

**SPGA Golf Series 2017**  
**Tering Bay Golf & Country Club**  
**18 December 2017 to 20 December 2017**

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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. 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.

**2. 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.

**3. Out of Bounds (Rule 27)**

- a. Beyond any line of white stakes surrounding the driving range between Hole 2 and Hole 9. A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies on or over such a line.

**NOTE:** There are **NO** out of bounds throughout the course; **EXCEPT** the area marked with white stakes surrounding the driving range between holes 2 and 9. Thus, the rest of the white stakes and lines on the course have no significance and such white stakes (including concrete base) shall be deemed as obstruction.

**4. Water Hazards; including Lateral Water Hazards (Rule 26)**

- a) Lateral water hazards are defined by red stakes and/or adjoining 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 or defined as out of bounds. The margin of such lateral water hazards is defined by the **water-side edge**.

**NOTE 1:** All "Yellow" stakes and/or lines on the course are deemed and to be treated as "**RED**" stakes and/or lines. Hence, the additional relief options under lateral water hazards will be applicable.

**NOTE 2:** Dropping Zones for Water Hazards are **NOT IN PLAY** in this competition.

**NOTE 3:** In the 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.

**5. 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.
- (d) Any ant hills (conical shape and hard).
- (e) Any area that has been burnt containing ashes.

**6. Edging Grooves**

If a ball lies in or on an edging groove around a putting green, or if the groove interferes with the area of the player's intended swing, the ball may, without penalty, be lifted, cleaned and placed in the nearest position to where it lay that is not nearer the hole and avoids interference by the condition, whether on or off the putting 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.

**7. 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.

**8. Immovable Obstructions (Rule 24-2)**

- a) All temporary signage around the teeing ground.
- 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 (including ground under repair) 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.

**9. Stones in Bunkers**

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

**10. 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 lateral water hazards.
- (c) Landscaped garden or any landscaping areas.
- (d) All Flowerbeds.

**11. 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.

**12. Referee**

- i. Chief Referee - Mr Raymond Tan (Mobile: +65 9183-0009)

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