

THE FOLLOWING WILL ONLY APPLY IN PROFESSIONAL PLAYER COMPETITIONS

PRO 1. GREEN READING MATERIAL RESTRICTIONS.

MLR G-11 is in effect, except for amateurs playing only in a Pro-Am competition. Only approved materials may be used, and these include:

- (i) Committee Approved yardage books, since 1st January 2022
- (ii) Committee Approved pin positions sheets, and
- (iii) Maps of the competition course no larger than letter or A4 sized piece of paper

Players should refer to the additional notice regarding MLR G-11 and the special restrictions that apply to handwritten notes.

Penalty for first breach: General Penalty.

Penalty for second breach: Disqualification.

PRO 2. RESTRICTIONS ON PRACTICE IN STROKE PLAY. RULE 5.

During Round: MLR 1-2 is in effect. Rule 5.5b is modified in this way: Between the play of two holes, a player must not:

- (i) Make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole just completed, or
- (ii) Test the surface of that putting green by rubbing the putting green or rolling a ball.

PRO 3. DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES.

MLR G-5 is in effect. Rule 4.3a (1) is modified in this way: During a round, a player must not obtain distance information using an electronic distance measuring device.

Penalty for breach this LR: See penalty statement in Rule 4.3.

PRO 4. CLUBS AND BALLS.

- a. One Ball Rule: MLR G-4 is in effect. Penalty for making a stroke at a ball in breach of this LR: The player gets one penalty stroke for each hole during which they are in breach of this LR. This LR does not apply to professional or amateur players in any pre-tournament Pro-Am or approved one-day event or to

amateurs who partner professional players in a major Pro-Am tournament.

- b. Replacing Club that is Broken or Significantly Damaged: MLR G-9 is in effect.
- c. 46-inch Club Length Limitation: MLR G-10 is in effect. Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of this LR: Disqualification. This LR is also in effect in a Pro-Am played as the official competition. This rule will not apply to amateurs playing solely in Pro-Am competitions.

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LOCAL RULES and TERMS OF COMPETITION

The following Local Rules and Terms of Competition together with any additions or amendments published by the Real Federación Española de Golf (RFEG) will be applied to all events run by the RFEG.

For the full text of any Model Local Rule (MLR) referenced below, please refer to the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf effective 1st January 2023 and the Clarifications updated quarterly by the RFEG.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule (LR) is the general penalty (loss of hole in match play or two penalty strokes in stroke play).

1. OUT OF BOUNDS. Rule 18.2.

- a. A ball is out of bounds when it is beyond any wall defining a boundary.
- b. A ball that comes to rest beyond any road defining out of bounds, is out of bounds, even though it may come to rest on another part of the course (MLR A-5 is in effect).
- c. Closed gates attached to boundary walls and fences are part of the boundary object. Relief is not allowed from such a gate under Rules 15.2 or 16.1. But an open gate is not treated as part of the boundary object and may be closed or moved to a different position (MLR F-26 is in effect).

2. PENALTY AREAS. Rule 17.

- a. When a penalty area (PA) adjoins a boundary, the PA edge extends to and coincides with the boundary.
- b. When a player's ball last crosses the edge of a PA where the edge of the PA and a boundary of the course coincide, that edge is deemed red and opposite side relief is available under MLR B-2.2.
- c. Dropping Zones (DZ) for penalty areas: Where a DZ is marked for a PA, it is an additional option for relief under penalty of one stroke (MLR E-1.1 is in effect).

3. ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS (including Immovable Obstructions). Rule 16.

a. Ground Under Repair.

- (1) Any area of damaged ground (e.g. caused by crowd or vehicle movement) that is considered by a referee to be abnormal.
- (2) Grass covered cable trenches (MLR F-22 is in effect).
- (3) French drains (stone-filled drainage ditches).
- (4) Seams of cut turf (MLR F-7 is in effect).
- (5) Animal Holes (MLR F-6 is in effect). Prohibiting relief when only stance interference exists.
- (6) Painted lines or dots in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less. (RLM F-6 is in effect). Prohibiting relief when only stance interference exists.

b. Immovable Obstructions.

- (1) White lined areas and the immovable obstruction they tie into are 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) Mats that are secured and all ramps covering cables.
- (4) Roads or paths surfaced with woodchip or mulch. Individual pieces of woodchip are loose impediments.
- (5) Irrigation pipes. (MLR F-6 is in effect). Prohibiting relief when only stance interference exists.

c. Embedded Ball.

Rule 16.3 is modified in this way: "Free relief is not allowed when a ball is embedded in a stacked turf face above a bunker" (MLR F-2.2 is in effect).

4. IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREENS.

MLR F-5.2 is in effect.

5. INTEGRAL OBJECTS.

The following are integral objects from which free relief is not allowed:

- a. Bunker liners in their intended position.

- b. Wires, cables, wrapping or other objects when closely attached to trees or other permanent objects.
- c. Artificial retaining walls and/or pilings when located within a PA.

6. PLAYER MAY REMOVE ANIMALS NOT DEFINED AS LOOSE IMPEDIMENTS FROM NEAR BALL.

MLR E-13 is in effect.

7. TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS (TIOs).

Temporary Power Lines and Cables (MLR F-22 in effect) – TIOs (RLM F-23 in effect).

8. CLUBS AND BALLS.

- a. List of Conforming Driver Heads (MLR G-1 is in effect). Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of this LR: Disqualification.
- b. Groove and Punch Mark Specifications (MLR G-2 is in effect). Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of this LR: Disqualification.
- c. Conforming Balls List (MLR G-3 is in effect). Penalty for making a stroke in breach of this LR: Disqualification.

9. PACE OF PLAY POLICY and CODE OF CONDUCT. Rule 5.6 and 1.2b.

In accordance with the RFEA Pace of Play policy and Code of Conduct card in force, if implemented by the event Committee.

10. SUSPENSION OF PLAY. Rule 5.7.

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

- (i) Immediate suspension (such as when there is imminent danger) - one prolonged note of the siren.
- (ii) Normal Suspension (such as when the course is flooded) - three short notes of the siren.
- (iii) Resumption of play - two consecutive notes of a siren.

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

11. PRACTICE. Rule 5.2.

- a. Match Play: Rule 5.2a is modified as follows: A player must not practice on the competition course before or between rounds. (MLR I-1.1 is in effect).
- b. Stroke Play: Rule 5.2b is modified as follows: A player must not practice on the competition course before or between rounds. (MLR I-1.2 is in effect).

Exception: All practice areas recognizable as such within the boundaries of the course may be used by players for practice on any day of the event.

12. TRANSPORTATION POLICY.

During a round, a player (or caddie) must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized or later approved by the Committee. A player (or caddie) who will play, or has played, under penalty of stroke and distance is always authorized to ride on motorized transportation (MLR G-6 is in effect).

13. 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 round.

14. ELIGIBILITY.

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

15. SCORING IN STROKE PLAY.

Modification of Penalty Under Rule 3.3b (2) for missing player or marker certification (MLR L-1 is in effect).

16. RECORDING AREA AND SCORECARD RETURNED.

A player's scorecard is officially returned to the Committee when the player has physically left the recording office/area.

17. DECIDING TIES.

The method for deciding ties is provided on the terms of competitions or is published at the golf course.

18. RESULTS OF COMPETITION - COMPETITION CLOSED.

- a. Match Play: When it has been recorded on the recording office/area.
- b. Stroke Play: When the results have been validated in the scoring system and approved by the Committee.