area:

a. Must not be nearer the *hole* than the reference point

b. Must be in the *general area*.

In proceeding under this Local Rule, the player must choose a spot to place the ball and use the procedures for *replacing* a ball under Rules 14.2b (2) and 14.2e.

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