

## 2020 NSGA TERMS OF THE COMPETITION & STANDARD LOCAL RULES (COVID-19)

Play is governed by the 2020 Golf Canada Rules of Golf, and where applicable, by the following Local Rules and Terms of the Competition, subject to changes, additions or deletions for particular championships. The player's attention is drawn to Terms of the Competition as printed on the forms accompanying applications for entry. Complete text of Local Rules may be found in the 2019 Golf Canada Official Guide to the Rules of Golf.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for a breach of a Local Rule is the General Penalty.

### Match play – Loss of hole; Stroke play – Two strokes

- 1. Out of Bounds (Rule 18.2)** – Defined by course-side points at ground level of white dots or stakes and fence posts. A ball is out of bounds when it is beyond any wall defining the boundary of the course.
- 2. 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.**  
**Note:** An updated List of Conforming Clubs and Balls is available via [golfcanada.ca/rules](http://golfcanada.ca/rules).
- 3. Electronic Devices (Rule 4.3)** – Electronic devices, as per rules 4.3, has been modified for all NSGA amateur competitions. During a round a player must not use devices to communicate except in an emergency situation. A player must not listen to, or watch content of any nature on a personal audio or video device.
- 4. Caddies (Rule 10.3a)** – Caddies will not be permitted during any of the 2020 NSGA Provincial Championships.

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.

- 5. Suspension of Play (Rule 5.7)** – The course and all practice areas are closed when play is suspended for a dangerous situation until the Tournament Rules Committee has declared them open. If there is a suspension of play, competitors are encouraged to wait in their vehicles until given further instruction from the NSGA, via email.

A player practicing in these areas when closed will be subject to penalties under the Code of Conduct.

**Note:** A suspension for a dangerous situation will be signalled by one prolonged air horn note. All other types of suspension will be signalled by three consecutive air horn notes. Resumption of play will be signalled by two short air horn notes.

- 6. Practice (Rule 5.2 and 5.5)** - Before and between rounds in Stroke Play, Rule 5.2b is modified in this way: A player must not practise on the competition course before or between rounds. Penalty for first breach: **General Penalty** (applied to the player's first hole). Penalty for second breach: **Disqualification.**

During a round, Rule 5.5b is modified in this way: Between the play of two holes, 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.

- 8. Transportation** – Players must not ride on any unauthorized form of transportation during a round unless approved by the Tournament Rules Committee.

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.

- 9. 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. Severely disturbed areas within a bunker, created by a previous competitor;
- d. Seams of Cut Turf – 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:
  - (a) Ball in the General Area: The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b.
  - (b) 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 Objects – 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.

**10. Integral Objects** – The following are integral objects from which free relief is not allowed:

- a. Wrappings, wires, cables and other similar objects when closely attached to trees;
- b. Artificial walls and/or pilings 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.

**11. Permanent Elevated Power Lines or Cables** – If a ball strikes a permanent elevated power line or cable, the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made (Rule 14.6).

**12. 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.

**13. Penalty Areas (Rule 17)** – 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.

**14. Flagsticks (Rule 13.2)** - flagsticks must remain in the hole while on the putting green. Failure to do so may result in a general penalty.

**15. Anti-Doping** – Players are required to comply with and are bound by the Golf Canada Anti-Doping Policy as detailed on the entry form, webpage on [golfcanada.ca](http://golfcanada.ca), or any communication in advance or at the golf course.

**16. Code of Conduct (Rule 1.2)** – The NSGA has adopted the Local Rule under Rule 1.2b setting standards of player conduct on the golf course during play at all amateur competitions. The full policy is available online at [golfcanada.ca/rules](http://golfcanada.ca/rules), in the NSGA Tournament Office and at the starting tee.

The Golf Canada 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, the NSGA Tournament Committee may **disqualify** a player for serious misconduct for acting contrary to the spirit of the game.

**16. Returning Score Card** – An electronic copy of a player's score card must be taken by the Committee when the player has completed their round. Once a competitor has exited the defined scoring area, unless the player, prior to leaving, verbally informs the Committee of his intention to leave the scoring area and receives the Committee's permission to do so.

**17. Close of Competition** – The competition is deemed to have closed 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.