

Local Rules and Conditions of Competition

Idaho Junior Tour



The Rules of the United State of Golf Association govern play. See applicable Championship Notice to Players for modifications or additions to these Local Rules. Complete text of Rules and Model Local Rules may be found in the current "Rules of Golf".

Unless otherwise provided, penalty for breach of a Model Local Rule is the general penalty:

Stroke Play - Two Strokes

2023 Local Rules

Out of Bounds - Defined by the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts. Rule 18.2.

Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule A-3. A ball which crosses a public road defined as out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that road, is out of bounds, even though it may lie in another area of the course.

Red and Yellow 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.

Ground Under Repair - Defined by white lines. French drains are ground under repair.

When immediately adjacent to an immovable obstruction, such an area is part of that obstruction.

Obstructions - Includes asphalt and artificially surfaced roads and paths. White lined areas tying into roads and paths have the same status as the road or path; thus they are obstructions and not ground under repair. Railroad ties, curbing or the like adjoining a cart path are deemed to be part of the cart path. Relief from ground netting and putting green liners is available for lie of ball and area of intended swing only.

Conforming Driver Heads - Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-1.

Conforming Golf Balls - Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-3.

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. If a player's club is "broken or significantly damaged" during the round by the player or caddie, except in cases of abuse, the player may replace the club with any club under Rule 4.1b(4).

When replacing a club, the player must immediately take the broken or significantly damage club out of play, using the procedure in Rule 4.1c(1).

Exception: A club face or clubhead is not "broken or significantly damaged" solely because it is cracked.

Practice - Prior to and after a round in stroke play, a player may practice on the designated practice areas. In stroke play, a player may practice on the course after completing play of his or her final round for that day. Prior to and between a round in match play, a player may practice on the course. Rule 5.2.

Refer to Rule 5.5b for when practicing between holes is allowed

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.

Note: An immediate suspension will be signaled by one prolonged air horn note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive air horn notes. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short air horn notes.

Pace of Play - A player shall be subject to penalty if he/she unduly delays play. Notes under Rule 5.6 and Optional Condition as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule K. See the separate memorandum for the IGA Pace of Play Policy.

Sod Seams - Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-7. Relief for the Seam only. Relief available for lie of ball and area of intended swing only.

Wood Chips and Mulch - Are loose impediments. Wood chips and mulch used for artificially surfaced roads/paths remain loose impediments. This right is not cancelled by the fact that when a path is constructed of wood chips and mulch it becomes an artificially surfaced path and thus an immovable obstruction.

Integral Objects - Include cables, rods, wires and wrappings when closely attached to trees.

Temporary Immovable Obstructions (TIO) - Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-23. Relief from a TIO is allowed when there is physical interference or line of play interference from the TIO.

Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Greens - Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 16.1.

The player also has these extra options to take relief when such immovable obstructions are close to 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:
 - Within two club-lengths of the putting green, and
 - Within two club-lengths of the ball.

Exception - No relief if Line of Play Clearly Unreasonable. There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.

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. When taking Back-On-The-Line Relief, there is no additional penalty if a player plays a ball that was dropped in the relief area required by the relevant Rule (Rule 16.1c(2), 17.1d(2), 19.2b or 19.3(b) but came to rest outside the relief area, so long as the ball, when played, is within one club length of where it first touched the ground when dropped.

This exemption from penalty applies even if the ball is played from nearer the hole than the reference point (but not if played from nearer the hole than the spot of the original ball or the estimated point where the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area).

The Local Rule does not change the procedure for taking Back-On-The-Line relief under a relevant Rule. This means that the reference point and relief area are not changed by this Local Rule and that Rule 14.3c(2) can be applied by a player who drops a ball in the right way and it comes to rest outside the relief area, whether this occurs on the first or second drop.

Distance Measuring Devices - In all competitions, a player may obtain distance information by using a device measuring distance. If during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. gradient, slope, etc.) the player is in breach of Rule 4.3.

Power Lines - If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a power line (or tower or a wire pole supporting a power line) during play, the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made. Refer to Rule 14.6.

Close of 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 approved the result as posted on the Public Scoreboard.

Limiting When Stroke Made From Putting Green Must Be Replayed Under Exception 2 to Rule 11.1b - Exception 2 to Rule 11.1b applies, except that when a ball played from the putting green accidentally hits (1) the player; (2) the club used by the player to make the stroke; (3) 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.

Idaho Junior Tour Dress Code - Players must abide by the IGA dress code during practice and competitive rounds. Men's shirts must have collars and sleeves and must be tucked in. Denim, blue jeans, gym shorts and cutoffs are not permitted. Boys may wear shorts. Shorts must not be rolled up or synched up. Undergarments and inside pockets must not be showing outside of shorts.

Women's shirts may be collarless and sleeveless, but spaghetti straps are prohibited. Denim, blue jeans, gym shorts and cutoffs are not permitted. Yoga pants and leggings are permitted only if covered by shorts or a skirt. Shirts are not required to be tucked in, but midriffs may not be visible. Dress Code applies to all players.

Penalty for breach of IGA dress code - may be prohibited from competing.

Cart Policy - During a round, a player must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized or later approved by the committee. Model Local Rule G-6.

Caddies - Rule 10.3a is modified in this way; A player must not have a caddie during the round.

Official Walking Scorer - Juniors in the 12u Series will be assigned an official walking scorer.

Maximum Score - All Idaho Junior Tour events except the Idaho Junior Am will be played under the Rule 21-2, Maximum Score. The maximum score will be "10" on any hole.

Idaho Junior Tour Player Code of Conduct Policy - All players are expected to play in the spirit of the game, juniors that act in manners such as: throwing clubs, using inappropriate language on the course, damaging the course, or misbehaving will be issued the following penalties:

- 1st Offence: Warning
- 2nd Offence: General penalty (two penalty strokes)
- 3rd Offence: DQ'd

These penalties will carryover to the next events.

Idaho Junior Tour Zero-Tolerance - There is a zero-tolerance policy for cheating and damaging course property on the Idaho Junior Tour. Juniors that have been found to cheat or damage property will be automatically DQ'd from the event and will be required to sit out the next event they are registered for. Multiple infractions will result in removal from the Idaho Junior Tour for the remainder of the season.