



LOCAL RULES AND TERMS OF COMPETITION HAR CARD

The following Local Rules and Terms of Competition, along with any additions or amendments published by the Tournament Committee in each course, will apply in all the events run by the Federación de Golf de Madrid.

For the full text of any Local Rule referenced below, please refer to the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf effective January 2023

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 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 is played from one side of a 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 the other holes. (MLR A-5).
- c) All closed gates that are 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 (MLR F-26).

2. PENALTY AREAS (RULE 17)

RLM B-1. When a penalty area joins a boundary edge, the margin of the penalty area extends to, and coincides with, the boundary edge. MLR B-1

3. ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS (RULE 16.1) AND EMBEDDED BALL (RULE 16.3)

1. Ground under Repair and Animal Hole

- b) All areas bounded by white lines and/or blue stakes
- c) Seams of cut turf. MLR F-7.
- d) French ditches (Stone-filled draining ditches)
- e) Painted lines or dots on the putting green or in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less are to be treated as ground under repair from which relief is allowed under Rule 16.1. **But** interference does not exist if painted lines or dots only interfere with the player's stance. MLR F-21-1
- f) Rule 16.1(a) is modified in this way: Relief is not allowed if an animal hole only interferes with the player's stance.

2. Immovable obstructions

- a) When white-lined areas of ground under repair are tied into an immovable obstruction, they are treated as a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1. MLR F-3.1
- b) Landscape garden areas (and everything growing within that area) surrounded by an immovable obstruction are treated as a single abnormal course condition. MLR F-3.3
- c) Roads or paths surfaced with woodchip or mulch. Individual pieces of woodchip are loose impediments.
- d) Restriction on relief from stance for irrigation pipes. Rule 16.1 is modified in this way: Interference does not exist if an irrigation pipe only interferes with the player's stance.

3. Embedded Ball. Rule 16.3

Rule 16.3 is modified in this way: Free relief is not allowed if a ball is embedded in stacked turf faces above bunkers. MLR F-2.2

4. IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREENS. MLR F-5

The player has an extra option to take relief when such immovable obstruction are on or closet of the putting green and on the line of play:

Ball in general area: The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is on the line of play, and

- Is on or within two club-lengths of the putting green, and
- Is within two club-lengths of the ball, and
- Both the obstruction and the ball are in part of the general area cut to fairway height or less

But complete relief must be taken, which includes both physical and line of play interference

EXCEPTION: There is no relief if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable

5. INTEGRAL OBJECTS

- a) Bunker liners in their intended position
- b) Wires, cables, wrappings or other objects when closely attached to trees or other permanent objects.
- c) Artificial retaining walls and pilings when located within penalty areas.

6. PERMANENT OVERHEAD POWER LINE. MLR E-11

MLR E-11 is in effect, but only if it is known or virtually certain that the player's ball strikes a power line located in bounds and not the supporting pole/pylon.

The player must replay the stroke (see Rule 14.6)

7. TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS (TIO)

MLR F-22 for temporary power lines and cables and MLR F-23 for TIOs

8 CLUBS AND BALLS

- a) List of conforming driver heads. MLR G-1. Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of this Local Rule: Disqualification

- b) Grooves and punch marks specifications. RLM G-2. Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of this Local Rule: Disqualification
- c) Conforming balls list. MLR G-3. Penalty for making a stroke in breach of this Local Rule: Disqualification

9. Pace of Play and Code of Conduct (Rules 5.6 and 1.2b)

According to Federación de Golf de Madrid Pace of Play Policy and Code of Conduct currently in effect..

10. Stopping play-Resuming play (Rule 5.7)

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

- Immediate stop/dangerous situation: one prolonged note of horn.
- Normal non-dangerous stop: three short notes of horn
- Resume play: two short notes of horn.

When play is suspended in a dangerous situation, all practice areas are immediately closed.

11. PRACTICE (Rule 5)

Before or between rounds in stroke play. MLR I-1.1

Rule 5.2b is modified in this way: a player must not practice in the competition course before or between rounds.. Penalty for first breach: General Penalty (applied to first hole of the round). 2nd breach: Disqualification. RLM I-1.1

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

12. TRANSPORTATION

Rule 4.3a is modified in this way: During a round, a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized or later approved by the rules committee. Note: a player taking stroke and distance penalty is always authorized.

The player gets the General Penalty for each hole during which there is a breach of this local rule. If the breach occurs between the play of two holes, it applies to the next hole. MLR G-6

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 their round.

14. PLACING THE BALL FOR PLAYERS USING WHEELED MOBILITY DEVICES

Before making a stroke, a player using a wheeled mobility device may take free relief by placing the original ball or another ball in, and playing it from, this relief area:

- Reference Point: Spot of the original ball
- Size of Relief Area: 6 inches (15,24cms), which may be nearer hole, **but** with limits:
 - Must be in the same area of the course, and
 - If the original ball was in the rough, must not be placed in the fairway

The player is authorized to place the ball more than once (such as when the first attempt to place the ball is slightly too far back in their stance).

Exception: Relief is not available under this local rule when playing the ball as it lies would be clearly unreasonable (such as when the ball comes to rest in a bush and it is in such a position where the player would be unable to make a stroke).

15. SCORING IN STROKE PLAY

RLM L-1 Rule 3.3(b) 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. The penalty applies to the last hole of the player's round.

16. RECORDING AREA – SCORECARD RETURNED

The scorecard is officially returned when the player leaves the recording area with both feet.

17. RESULTS OF COMPETITION – COMPETITION CLOSED

- (a) Match Play. The result of the match is officially announced when it has been communicated to the Tournament Office.
- (b) Stroke Play. The competition is closed when the final results have been officially announced..

THE FOLLOWING WILL ONLY APPLY IN PROFESSIONAL PLAYER COMPETITIONS

P1 - RESTRICCIÓN DEL USO DE MATERIALES DE LECTURA DE GREEN

MLR G-11. Only Committee approved materials may be used. Approved materials include:

- a) Committee approved yardage books from 2022 onwards
- b) Committee approved pin position sheets
- c) Map of the competition course not larger than an A4 sized piece of paper

P2 – INTEGRAL OBJECTS

- a) Artificial retaining walls and/or pilings when located on the edge of bunkers. These are part of the general área.

P3 - PRACTICE. Rule 5

Only in stroke play competitions, practice on or near the last green is not allowed. Rule 5.5b is modified in this way: A player must not make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole just completed or test the surface of that putting green by rubbing the putting green or rolling a ball.

P4 – CLUBS AND BALLS

- a) The One Ball Rule. MLR G-4. During a round, each ball at which the player makes a stroke must be the same brand and model as found in a single entry on the current List of Conforming Balls published by the R&A. Penalty for making a stroke at a ball in breach of Local Rule: The player gets one stroke penalty for each hole during which they are in breach of this Local Rule.
- b) Replacing a club only if it is broken or significantly damaged. MLR G-9.
- c) 46-inch club length limitation. MLR G-10

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