

The Rules of Golf as approved by the **USGA** and **R&A Rules Ltd.** govern play. These Local Rules and Clarifications are in effect and supplement the competition's Notice to Players, the Entry Application and the Terms of Competition. The complete text of the Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, also available at USGA.org/Playing – Rules of Golf. References to MLR are the Model Local Rules in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf / Committee Procedures Section 8.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition: General Penalty (**Match Play** - Loss of Hole; **Stroke Play** - Two Strokes)

LOCAL RULES & TERMS OF COMPETITION

1. **OUT OF BOUNDS - Rule 18.2**

Defined by the course-side edges at ground level of boundary walls, perimeter fence posts, public-use roads, white stakes and lines connecting other boundary markings. A ball that comes to rest beyond the boundary of the hole being played is out of bounds even though it may lie on another part of the course.

2. **ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS - Rule 16.1**

TURF AERATION HOLES - Relief without penalty in the general area.

ANIMAL HOLES – Interference for stance in non-turfed areas does not exist unless so defined in the Local Rules.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR – Includes areas enclosed by white lines.

SEAMS OF CUT TURF - In the general area, relief for lie of ball or area of intended swing only. Interference does not exist if seam of cut turf only interferes with the player's stance. - see **MLR F-7**

PREPARED ROCK - An area of rock closely arranged for a functional purpose (e.g., drainage or erosion control) is an obstruction.

ADJACENT OBSTRUCTIONS - Immovable obstructions adjacent to another immovable obstruction are part of that same obstruction.

WHITE-LINED AREAS TIED INTO OBSTRUCTIONS - Share the same status as the obstruction.

TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS (TIO) - see **MLR F-23**

3. **PENALTY AREAS - Rule 17**

A penalty area which is defined on only one side extends to out of bounds; in the absence of out-of-bounds, the penalty area extends to infinity. **Note:** desert areas and washes are not penalty areas unless so marked.

4. **INTEGRAL OBJECTS**

Includes stakes, rods, wires, cables or wrappings in close contact with a tree, as opposed to other supports which are obstructions. There is no free relief from an integral object.

Bunker Liners when exposed are obstructions for lie of ball and area of intended swing, but not stance; otherwise they are integral.

5. **DROPPING ZONES** – Within one club-length of and no closer to the hole than the reference point for the dropping zone as identified by a blue stake except when otherwise defined in Local Rules.

6. **STOPPING PLAY; RESUMING PLAY - Rule 5.7**

ONE LONG AIR HORN NOTE = signal for an immediate suspension of play for a dangerous situation.

THREE CONSECUTIVE AIR HORN NOTES, REPEATED = signal for all other types of suspension.

TWO SHORT AIR HORN NOTES, REPEATED = signal for resumption of play.

All practice areas are closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open.

7. **PACE OF PLAY - Rule 5.6** – Any variations to the AGA Pace of Play at Azgolf.org – Tournament Regulations, will be posted on the Player Notice for any event.

8. **CODE OF CONDUCT - Rule 1.2b** – Defined at AzGolf.org -Tournaments/Tournament Regulations

9. **SCORECARD RETURNED** – A scorecard is final when the player leaves the Scoring Area after giving the scorecard to a member of the Committee. The area may be physically defined.

10. **CLOSE OF COMPETITION** - The competition is closed when all scores have been posted and the results have been announced.

11. **OTHER LOCAL RULES IN EFFECT**

See MLR B-2.1 and B-2.2 – Opposite edge relief is available for a ball crossing into a penalty area from out of bounds

See MLR D-7 – Limiting When Stroke Made from Putting Green Must Be Replayed Under Exception 2 to Rule 11.1b

See MLR E-12 – Ball Played from Outside Relief Area When Taking Back-on-the-Line Relief

See MLR G-9 – Replacement of Club that is Broken or Significantly Damaged (On authority of AGA Staff or ROIC only)