



## LOCAL RULES AND TERMS OF THE COMPETITION FOR MASS GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and The R&A govern play. These Local Rules and Terms of the Competition are in effect at all Mass Golf championships and qualifying rounds. See applicable championship or qualifying round Notice to Players, Entry Application or Mass Golf Policies & Procedures for modifications or additions to these Local Rules and Terms of the Competition. Complete text of the Rules and Local Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 2019.

***Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty.***

### RULES OF PLAY

**OUT OF BOUNDS:** Defined by the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of white stakes, fence posts and white lines.

**PENALTY AREAS:** When a Penalty Area is defined on only one side, it extends to infinity. When a penalty area is connected to the out-of-bounds edge, the penalty area extends to, and coincides with out of bounds.

**GROUND UNDER REPAIR:** Defined by white lines. French drains are ground under repair.

**WHITE-LINED AREAS TYING INTO ARTIFICIALLY SURFACED ROADS & PATHS:** White-lined areas of ground under repair and the artificially surfaced roads, paths, or other identified obstructions that they are connected to are a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.

**WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH:** Are loose impediments.

**INTEGRAL OBJECTS:** Include cables, rods, wires, or wrappings when closely attached to trees; artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas and bunkers.

**RELIEF FROM SEAMS OF CUT TURF (SOD SEAMS):** Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-7.

**LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS:** Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-1.

**LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS:** Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-3.

**REPLACEMENT OF CLUB THAT IS BROKEN OR SIGNIFICANTLY DAMAGED:** If a player's club is "broken or significantly damaged" during the round by the player or caddie, except in cases of abuse, the player may replace the club with any club under Rule 4.1b(4). When replacing a club, the player must immediately take the broken or significantly damaged club out of play, using the procedure in Rule 4.1c(1). Model Local Rule G-9

**PACE OF PLAY:** In effect unless otherwise indicated on Local Rules/Notice to Competitors. NOTE: See Mass Golf Pace of Play Policy.

**STOPPING AND RESUMING PLAY:** Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule J-1.

All practice areas are closed during an immediate suspension for a dangerous situation until the committee has declared them open. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to stop practicing; failure to stop practicing may result in disqualification.

An immediate suspension will be signaled by one prolonged airhorn note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive airhorn notes. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short airhorn notes.

**PRACTICING:** Prior to and after a round in stroke play, a player may practice on the designated practice areas. Rule 5.2b covering practice in stroke play is modified in this way: A player may not practice on the competition course before or between rounds. Penalty for breach of Local Rule, see Rule 5.2.

**CODE OF CONDUCT:** By submitting an entry for any Mass Golf administered competition, the contestant understands that his/her participation is at the sole discretion of Mass Golf. A contestant may be removed from any competition at the discretion of Mass Golf and The Committee at any time before or during the competition. Incidents of unbecoming conduct, or actions deemed to be detrimental to the "Spirit of the Game" are grounds for such removal and suspension from future Mass Golf administered competitions. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Willful damage of the golf course or golf course property.
- Offensive or unbecoming language.
- Public criticism of golf course or verbal abuse of Mass Golf staff, officials, volunteers, host club staff or other contestants.
- Potential endangerment and/or distraction of others.
- Conduct deemed unbecoming.

**Penalty for breach of code of conduct\*:**

First Offense: Warning | Second Offense: 1-Stroke Penalty | Third Offense: 2-Stroke Penalty | Fourth Offense: Disqualification

\*The Committee may disqualify a player at any time for serious misconduct in failing to meet the Code's standards.

### TERMS OF COMPETITION

**WHEN COMPETITION IS FINAL:** The competition is final when the trophy has been presented to the winner or, in absence of a prize ceremony when all scores have been approved by the Committee. The result of a match is final when the Committee has approved the result as posted on the public scoreboard.