



Scottish  
Golf

## 2022 Hard Card

### Local Rules and Terms of the Competition

The following Local Rules and Terms of the Competition, together with any additions or amendments published by Scottish Golf at the golf course, will apply to all Championships run by Scottish Golf.

For the full text of any Local Rule referenced below, please refer to the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf effective January 2019 and the Clarification updated quarterly by The R&A, available at [www.randa.org](http://www.randa.org)

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the **General Penalty**. (Loss of hole in match play or two penalty strokes in stroke play).

### 1. Out of Bounds (Rule 18.2)

- (a) Beyond any wall, fence or line of white stakes defining the boundary of the course. **Note:** Where out of bounds is defined by white stakes or fence posts (excluding angled supports), the out of bounds line is determined by the course-side edge at ground level of such stakes or posts. A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies over such a line.
- (b) On or beyond any white line defining the boundary of the course. A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies on or over such a line.
- (c) In or beyond any ditch defining the boundary of the course.
- (d) A ball that is played from one side of a road which is defined as out of bounds and comes to rest on the other side of that road is out of bounds. This is true even if the ball comes to rest on another part of the course that is in bounds for other holes.

### 2. Penalty Areas (Rule 17)

- (a) When a penalty area adjoins a boundary, the penalty area edge extends to and coincides with the boundary.
- (b) When a player's ball is found in or it is known or virtually certain to have come to rest in any penalty area where the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area at a point coinciding with the boundary of the course, opposite side relief is available under Model Local Rule B-2.1.

#### Dropping Zones for Penalty Areas

Where a dropping zone is marked for a penalty area, it is an additional option for relief under penalty of one stroke. The dropping zone is a relief area. A ball must be dropped in and come to rest in the relief area.

### 3. Abnormal Course Conditions (Including Immovable Obstructions) (Rule 16)

#### (a) Ground Under Repair

1. Any area bounded by a white line or white dotted line.
2. Any area of damaged ground considered by a rules official to be abnormal.
3. French drains (stone-filled drainage ditches).
4. Seams of cut turf; Model Local Rule F-7 is in effect.
5. Painted yardage markings or dots on the putting green or in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less are to be treated as ground under repair from which relief is available under Rule 16.1. Interference does not exist if painted yardage markings or dots only interfere with the player's stance.

#### (b) Immovable Obstructions

1. Any artificially surfaced roads or paths including those surfaced with woodchip or mulch. Individual pieces of woodchip are loose impediments.
2. White lined areas and any immovable obstruction they tie into are treated as one.

3. Landscaped garden areas and everything growing in them that are surrounded by an immovable obstruction are treated as one.

**(c) Embedded Ball**

Rule 16.3 is modified in this way: No free relief is allowed for a ball embedded in the stacked turf face above a bunker.

#### **4. Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Green**

Model Local Rule F-5 is in effect. This Local Rule only applies when the ball and immovable obstruction lie in part of the general area cut to fairway height or less.

#### **5. Ball Played From Outside Relief Area When Taking Back-On-Line-Relief**

Model Local Rule E-12 is in effect.

#### **6. Integral Objects**

The following are integral objects from which free relief is not allowed:

- (a) Bunker liners in their intended position.
- (b) Wires, cables, wrappings or other objects when closely attached to trees or other permanent objects.
- (c) Artificial retaining walls and pilings when located in penalty areas.

#### **7. Temporary Immovable Obstructions**

Model Local Rule F-23, with any additions or amendments in the additional Local Rules published by Scottish Golf, is in effect.

#### **8. Replacement of Clubs that is Broken or Significantly Damaged**

Model Local Rule G-9 is in effect.

#### **9. 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 Local Rule: **Disqualification.**
- (b) List of Conforming Golf Balls: Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect.  
Penalty for making a stroke with a ball not on current list in breach of the Local Rule: **Disqualification.**  
**Note:** An updated List of Conforming Clubs and Balls is available on [www.randa.org](http://www.randa.org).

#### **10. Pace of Play (Rule 5.6)**

##### **Player Responsibility**

- Be ready to play and play Ready Golf where possible.
- Responsibility of all players to play without undue delay and within the time allowed.
- Officials may inform players who are not playing within the permitted time limits.
- Even if the reason for your group being out of position is as a result of a lost ball, lengthy search or a ruling, it remains the responsibility of the group to get back into position as soon as possible (with official assistance if necessary).

##### **(a) Pace of Play Policy**

###### **1. Maximum Allowable Time:**

The maximum allowable time is the maximum time considered necessary by Scottish Golf for a group to complete its round. This is expressed in a per-hole and aggregate time format and includes all time associated with playing the game, e.g. for rulings and walking times between holes. The maximum time allotted for the completion of 18 holes will be published in the Championship office and confirmed to each player prior to play commencing.

###### **2. Definition of Out of Position:**

The first group to start will be considered "out of position" if, at any time during the round, the group's cumulative time exceeds the time allowed for the number of holes played. Any following group will be considered "out of position" if it is more than the starting interval behind the group in front of them and has exceeded the time allowed for the number of holes played.

**(b) Procedure When Group is Out of Position:**

1. Officials will monitor pace of play and decide whether a group that is “out of position” should be timed. An assessment of whether there are any recent mitigating circumstances, e.g. a lengthy ruling, lost ball, unplayable ball, etc. will be made. If a decision is taken to time the players, each player in the group will be subject to individual timing and an official will advise each player that they are “out of position” and they are being timed. In exceptional circumstances, an individual player or two players within a group, may be timed instead of the entire group.
2. The maximum time allocated per shot is **40** seconds + **10** extra seconds for the first player to play:
  - On a par three hole;
  - An approach shot to the green; and
  - A chip or putt

The timing will start when a player has had sufficient time to reach the ball, it is his or her turn to play and he or she is able to play without interference or distraction. Time taken to determine distance and select a club will count as time taken for the next stroke.

On the putting green, timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace the ball, repair damage that interferes with the line of play and move loose impediments on the line of play. Time spent looking at the line of play from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

3. Timing ceases when a group is back in position and players will be advised accordingly.

**PENALTY FOR BREACH OF POLICY:**

1 Bad Time	Verbal warning from rules official and told that if he/she has a further bad time he/she will be penalised.	
	<b>Stroke Play</b>	<b>Match Play</b>
2 Bad Times	One Stroke Penalty	One Stroke Penalty
3 Bad Times	Additional Two Penalty Strokes	Loss of Hole
4 Bad Times	Disqualification	Disqualification

**(c) Procedure When Again Out of Position during Same Round:**

If a group is “out of position” more than once during a round, the above procedure will apply on each occasion. Bad times and the application of penalties in the same round will be carried forward until the round is completed. A player will not be penalised if he or she has a second bad time before being advised of the earlier bad time.

**(d) Random Timing Without Warning When Group Not Out of Position**

In some circumstances, a group or an individual may be timed without warning, including when a group is not out of position. In such cases of “random timing”, the timing provisions and penalties set out in clause (b) above apply, except that a player will only be given a bad time if he or she exceeds 60 seconds to play a shot, with an extra 10 seconds given (i.e. 70 seconds in total) for the “first to play” shots reference in (b) 2.

**11. Suspension of Play (Rule 5.7)**

The following signals will be used to suspend and resume play:

- **Immediate suspension** for imminent danger      *1 prolonged note of siren*

If play is suspended for a dangerous situation a player must discontinue play immediately and either, make their way to the Clubhouse or their vehicle and await further instruction.

- **Non-dangerous suspension**      *3 consecutive notes of siren*

If play is suspended for a non-dangerous situation a player may discontinue play or complete

a hole already started, then must remain in position, and await further instruction from an official.

- **Resumption of play** *2 consecutive notes of siren*

**Note:** When play is suspended for imminent danger, all practice areas will be immediately closed.

## 12. Player Conduct (Rule 1.2)

Players are expected to demonstrate a high standard of personal behaviour and comply with the Scottish Golf Code of Conduct Policy at all times. The full policy is available to view in the Championship Office or the Scottish Golf App / website.

## 13. Practice (Rule 5.2)

(a) In stroke play, Rule 5.2b is modified in this way: A player must not practice on the competition course before or between rounds.

(b) In match play, Rule 5.2a is modified in this way: A player must not practice on the competition course before or between rounds.

**Note:** All recognised practice areas within the bounds of the course may be used by players for practice on any day of the competition.

**Exception:** County Finals – Refer to the Terms of the Competition.

## 14. Transportation

During a round, a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized or later approved by Scottish Golf. The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which there is a breach. A breach between two holes applies to the next hole.

## 15. Advice in Team Competition (Rule 24)

Each team may name one advice giver whom players in the team may ask for advice and receive advice from during the round. The team must identify each advice giver to the committee before any player on the team begins his or her round.

## 16. Caddies (Rule 10.3)

Rule 10.3a is modified in this way, a player is **not** permitted to have a caddie in Championship solely contested by competitors aged 18 years or younger.

## 17. Returning of Score Card

A player's scorecard must be verified immediately with the score recorder in the Championship office following the conclusion of play. A player's scorecard is officially returned when the player has left the Championship office with both feet.

## 18. Results of Match or Championship – Competition Closed

(a) Match Play

The result of a match is deemed officially announced when it has been recorded in the Championship Office.

(b) Stroke Play

When the Championship trophy is presented to the winner, the results of the competition are officially announced, and the competition is closed.