



REAL FEDERACIÓN ANDALUZA DE GOLF

PERMANENT LOCAL RULES

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The following Permanent Local Rules and Terms of Competition, together with any other addition or correction published by the RFGA in each course, will apply to any Championship or Tournament run under the auspices of the RFGA

The full text of the following Local Rules and Terms of Competition may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf as published by R&A Rules Limited effective January 2019

LOCAL RULES

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a local rule is the General penalty (loss of hole in match play or two strokes in stroke play)

1.- OUT OF BOUNDS (Rule 18.2)

- a. A ball is out of bounds when it is beyond the nearest inside part of any wall defining the course boundary.
- b. A ball that is played from one side of a public road which is defined as out of bounds and comes to rest on the other side of that road is out of bounds. This is true even if the ball comes to rest on another part of the course that is in bounds for other holes.

2.- PENALTY AREAS (Rule 17)

- a. When the penalty area adjoins a boundary, the penalty area edge extends to and coincides with the boundary

- b. Opposite Side Relief Where Ball Last Crossed Edge of Penalty Area Where the edge and the Boundary of Course Coincide

Model Local Rule B-2.2 is in effect when a player's ball is found in or it is known or virtually certain to have come to rest in any red penalty area where the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area at a point that coincides with the boundary if the course

- c. Dropping zones for Penalty Areas.

Where a dropping zone is marked for a Penalty Area, it is an additional option under penalty of one stroke. The dropping zone is a relief area under rule 14.3 meaning a ball must be dropped in and come to rest in the relief area

3.- ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS (Rule 16)

- a. Ground Under Repair

1. All areas bounded by white or blue lines or blue stakes
2. Grass covered cable trenches
3. Seams of cut turf. Model Local Rule F-7 is in effect
4. French drains (stone-filled drainage ditches)
5. Yardage painted lines or dots on the putting green or in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less must be treated as ground under repair from which relief is available under rule 16.1. Relief is not allowed when there is interference only to the player's stance

- b. Inmovable Obstructions

1. White lined areas and the immovable obstruction they tie are treated as a single abnormal course condition
2. Landscaped garden areas and everything growing in them that are completely surrounded by an immovable obstruction are treated as a single abnormal course condition
3. Artificially surfaced roads or paths and those surfaced with woodchip, mulch or similar. Individual pieces of woodchip are loose impediments

c. Restrictions on Relief from Stance in Animal Hole. Rule 16.1 is modified in this way: "Interference does not exist if the Animal Hole interferes with only the player's stance."

4.- EMBEDDED BALL (Rule 16.3)

Model Local Rule F-2.2 is in effect and Rule 16.3 is modified in this way: "No free relief is allowed for a ball embedded in the stacked turf face above a bunker."

5.- IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREENS.

Model Local Rule F-5 is in effect but it is modified as follows: "For a ball in the general area, relief is allowed only when both the ball and the immovable obstruction lie in an area cut to fairway height or less."

6.- BALL PLAYED FROM OUTSIDE RELIEF AREA WHEN TAKING BACK ON THE LINE RELIEF

Model Local Rule E-12 is in effect when taking back on the line relief under any rule

Note: Back on the line relief under Rules 16.1c(2), 17.1d(2), 19.2b y 19.3b; a ball can be played from outside relief area so long as the ball is within one club-length of where it first touched the ground when dropped into the relief area.

Model Local Rule E-12 is in effect. "When taking Back on the Line Relief, there is no additional penalty if a player plays a ball that was dropped in the relief area required under the relevant rule (Rule 16.1c(2), 17.1d(2), 19.2b or 19.3b) but came to rest outside the relief area, so long as the ball, when played, is within one club-length of where it first touched the ground when dropped"

The exemption from penalty applies even if the ball is played from nearer the hole than the reference point (but not if played from nearer the hole than the spot of the original ball or the estimated point where the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area

7.- LIMITING WHEN STROKE MADE FROM THE PUTTING GREEN MUST BE REPLAYED

Model Local Rule D-7 is in effect and modifies exception 2 to rule 11.1b: "Exception 2 to rule 11.1b applies, except that when a ball played from the putting green accidentally hits the player, the club used by the player to make the stroke or an animal defined as a loose impediment (that is, worms, insects and similar animals that can be removed easily). The stroke counts and the ball must be played as it lies."

8.- INTEGRAL OBJECTS

1. Bunker liners in their intended position
2. Wires, cables, wrapping or other objects when closely attached to trees or other permanent objects
3. Artificial retaining walls and pilings when located within penalty areas
4. Gates for getting through boundary walls or fences are integral objects

9.- PERMANENT OVERHEAD POWER LINES

Model Local Rule E-11 is in effect but only for a ball which strikes a power line located in bounds and not the supporting pole. (Stroke is cancelled and must be replayed)

10.- TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS

Model Local Rule F-23 is in effect.

a. Use of dropping zones. In the general area, when a player's ball lies on or into a TIO or so close to a TIO

that there is interference with the players's stance or with their chosen swing area and relief is required, the player may:

- Proceed under any of the allowed options of OTI Local Rule or Rule 16.1 or,
- If there are marked dropping zones, as an additional option, the player may drop the original ball or another ball without penalty, in the nearest dropping zone. This is allowed even if the dropping zone is nearer to the hole.
- The dropping zone is a relief area under rule 14.3 meaning a ball must be dropped in and come to rest in the relief area

b. Either Side Relief. Additional local rules for each course will define what OTIs allow the Either Side Relief Option. This Either Side Relief Option is limited to only line of sight interference and it is not available when player chooses to proceed under Rule 16.1

11.- CLUBS AND BALLS

- a. List of Conforming Driver Heads. Model local Rule G-1 is in effect
- b. List of Conforming Balls. Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect
 - c. Replacement of Club that is Broken or Significantly Damaged. Model Local Rule G-9 is in effect. Penalty for breach of this local rule: see Rule 4.1b
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12.- PACE OF PLAY (Rule 5.6b(3))

The Pace of Play Police established by the RFGA is in force

| | 1 bad time | 2 bad times | 3 bad times | 4 bad times |
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| Stroke Play | Verbal Warning from official | One stroke penalty Stableford: -1 point from total | Two penalty shots Stableford: -2 points from total | Disqualification |
| Match Play | Verbal Warning | One penalty stroke | Loss of hole | Disqualification |

13.- PRACTICE (Rule 5.2)

- a. In **Stroke Play**, Rule 5.2b is modified as follows: “A player **must not** practice on the competition course before or between rounds”
- b. In Match Play, Rule 5.2a is modified as follows: “A player **must not** practice on the competition course before or between rounds”

Exception: All the recognized practice areas within the bounds of the course may be used by players to practice in any day of the competition

14.- SUSPENSION OF PLAY (Rule 5.7)

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

- a. Immediate stop / dangerous situation.- One prolonged note of the siren
- b. Normal non dangerous stop.- three consecutive short notes of the siren
- c. Resume play.- two consecutive short notes of the siren

Note: When play is stopped in a dangerous situation, all practice areas are immediately closed

15.- TRANSPORTATION POLICY

Rule 4.3a is modified in this way: “During a round a player or caddie must not ride in any form of motorised transportation except as authorised by the rules committee. (A player taking a stroke and distance penalty is always authorised). Penalty for breach of this local rule: General Penalty for each hole during which there is a breach. A breach between holes is applied to the next hole.”

16.- ADVICE IN TEAM COMPETITIONS (Rule 24)

Each team may name one advice giver whom players in the team may ask for advice and receive advice from during the round. The team must identify each advice giver to the committee before any player on the team begins his or her round.

17.- ELIGIBILITY

Players must meet the eligibility provisions established in the relevant Terms of Competition for the specific Championship or Match.

18.- ANTI-DOPING

Players are required to comply with and be bound by any Anti-Doping Policy that is established for the Championship or Match in which they are competing

19.- RETURNING OF SCORE CARD

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

20.- DECIDING TIES

The method for deciding ties is provided on the relevant entry form or is published in the official notice board by the RFGA

21.- RESULTS OF MATCH OR CHAMPIONSHIP – COMPETITION CLOSED**a. Match Play**

The result of a match is officially announced when it has been recorded in the Championship Office

b. Stroke Play

When the final result sheet is published on the web page official notice board, the results of the competition are officially announced, and the competition is closed.

22.- CODE OF CONDUCT (Rule 1.2b)

The Code of Conduct established by the RFGA is in force.