



Golf Saskatchewan

Conditions of Competition and Standard Local Rules

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Play is governed by the 2016 Golf Canada Rules of Golf, the 2016 Golf Canada Decisions on the Rules of Golf and, where applicable, by the following local Rules and Conditions of Competition approved by the Rules and Amateur Status Committee of Golf Canada, subject to changes, additions or deletions for particular Championships. The player's attention is drawn to Conditions of Competition as printed on the forms accompanying applications for entry. Complete text of Rules and Appendices may be found in the 2016 Golf Canada Rules of Golf.

Any Local Rules printed on the Host Club's scorecards are not applicable for a Golf SK sanctioned tournament.

Unless otherwise noted, penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is:
Match play - Loss of hole; Stroke play - Two strokes

SECTION A: CONDITIONS OF THE COMPETITION

- 1. Specification of the Ball** - The ball the player plays must be named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls recognized by Golf Canada (see Note to Rule 5-1). The current List of Conforming Golf Balls is available in the Golf SK Tournament Office.
Penalty for Breach of Condition: Disqualification
- 2. Specification of Driver Head** - Any driver the player carries must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads recognized by Golf Canada (see Note to Rule 4-1). The current List of Conforming Driver Heads is available in the Golf SK Tournament Office.
Penalty for Breach of Condition: See Penalty Statement for Rules 4-1 and 4-2
- 3. Caddies** - In stroke play competition (where caddies are permitted), a player is prohibited from having another competitor serve as his caddie during the stipulated round (see Note to Rule 6-4). This includes players who are playing in a separate competition at the same venue.
Penalty for Breach of Condition: See Penalty Statement in Appendix 1, Part B, Section 2.
- 4. Pace of Play** - See posted GS Pace of Play Policy. Golf SK's Group Pace of Play Policy is in effect at all amateur events. Players must ensure that they complete groups of holes and the stipulated round within the times established by the Tournament Rules Committee. The full policy is available in the Golf SK Tournament office and at the starting tee.

Definition of "Out of Position"

The first group off a starting tee will be considered "out of position" if it exceeds the required checkpoint time at a checkpoint hole.

- A first group becomes a following group when it catches up to another group.
 - A following group will be considered "out of position" if it exceeds the required checkpoint time AND is more than 14 minutes behind the group in front of them at that checkpoint.
 - A group that is out of position at a checkpoint hole will receive a warning for the first instance. The warning will not be rescinded. Each player in the group that is out of position at a subsequent checkpoint hole may be liable to penalty stroke(s).
 - *Note that Rule 6-7 (Undue Delay) is still applicable.*
- 5. Discontinuance of Play** - Note to Rule 6-8b is in effect. The course and all practice areas are closed when play is suspended for a dangerous situation until the Golf SK Rules Committee has declared them open. A player using such practice areas will be subject to having their entry revoked.

Note: A suspension for a dangerous situation will be signalled by one prolonged air horn note.

All other types of suspension will be signalled by three consecutive air horn notes.

Resumption of play will be signalled by two short air horn notes.

6. **Practice** – Prior to and after his round in stroke play, a player may practice in the designated practice areas. In stroke play competition, a player may not practice on or near the putting green of the hole last played or roll a ball on the putting green of the hole last played (see Note 2 to Rule 7-2).
7. **Motorized Transportation** - is not allowed at Golf SK competitions unless stated in the supplementary conditions of competition. However in any competition to speed up play, a player may accept a ride to and from the place of his previous stroke from a member of the Committee or authorized party of the Committee. **Penalty for Breach of Condition: See Penalty Statement in Appendix 1, Part B, Section 8**
8. **Returning Score Card** – A player’s score card has been returned to the Committee when the player has completely exited the defined scoring area, unless the player, prior to leaving, verbally informs the Committee of his intention to leave the scoring area and receives the Committee's permission to do so.
9. **Ties** – Ties for first to third place (Gold, Silver and Bronze), places for provincial quota spots and quota spots will be determined by a hole-by-hole playoff. All other ties will be broken by matching scorecards, as per Golf Canada’s recommendations. Method of determining ties will be posted at the event.
10. **Close of Competition** - The competition is deemed to have closed when the trophy has been presented to the winner or, in the absence of a prize ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the Committee.

SECTION B: LOCAL RULES

1. **Abnormal Ground Conditions** - Rule 25: Ground Under Repair includes:
 - a) Areas defined by white lines;
 - b) French drains filled with stones;
 - c) Seams of Cut Turf – Through the green, seams of cut turf (not the turf itself) are deemed to be ground under repair. However, interference by a seam with the player’s stance is deemed not to be, of itself, interference under Rule 25-1. If the ball lies in or touches the seam or the seam interferes with the area of intended swing, relief is available under Rule 25-1. All seams within the cut turf area are considered the same seam for the purposes of re-dropping (Rule 20-2c).
2. **Embedded Ball Extended to Through the Green:** The Local Rule in Appendix I, Part A, Section 3a is in effect. Note these Exceptions:
 - a) A player may not take relief under this local Rule if the ball is embedded in sand in an area that is not closely mown.
 - b) A player may not take relief under this local Rule if interference by anything other than the condition covered by this local Rule makes the stroke clearly impracticable.
3. **Obstructions** - Rule 24
White lined areas tying into artificially surfaced roads, paths or obstructions are deemed to have the same status as the road, path or obstruction and are not ground under repair.
4. **Turf Plugs on Putting Greens** – On any putting green, turf plugs of any size have the same status as old hole plugs and may be repaired under Rule 16-1c.
5. **Wood Chips and Mulch:** Wood chips and mulch are loose impediments.
6. **Integral Parts of the Course**
 - a) Wrappings, wires, cables and other objects when closely attached to trees;
 - b) Artificial walls and/or pilings when used to define the margin of bunkers. Such walls and/or pilings

are through the green.

7. **Permanent Elevated Power Lines or Cables:** if a ball strikes a permanent elevated power line or cable, the stroke MUST be cancelled and the player must play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played in accordance with Rule 20-5.
8. **Temporary Obstructions** - Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I, Part A, Section 4b is in effect.
9. **Distance-Measuring Devices** – For all Golf Canada amateur competitions, the local Rule in Appendix I, Part A, Section 7, is in effect. A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device.
10. **Water and Lateral Hazards** – When a water hazard or lateral water hazard is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend to infinity. When a water hazard or lateral water hazard is bounded by out of bounds, the hazard margin extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line.

Note: Dropping Zones for water and lateral water hazards:

Where there are dropping zones for water or lateral water hazards a ball may be played under Rule 26 or may be dropped in the dropping zone nearest to where the original ball last crossed the margin of the hazard, under penalty of one stroke. For provisions relating to dropping or re-dropping a ball in a dropping zone, see the Local Rule in Appendix 1, Part A, Section 6.

SECTION C: GENERAL RULES

1. **Out of Bounds** - is defined by the nearest inside point of white stakes or property fence posts at ground level. When out of bounds is defined by a white line on the ground, the line itself is out of bounds.
2. **Water Hazards and Lateral Water Hazards** - are defined by yellow and red stakes and/or lines, respectively. When stakes and lines are present, the lines will define the margin of the hazard, the line itself is in the hazard.
3. **If Doubt Arises as to Procedure in Stroke Play (Rule 3-3)** - and a Rules Official is not readily available, proceed under the procedure of Rule 3-3 and report the facts to the GS Rules Committee before returning scorecard. *Penalty for Breach of Condition: Disqualification*
4. **Scorecards must be returned to the Committee immediately upon completion of play.** Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

Golf Saskatchewan Rules of Golf Committee