



THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP 2017

LOCAL RULES



Only the local rules on this page will be in effect for the tournament.

PREFERRED LIES: Except as otherwise permitted by the Rules of Golf, the ball must always be played as it lies (NO PLACING). Should weather conditions justify a change to this rule; players will be advised on the tee.

OUT OF BOUNDS: (i) As indicated by white stakes and fencing around the course. (ii) The buildings left of 3rd tee.

WATER HAZARDS: (i) Except for out of bounds stakes, all other stakes such as red and yellow water hazard stakes are immovable obstructions (Rule 24-2). (ii) Margins of water hazards are determined by the sharp cut around the hazard and NOT by the line between stakes (iii) When playing the 7th hole, a ball that crosses the road on the right, even if it is inside the outcast broadcast area, is in a lateral water hazard. The margin of this hazard is the right hand side of the road.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR: (i) All areas circled with white paint or so defined in the rules of golf. (ii) Well defined tractor tyre marks, at least 2cm deep. (iii) All newly sodded areas.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES: Distance measuring devices may be used during the tournament, provided that the player uses no other function than that of measuring direct distance only.

PRACTICE PUTTING AND CHIPPING: After completion of a hole, the player may not practise towards or on the green last played. Penalty of two strokes apply towards the next hole to be played or, if a breach occurred at the last hole, the penalty applies to the last hole.

ACCIDENTAL MOVEMENT OF BALL ON PUTTING GREEN: When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, partner, opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced.

Note: If the player's ball was moved by wind, water or other natural cause e.g. gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker so moved must be replaced.

EMBEDDED BALL: The embedded ball rule is extended to apply through the green.

STONES IN BUNKERS: Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions.

UNCERTAINTY AS TO PROCEDURE: Declare your intention to play two balls to your marker before taking any action, point out which ball will count if the rules allow and report the incident to the Committee even if the same score was made with both balls.

BE ON TIME: Late arrivals on the tee beyond five minutes or failure to hand in the scorecard immediately after completion of the round will not be tolerated. Penalty of disqualification applies.

COUNT OUTS AND PLAY OFFS: In case of a tie for the first gross prize over all played rounds, a sudden death playoff will be played over holes 1 and 9 repetitively until a winner emerges. For all other prizes a count out over the last round, last nine, last six, last three holes and finally from hole 18 backwards, will be applied.

TRANSPORTATION: Participants or their caddies **may not** use transportation during a round. A penalty of two strokes applies at any hole where a breach occurred. Maximum penalty is four strokes. After discovery that a breach occurred, use of transportation must be discontinued immediately, otherwise, the player is disqualified.

ROADS AND PATHWAYS: Roads and pathways, except those artificially surfaced, are integral parts of the course.

TEEING GROUND: All players play from the green tees.

HALFWAY HOUSE: Orders for halfway house are placed as players approach the bridge to the ninth green. Upon completion of the ninth hole the orders will be ready and players are allowed a further 15 minutes to enjoy the food.

DRAW FOR ROUND 2: A seeded draw based on the round 1 gross score will be used.

CADDIES: It is not compulsory to take a caddy for the practise round or during the tournament proper. Trolleys will be allowed. Outside caddies will not be permitted at all.

SPECTATORS: No spectators will be allowed on any closely mown area like fairways, greens or tees. Players are requested to please see that any companions adhere to this rule.

SCORE CARDS: Please hand in your scorecard, in person, at the scoring table on completion of the round.

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