

SPGA Golf Series 2017 presented by CHAMPIONSGolf
Palm/Resort Course
Palm Springs Golf & Country Club
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The full texts of Local Rules referred to below can be found in the current edition of the Rules of Golf published by R&A Rules Ltd. Any disputes arising from interpretation shall be resolved by the appointed referee and his decision shall be final.

LOCAL RULES

The following Local Rules, together with any additions or amendments as published by the Rules Committee will apply.

1. Preferred Lies

A ball lying on a **closely-mown area** through the green may be lifted without penalty and cleaned. Before lifting the ball, the player **must** mark its position. Having lifted the ball, he must place it on a spot within **one club-length** of and not nearer the hole than where it originally lay, that is not in a hazard and not on a putting green.

A player **may place his ball only once**, and it is **in play** when it has been placed (Rule 20-4). If the ball fails to come to rest on the spot on which it was placed, Rule 20-3d applies. If the ball when placed comes to rest on the spot on which it is placed and it subsequently moves, there is no penalty and the ball must be played as it lies, unless the provisions of any other Rule apply.

If the player fails to mark the position of the ball before lifting it, moves the ball-marker prior to putting the ball back into play or moves the ball in any other manner, such as rolling it with a club, he incurs a penalty of one stroke.

NOTE 1: "Closely-mown area" means any area of the course, including paths through the rough, cut to fairway or less.

NOTE 2: If a player incurs the general penalty for a breach of this Local, no additional penalty under the Local Rule is applied.

2. Distance-Measuring Devices

In this competition, a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his lay (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

3. Accidental Movement of a Ball on a Putting Green

Rules 18-2 and 20-1 are modified as follows:

When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, or any of their caddies or equipment.

The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2 and 20-1.

This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

NOTE: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.

4. Out of Bounds (Rule 27)

a) Beyond any perimeter fence or line of white stakes or adjoining white lines or stakes defining the boundary of the course.

NOTE: Where out of bounds is defined by white stakes or fence posts (excluding angled support), the out of bounds line is determined by the nearest inside points at ground level of such stakes or fence posts (excluding angled support) defines the boundary. A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies over such a line.

5. Lateral Water Hazards (Rule 26)

a) Lateral water hazards are defined by red stakes or red lines.

b) Lateral water hazards include all open concrete drainage channels (including unmarked) other than those which are deemed to be part of the cart path. The margin of such lateral water hazards is defined by the **water-side edge**.

NOTE: In case of any displaced or dis-aligned red stakes, the margin of such lateral water hazards shall be defined by the natural limits of the hazard, i.e. where the ground breaks down to form the depression containing the water.

6. Ground Under Repair (Rule 25-1)

- (a) Any area encircled by a white line.
- (b) Any area of damaged ground that is **considered by a referee** to be abnormal.
- (c) Seams of cut turf; the specimen Local Rules in the Rules of Golf is in effect – see page 145.

NOTE: All “**Flowerbeds**” signages are to be **DISREGARDED**. There is no free relief. Such signages are movable obstruction.

7. Edging Grooves (in between Putting Green and Through the Green)

The grooves around the fringes of the putting greens are ground under repair. However, interference by a groove 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 groove or the groove interferes with the area of intended swing, relief is available under Rule 25-1.

8. Embedded Ball

Relief extended to “through the green”; the specimen Local Rule in the Rules of Golf is in effect – see pages 142 to 143.

9. Animal Hoof Damage

Other than on the putting green, damage that is clearly identifiable as having been caused by animal hoofs is ground under repair (Rule 25-1 applies).

Such damage on the putting green may be repaired (Rule 25-1 does not apply).

10. Immovable Obstructions (Rule 24-2)

- a) Decorative landscaped areas (flowerbeds/shrubberies and the like) surrounded by an obstruction are part of that obstruction.
- b) Drainage channels constructed with artificial materials and which run adjacent and parallel to cart paths are deemed to be part of the cart path.
- c) Any unmarked areas with plastic cells or concrete bricks or the like that run adjacent and parallel to cart paths are deemed to be part of the cart path.
- d) Objects used to support or protect trees are immovable obstructions; the tree is not part of the obstruction.

11. Stones in Bunkers

Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions (Rule 24-1 applies).

12. Integral Parts of the Course

- (a) Wrappings, wires, cables or other objects when closely attached to trees or other permanent objects.
- (b) Artificial retaining walls or pilings when located within water hazards (including lateral water hazards).
- (c) Landscaped garden or any landscaping areas.
- (d) All Flowerbeds and natural rocks or boulders.

13. 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.

14. Rules Committee

- i. Referee - Mr Jack Wong (Mobile: +65 9107 1978)
- ii. Committee - Mr Nasarudin Bin Alias (+65 90500789)

**Unless otherwise specified, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is:
Stroke Play – Two Strokes**