

FCGolf LOCAL RULES

The following **Local Rules**, together with any other addition or amendments published by the Federació Catalana de Golf (FCGolf), will apply to all championships and tournaments run by FCGolf.

For full text of any Local Rules referenced below, please refer to the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf - in force from January 1st, 2023 or in the Clarifications that are published quarterly.

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 [\(Rule 2.1\)](#)

- a. When boundaries are defined by walls, roads or other objects, the boundary edge will be defined in the competition local rules. [\(Model Local Rule 8A-2.1 o 8A-2.2\)](#)
- b. 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 the 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. [\(Model Local Rule 8A-5\)](#)

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 that coincides with the boundary of the course, opposite side relief is available under [Model Local Rule 8B-2.2](#).

3 SPECIAL RELIEF PROCEDURES

a. 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**. [\(Model Local Rule 8E-1.1\)](#)

The dropping zone is a relief area under [Rule 14.3](#), which means that a ball must be dropped in and come to rest in the relief area

b. Permanent Overhead Power Line [\(Model Local Rule 8E-11\)](#)

If the player's ball hit a power line or wire the stroke does not count and the player must repeat the stroke by playing the original ball or another ball from the spot where that stroke was made, see [Rule 14.6](#). If the player replays the stroke but does so from a wrong place, they get the general penalty under [Rule 14.7](#). If the player does not replay the stroke, they get the general penalty and the stroke counts, but the player has not played from a wrong place.



4 ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS ([Rule 16](#))

a. Immovable Obstructions

- (1) French drains (stone-filled drainage ditches)
- (2) White lined areas and the immovable obstruction they tie into, are treated as a single abnormal course condition. ([Model Local Rule 8F-3.1](#))
- (3) Landscaped garden areas and everything growing in them that are completely surrounded by an immovable obstruction are treated as a single abnormal course condition. ([Model Local Rule 8F-3.3](#))

b. Ground Under Repair

- (4) Any area bounded by a white line, dotted white line or blue stakes.
- (5) Restriction on relief from stance in Animal Hole ([Model Local Rule 8F-6](#)) is in effect and Rule 16.1 is modified in this way: "Interference does not exist if the burrowing animal hole (usually rabbits) or any worn-down track or trail leading into the hole, interferes with the player's stance."
- (6) Seems of cut turf. If the ball is on the general area, relief under Rule 16.1b, if the ball is on the green, relief under Rule 16.1d. ([Model Local Rule 8F-7](#))
- (7) Damage caused anywhere on the course, except in penalty areas, by the wild boars. Without player's stance limitation. ([Model Local Rule 8F-10](#))

5 INTEGRAL OBJECTS

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

- a. Wires, cables, wrappers, or other objects when closely attached to trees or other permanent objects.

6 RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT

a. Clubs and balls

- (1) List of conforming Driver heads. ([Model Local Rule 8G-1](#))
Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of this Local Rule: **Disqualification.**
- (2) Specifications of Stretch Marks and Marks. ([Model Local Rule 8G-2](#))
Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of this Local Rule: **Disqualification.**
- (3) List of conforming golf balls. ([Model Local Rule 8G-3](#))
Penalty for breach of this Local Rule: **Disqualification.**

Note: An updated list of Conforming Clubs and Balls is available on www.randa.org

7 DEFINING WHO MAY HELP OR GIVE ADVICE TO PLAYERS

a. Advice Allowed in Teams Competitions ([Rule 24.4a](#)) and ([Model Local Rule 8H-2](#))

Each team may name one advice giver whom players on 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 their round.

8 SUSPENSION OF PLAY ([Rule 5.7](#)) and ([Model Local Rule 8J-1](#))

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

- Immediate suspension for imminent danger - one prolonged note of a siren.
- Suspension for a non-dangerous situation - three consecutive notes of a siren.
- Restart of the game - two consecutive notes of a siren.

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

9 SPECIFIC RESTRICTIONS FOR “BENJAMINES, ALEVINES, INFANTILES, CADETES, BOYS, GIRLS and/or JUNIORS” COMPETITIONS.

a. Distance measuring devices ([Model Local Rule 8G-5](#))

Rule 4.3a(1) is modified in this way: During a round a player must not obtain distance information by using an electronic distance measuring device. Penalty for breach of this local rule:

Match Play: Loss of hole. Stroke Play: Penalty for the first breach: General Penalty, applied in the next hole if it occurs between holes. Recurrence: Disqualification.

b. Prohibiting Use of Motorized Transportation ([Model Local Rule 8G-6](#))

During a round, a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized or later approved by the Committee.

c. Caddie ([Model Local Rule H-1.1](#))

Rule 10.3 is modified in this way: A player must not have a caddie during a round.

Penalty for Breach of Local Rule G-6 and H-1.1, Match Play: loss of hole, Stroke Play: The player gets the **general penalty** for each hole during which they have had a caddie. If the breach happens or continues between two holes, the player gets the **general penalty for the next hole**.

10 PACE OF PLAY POLICY ([Rule 5-6b\(3\)](#)) and ([Model Local Rule 8K-2](#))

The event committee may establish a maximum time to complete a round, a hole or a group of holes.

Times will be determined by the Tournament Director or the Chief Referee.

From the moment a group is over the established time or out of position, it may be timed by a referee. Out of position means being behind in relation to the start interval, with respect to the group that precedes you.

The maximum time to make a stroke is **40 seconds**, except that it will be 50 seconds if you are the first to play at the tee of a par 3, on an approach shot, a chip or a putt. In the event that a player exceeds these times, they will be considered to have had a "**bad time**".

The bad times incurred individually accumulate, even if the group is back on time and position. When a group begins to be timed by a referee, the margin they have to recover will be indicated. For instance, three holes.

Penalty for violation of this condition (individual and group penalties are cumulative)

	<i>Stroke-Play</i>	<i>Match-Play</i>	<i>Stableford</i>
Bad time or out of group position	Verbal warning	Verbal warning	Verbal warning
Two bad times or not having recovered position	1 Penalty strokes	Loss of hole	1 Penalty strokes
Three bad times or not having recovered position	2 Penalty strokes	Loss of hole	2 Penalty strokes
Four bad times or not having recovered position	Disqualification	Disqualification	Disqualification

Note:

- The first official warning will be treated as a verbal warning for penalty purposes whether it is for bad time or being out of position.
- 1 Players will **NOT** be told that their time is being taken.
 - 2 A player may be timed at any time during the round without warning.

11 CODE OF CONDUCT

The FCGolf competition committee has established rules and sanctions to penalize players for inappropriate conduct, exercising final authority to apply them. Unless consideration of the seriousness of the act advises a higher penalty, the degree of penalty will be:

- 1 stroke penalty
- General penalty (MP, Loss of hole or Stableford, 2 points to the total of the card)
- Disqualification

Reasons for the sanction:

- Entering a prohibited area or playing from a no play zone.
- Failure to take care of the course, raking bunkers, repairing damage (divots, pitch marks on the greens, etc.).
- Foul or abusive language.
- Abuse of clubs or the course.
- Being disrespectful to other players, referees or spectators.
- Not respecting the dress code.

The Disqualification in a FCGolf scoring GP competition, will mean the loss of participation rights in the next competition of the same category.

This code will be applicable to the same extent to the player's caddie. The sanction will be applicable immediately. The infractions that would accredit a direct sanction of disqualification are defined in the [clarification 1.2a/1](#).

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