

Missouri Golf Association
Local Rules and Terms of the Competition Hard Card
FOR 2021 MGA CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and The R&A Rules Limited govern play. These Local Rules and Terms of the Competition are in effect at all MGA championships and qualifying rounds. See applicable championship or qualifying round Notice to Players and Entry Application for modifications or additions to these Local Rules and Terms of the Competition. Complete text of the Rules and Local Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 2019. Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty.

Out of Bounds - Defined by white painted lines, the line between the course-side points of white stakes, white painted dots, and fence posts at ground level.

Penalty Areas - When a penalty area is defined on only one side, it extends 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.

- Yellow Penalty Area- Penalty area defined by yellow lines or yellow stakes. Rule 17.1d(1) and (2).
- Red Penalty Area- Penalty area defined by red lines or red stakes. Rule 17.1d(1), (2) and (3).

Note: Yellow Penalty Areas on a hole will be played as Red Penalty Areas during the play of any other hole.

Ground Under Repair - Defined by white lines. When immediately adjacent to an immovable obstruction, such an area is part of that obstruction. French drains are ground under repair.

Limiting When Stroke Made From Putting Green Must Be Replayed Under Exception 2 to Rule 11.1b - Local Rule as prescribed in the Clarifications to the 2019 Rules of Golf is in effect. Model Local Rule D-7.

Relief from Aeration Holes - Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures in effect. Model Local Rule E-4.

Back-On-the-Line Relief - Local Rule as prescribed in the Clarifications to the 2019 Rules of Golf is in effect. Model Local Rule E-12.

Relief from Seams of Cut Turf - Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-7.

Animal Hoof Damage - Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-13.

Temporary Immovable Obstructions – Local Rule (including greenside fans) as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-23.

Broken or Significantly Damaged Club - Local Rule as prescribed in the Clarifications to the 2019 Rules of Golf is in effect. Model Local Rule G-9.

White-Lined Areas Tying Into Artificially Surfaced Roads and Paths - White-lined areas of ground under repair and the artificially surfaced roads, paths, or other identified obstructions that they are connected to are a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.

Wood Chips and Mulch – Are loose impediments.

Landscaped Garden Areas Completely Encircled by an Obstruction are Part of the Obstruction - Rule 16.1.

Integral Objects – Include cables, rods, wires, and wrappings when closely attached to trees, and artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas or in or adjacent to bunkers, and bunker liners. An exposed bunker liner may be treated as ground under repair, but interference does not exist if the liner interferes only with the player's stance.

Prohibiting Use of Certain Types of Shoes -- Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-7. Penalty for breach of Local Rule – see Rule 4.3.

Prohibiting Use of Audio and Video Devices -- Rule 4.3a(4) is modified in this way: During a round, a player must not listen to music on a personal audio device. Penalty for breach of Local Rule -- see Rule 4.3.

Pace of Play – See separate memorandum to players for pace of play policy.

Stopping and Resuming Play – Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule J-1 All practice areas are closed during an immediate suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to stop practicing; failure to stop practicing might result in disqualification. An immediate suspension will be signaled by one prolonged airhorn note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive airhorn notes. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short airhorn notes. See Rules 5.7b and 5.7c.

Practice – Prior to and after a round in stroke play, a player may practice on the designated practice areas. Rule 5.2b covering practice in stroke play is modified in this way: A player may NOT practice on the competition course before or between rounds. Penalty for breach of Local Rule, see Rule 5.2.

When Competition is Final – Stroke play 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 approved the result as posted on the public scoreboard.

Note: MGA does not have an evacuation plan for an immediate suspension of play. Players are responsible for their own safety.