



Rules and Clarifications:

Rule 4 – The Player’s Equipment

Purpose of Rule: Rule 4 covers equipment that players may use during a round.

(4) Audio and Video.

The AIA Golf Sports Advisory Games Committee has adopted the Local Rule prohibiting or restricting the use of audio and video devices during a round (i.e., ear buds).

In all AIA Qualifying Competitions, the “Desert Rule” that may appear on many golf course scorecards is NOT in effect.

If the desert area is not clearly marked as a Red Penalty area, the desert would need to be played as “General Area”. If a ball is lost/ not found in the desert (General Area) the player needs to play his next shot from where previously played. If he/ she hit a provisional golf ball, then the provisional golf ball would be played.

In addition, the MLR (Model Local Rule) E-5 is NOT in effect for all AIA Qualifying Competitions. The link below describes MLR E-5, which should not be played for AIA Matches/ Tournaments.

Model Local Rules (see E-5: Alternative to Stroke & Distance for Lost Ball or Ball Out of Bounds):

[8. Model Local Rules \(usga.org\)](https://www.usga.org/rulebook/model-local-rules)