



NORTHERN NEVADA GOLF ASSOCIATION

2023 LOCAL RULES AND TERMS OF THE COMPETITION



The Rules of Golf of the United States Golf Association govern play.

See applicable Notice to Players for modifications or additions to these Local Rules and Terms of the Competition.

Complete text of the Rules and Model Local Rules (MLR) 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**.

LOCAL RULES

CLUB SCORECARD: Any Local Rules listed on the host club scorecard or posted at the host club have no status in an NNGA Competition.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES: Devices giving information on distance or direction only are permitted. This includes laser range finders, GPS devices and Phone Apps. Rule 4.3(1)

OUT OF BOUNDS: Defined by the line between the course-side points of white stakes and fence posts at ground level. MLR A-5 is in effect for when a public road runs through the course.

PENALTY AREAS: Defined by Red or Yellow stakes and/or lines. When both stakes and lines are present, the stakes identify the penalty area, and the lines define it. When a penalty area is defined on only one side it is deemed to extend 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 that 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 that obstruction.

ANIMAL HOLES: Player is entitled to relief for interference of the ball or swing, Rule 16.1, but interference does not exist if the animal hole only interferes with the player's stance, see MLR F-6.

RELIEF FROM SEAMS OF CUT TURF: Model Local Rule F-7 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH: Are Loose Impediments.

AERATION HOLES: Model Local Rule E-4 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

TIME OF STARTING: The player must start at (and not before) their starting time. This means that the player must be ready to play at the starting time and starting point set by the Committee.

- Players arriving late but within 5 minutes of their posted starting time will receive the **general penalty**.
- More than 5 minutes late, **disqualification**.

CODE OF CONDUCT: The Code of Conduct is posted on nnga.org. Penalties up to and including **disqualification** may be imposed if the Committee considers a player in breach of the Code of Conduct.

PACE OF PLAY: The Pace of Play policy is posted on nnga.org.

- Penalty for first breach: **players will receive a warning**.
- Penalty for second breach: **general penalty**.
- Penalty for third breach: **general penalty**.
- Penalty for fourth breach: **disqualification**.

DRESS CODE: Appropriate golf attire is required. Collared or mock turtleneck shirts for men and appropriate golf attire for women. No jeans, (tops, pants, or shorts) are permitted.

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.

POWER LINES AND CABLE: Model Local Rule E-11 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Player must replay the stroke.

CONFORMING EQUIPMENT: The following Model Local Rule regarding conforming equipment as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures are in effect.

- **Model Local Rule G-1:** Conforming Driver Heads.
- **Model Local Rule G-2:** Groove and Punch Mark Specifications.
- **Model Local Rule G-3:** Use of Conforming Golf Ball.

MISSING PLAYER OR MARKER CERTIFICATION: Model Local Rule L-1 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS: Worn areas tying into artificially surfaced roads and paths or other identified obstructions are considered a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREEN: Model Local Rule F-5.2 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

USE OF AUDIO AND VIDEO DEVICES: During a round, a player may listen to audio or watch video on matters unrelated to the competition being played. But in doing so, consideration should be shown to others (see Rule 1.2 and Code of Conduct).

The player must not use any type of headphones (including bone conduction headphones) that may eliminate distractions.

FOOTWEAR: Soft spikes shall be in effect for all competitions. Model Local Rule G-7 is in effect.

STOPPING AND RESUMING PLAY: Rule 5.7b is in effect. An Immediate Suspension for a dangerous condition such as lightning shall be signaled by one prolonged blast of an air horn and/or verbal notification by an official.

All other types of suspension shall be signaled by three consecutive short blasts of an air horn and/or verbal notification by an official. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short blasts of an air horn, repeated.

Note: During an immediate suspension for a dangerous situation all practice areas are closed until the Committee has declared them open.

CLOSE OF THE COMPETITION: The competition is final when the trophy has been presented to the winner, or in the absence of a prize ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the Committee.

The result of a match is final when the Committee has confirmed the result of the match.



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MODEL LOCAL RULES IN EFFECT

MODEL LOCAL RULE A-5: OUT OF BOUNDS WHEN A PUBLIC ROAD RUNS THROUGH COURSE:

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.

MODEL LOCAL RULE E-4: AERATION HOLES:

If the player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole:

- a) Ball in General Area. Player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. Should the ball come to rest in another aeration hole the player may take relief again under this Local Rule.
- b) Ball on Putting Green. Player may take relief under Rule 16.1d.

But interference does not exist if the aeration hole only interferes with the player's stance or intended swing or, on the putting green, on the player's line of play.

MODEL LOCAL RULE E-11: BALL DEFLECTED BY POWER LINE:

If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a power line, tower, wire, or pole supporting a power line during the play of a round, the player must replay the stroke by playing the original ball or another ball from the spot that stroke was made (see Rule 14.6).

If the player replays the stroke but does so from a wrong place, they get the general penalty under Rule 14.7a.

If the player does not replay the stroke, they get the general penalty and the stroke counts, but the player has not played from a wrong place.

MODEL LOCAL RULE F-5.2: IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTION CLOSE TO PUTTING GREEN:

Ball in general area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction (such as a sprinkler head) 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

This Local Rule only applies when both the ball and the obstruction are in the general area cut to fairway height or less.

Exception: No relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.

MODEL LOCAL RULE F-6: RELIEF FROM ANIMAL HOLES:

Relief is not allowed from an animal hole if the condition only interferes with the player's stance.

MODEL LOCAL RULE F-7: SEAMS OF CUT TURF:

If a player's ball lies in or touches a seam of cut turf or the seam interferes with a player's area of intended swing:

- a) Ball in General Area. Player may take relief under Rule 16.1b.
- b) Ball on Putting Green. 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. After dropping should the player have interference from any seam they must proceed as required by Rule 14.3c(2) (a re-drop is required as if the ball came to rest outside the relief area) even if the ball is within one club-length of the reference point.

MODEL LOCAL RULE G-1: 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.

MODEL LOCAL RULE G-2: 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.

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

MODEL LOCAL RULE G-3: 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.

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

MODEL LOCAL RULE G-7: PROHIBITING USE OF CERTAIN TYPES OF SHOES

Rule 4.3a is modified in this way: During a round, a player must not make a stroke while wearing shoes with:

Traditional spikes - that is, spikes having single or multiple points designed to penetrate deeply into the surface of the ground (regardless of whether made of metal, ceramic, plastic or other materials); or

Spikes of any design that are entirely or partially made of metal, if such metal may come in contact with the course.

Penalty for Breach of Local Rule - see Penalty Statement to Rule 4.3.

MODEL LOCAL RULE L-1: MODIFICATION OF PENALTY UNDER RULE 3.3B(2) FOR MISSING PLAYER OR MARKER CERTIFICATION

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.