

GOLF MANITOBA 2021 STANDARD LOCAL RULES and TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

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Play is governed by the 2021 Golf Canada Rules of Golf (effective 2019), and where applicable, by the following Local Rules and Terms of Competition, subject to changes, additions or deletions for particular Championships by the Golf Manitoba Rules of Golf Committee. The player's attention is drawn to Terms of the Competition on the Golf Manitoba website.

Unless otherwise noted, penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is the general penalty: Match play - Loss of hole; Stroke play - Two strokes

1. Specifications of Clubs and Balls

- 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 the Local Rule: **Disqualification**.
- b. List of Conforming Golf Balls: Model Local Rule G - 3 is in effect. Penalty for breach of the Local Rule: **Disqualification**.
- c. Replacing a club that is broken or significantly damaged: Model Local Rule G 9 is in effect. When replacing a club, the player must immediately take the broken or significantly damaged club out of play, using the procedure in Rule 4.1c(1). Penalty for Breach of Local Rule - **see Rule 4.1b**.

Note: An updated List of Conforming Clubs and Golf Balls is available via golfcanada.ca/rules.

2. **Caddies** - Rule 10.3a is modified in this way. In a competition where a caddie is permitted, a player must not have another person who has played or may play that day on the competition course serve as their caddie during the round. Model Local Rule H - 1.2 is in effect. (NOT AUTHORIZED FOR 2021***)

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.

3. **Ball Played from Outside Relief Area When Taking Back - On - the - Line Relief** - Model Local Rule E - 12 is in effect. This applies in the application of Rules 16.1c(2), 17.1d(2), 19.2b, 19.3b.
4. **Pace of Play (Rule 5.6b(3))** - See the competition's Notice to Competitors for the 2021 Golf Manitoba Pace of Play Policy. Note that Rule 5.6 (unreasonable delay) is still applicable. The full Pace of Play policy can be found at golfmb.ca/golf-manitoba-tournament-policies/.
5. **Stopping and Resuming Play (Rule 5.7)** - Model Local Rule J - 1 is in effect as follows:
 - a. **Immediate suspension** (Dangerous Situation): One prolonged note of the air horn.
 - b. **Normal Suspension** (Non-Dangerous situation): Three short notes of the air horn.
 - c. **Resume Play**: Two short notes of the air horn.

Note: During an immediate suspension for a dangerous situation, all practice areas are closed until the Tournament Committee has declared them open. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to stop practicing. Players who fail to do so will be subject to penalties under the Code of Conduct.

6. **Practice - Before or between rounds in Stroke Play** - Model Local Rule I - 1.1 is in effect and Rule 5.2b is modified in this way: **A** player must not practice on the competition course on the day of a competition or between rounds.

Between the play of two holes in stroke play - Model Local Rule I - 2 is in effect and Rule 5.5b is modified in this way: Between the play of two holes, a player must not:

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

Penalty for both: First breach: **General Penalty** (applied to the player's first hole). Second breach: **Disqualification**.

7. **Motorized Transportation** - is permitted in all events except Junior events. Model Local Rule G - 6 is in effect as follows:

Players or their caddies are not permitted to ride on any form of motorized transportation beyond the point on the course where their ball lies to gauge yardage or to seek the position of the hole.

A player proceeding under penalty of stroke and distance is always authorized to ride on motorized transportation for that purpose. **(**NOT AUTHORIZED FOR 2021 EVENTS)**

Please refer to the complete Motorized Transportation Policy via golfmb.ca/golf-manitoba-tournament-policies/.

The player gets the **General Penalty** for each hole during which there is a breach of this Local Rule.

8. **Abnormal Course Conditions (Including Immovable Obstructions) (Rule 16)** - Ground Under Repair - Rule 16.1 includes:
 - a. Areas defined by white lines
 - b. French drains filled with stones

- c. Seams of Cut Turf - Model Local Rule F - 7 is in effect. If a player's ball lies in or touches a seam of cut turf or a seam interferes with the player's area of intended swing:
- Ball in the General Area: The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b.
 - Ball on Putting Green: The 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. That means that if a player has interference from any seam after dropping the ball, the player must proceed as required under Rule 14.3c (2) even when the ball is still within one club-length of the reference point.

- d. Immovable Obstructions - White - lined areas of ground under repair and the artificially surfaced road or path or other identified obstruction they tie into are treated as a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.

9. **Limiting When Stroke Made from Putting Green must be Replayed** under Exception 2 to Rule 11.1b - Model Local Rule D - 7 is in effect. Exception 2 to Rule 11.1b applies, except that when a ball played from the putting green accidentally hits:
- a) the player,
 - b) the club used by the player to make the stroke or
 - c) an animal defined as a loose impediment (that is, worms, insects and similar animals that can be removed easily)

The stroke counts and the ball must be played as it lies.

Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: **General Penalty** Under Rule 14.7a.

10. **Wood Chips and Mulch** - Wood chips and mulch are loose impediments.
11. **Integral Objects** - The following are integral objects from which free relief is not allowed:
- a. The portion of cables, wires, wrappings and other similar objects closely attached to trees.
 - b. Artificial retaining walls and/or pilings when located within penalty areas or which are adjacent to the edge of bunkers.
 - c. Bunker liners in their intended position. Interference by a liner with a player's stance is deemed not to be, of itself, interference under this Rule.
12. **Permanent Elevated Power Lines or Cables** - Model Local Rule E - 11 is in effect and is modified as follows: If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a permanent elevated power line or cable in bounds the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made in accordance with Rule 14.6.
13. **Temporary Immovable Obstructions** - Model Local Rule F - 23 is in effect. Temporary Immovable Obstructions include, but are not limited to, starting tents, scoring tents and pace of play stations.
14. **Penalty Areas (Rule 17)** - MLR - B1 is in effect as follows: When a red penalty area is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend to infinity. When a red penalty area adjoins a boundary, the penalty area edge extends to and coincides with the boundary.
15. **Code of Conduct (Rule 1.2)** - Golf Manitoba has adopted a Local Rule under Rule 1.2b setting standards of player conduct on the golf course property during play at all amateur competitions. The full policy is available via <https://www.golfmb.ca/golf-manitoba-tournament-policies/>.

The Golf Manitoba Tournament Committee may assess any or all of the following penalties outlined in the structure below, based on the severity and frequency of the violation:

- Warning
- One penalty stroke
- General Penalty
- Disqualification

Note: Under **Rule 1.2a**, a Committee may **disqualify** a player for serious misconduct for acting contrary to the spirit of the game.

16. **Scorecard Returned** - A player's scorecard has been returned to the Committee when the player has completely exited the defined scoring area.

When a scoring area is defined by a roped off area, the player has completely exited when both feet have left the roped area.

When the scoring area is defined by a tent and/or scoring table with no rope, the scoring area extends to 25 feet.

Prior to returning the scorecard, a player who needs to leave any scoring area must inform the Scoring Official of their intention to leave and immediately return.

17. **When Result of Competition is Final** - The competition is final when all scores have been validated in the scoring system and approved by the Committee.