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FPG Championships and Matches

Local Rules and Terms of Competition Hard Card

The following local rules and terms of competition, together with any additions or amendments published by the FPG at each competition, will apply to all events, Championships and International Matches run by the FPG.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a local rule is the General Penalty.

Match Play – Loss of Hole

Stroke Play – Two strokes

Local Rules

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. Model Local Rule 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.

2. Penalty Areas. Rule 17.

(a) Opposite Side Same Distance Relief for Red Penalty Areas.

The local rules sheet will specify which (if any) red penalty areas have a same distance option on the opposite side. Model Local Rule B-2.2 will apply only to the penalty areas that are listed.

(b) Dropping Zones for Penalty Areas

Where a dropping zone is marked for a penalty area, labelled DZ, 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.

(c) Opposite Side Relief Where Ball last Crossed Edge of Penalty Area Where The Edge and The Boundary of Course Coincide.

When a player's ball last crosses the edge of a penalty area where the edge of the penalty area and a boundary of the course coincide, that edge is deemed red and opposite side relief is available under Model Local Rule B-2.2.



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3. Abnormal Course Conditions. Rule 16

A. Ground Under Repair.

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- (a) All areas bounded by white lines.
- (b) Seams of Cut Turf: Model Local Rule F-7 is in effect.
- (c) French drains (stone-filled drainage ditches).
- (d) A hole made by a movable obstruction (stakes, signs, chairs etc) may be treated as ground under repair by the Committee but there is no relief for stance.

B. Immovable Obstructions.

- (a) White lined areas and the immovable obstruction they tie into are a single abnormal course condition.
- (b) Landscaped garden areas (and everything growing in them) that are surrounded by an immovable obstruction are treated as a single abnormal course condition.
- (c) Roads and paths surfaced with woodchip or mulch. Individual pieces of woodchip are loose impediments.

C. Removal of Temporary Water.

Model Local Rule J-2 is in effect and is modified as follows: When temporary water accumulates on the putting green, relief is available under Rule 16.1d or:

- (i) The putting green may be squeegeed between groups
- (ii) The player may have his line of play on the putting green squeegeed
- (iii) Only when authorised by the Committee, the player may have the putting green squeegeed when a ball lies adjacent to the putting green in any area of the course.

D. Restriction 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."



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4. Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Greens.

Model Local Rule F-5 is in effect:

For a ball in the general area, relief may be taken under Rule 16.1b if (i) an immovable obstruction 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, and (ii) both the ball and the obstruction lie in an area cut to fairway height or less.

5. Green Reading Material Restrictions.

Model Local Rule G-11 is in effect. Only Committee approved materials may be used. Approved materials include:

- (i) Committee approved yardage books from 2022 onwards.
- (ii) Committee approved pin position sheets
- (iii) Map of the competition course no larger than an A4 sized piece of paper

6. Integral Objects.

- (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 penalty areas.
- (d) Artificial retaining walls and/or pilings when located on the edge of bunkers. These are part of the general area.

7. Permanent Overhead Power Lines.

Model Local Rule E-11 is in effect but only if it is known or virtually certain that a 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)

8. Temporary Immovable Obstructions. (TIO's).

Model Local Rules F-22 (Temporary Power Lines and Cables) and F-23 (TIO's), with any additions or amendments in the additional Local Rules published by FPG, are in effect.



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9. Clubs and Balls

(Note: Not applicable in Drive Challenge and P&P competitions)

(a) List of Conforming Driver Heads: Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect. Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of this local rule: Disqualification

(b) Groove and Punch Mark Specifications: Model local rule G-2 is in effect. Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of this local rule: Disqualification

(c) List of Conforming Balls: Model local rule G-3 is in effect. Penalty for making a stroke in breach of this local rule: Disqualification

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 the siren.
- Normal non-dangerous stop - three consecutive short notes of the siren.
- Resume play - two consecutive short notes of the siren.
- When play is stopped in a dangerous situation, all practice areas are immediately closed.

11. Practice – Rule 5.

(a) Before or between rounds in stroke play – Model Local Rule I – 1.1 is in effect. Rule 5.2b is modified as follows: A player must not practice on the competition course but may practice on the designated practice areas.

(b) Between the play of two holes – Model Local Rule I-2 is in effect. Rule 5.5b is modified as follows: 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.

12. Transportation

Model Local Rule G-6 is in effect:

During a round, a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorised transportation except as authorised or later approved by the Committee. NOTE: A player taking a stroke and distance penalty is always authorised. Penalty for breach of this local rule: 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.

13. Scoring in Stroke Play

Model Local Rule L-1 applies. 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.



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14. Starting Round and Pace of Play Policy – Rule 5.3a and Rule 5.6b (3).

Each hole has been given a maximum completion time based upon the length and difficulty of the hole. The maximum time allotted for the completion of 18 holes will be available prior to play from the Championship Office. Please ensure you obtain a copy of the Pace of Play Policy and read it carefully before playing. The Pace of Play Policy will be strictly enforced.

Penalty for Breach of Pace of Play Policy in Stroke Play:

1st bad time - Verbal warning from Referee.

2nd bad time - 1 stroke penalty.

3rd bad time - General penalty.

4th bad time - Disqualification.

Note: Timings will be taken from the moment it is deemed by the Referee that it is the player's turn to play and he can do so freely.

Penalty for Breach of Pace of Play Policy in Match Play.

For these competitions, the penalties will be defined on the local rules sheet.



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Terms of Competition:

15. Deciding Ties.

The method for deciding ties is provided on the relevant Entry Form or is published for the competition by the FPG.

16. Recording Area and Scorecard Returned.

The location of the recording area will be detailed on the local rules sheet. The scorecard is returned when the player leaves the recording area with both feet.

17. When the Result of the Competition is Final

The competition is final when the official results have been validated in the scoring system by the Score Recorder and approved by the Committee.

18. Anti-Doping

Players are required to comply with and be bound by the FPG / Portuguese Anti-Doping Policy (the Anti-Doping Policy).

The current version of the Anti-Doping Policy may be viewed on the FPG website: www.fpg.pt

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