



METROPOLITAN SECTION

SPORTSMANSHIP AND CONDUCT

The Met PGA expects a high standard of conduct and sportsmanship from all players in Met PGA events. The Metropolitan PGA Code of Ethics Policy is in effect at all Metropolitan PGA administered championships and events. Players who conduct themselves in a discourteous or unsportsmanlike manner are subject to disqualification (Rule 1.2) according to the discretion of the tournament committee. The Met PGA Tournament Committee, Grievance Committee, and/or the Executive Committee can extend the disqualification to additional future events if circumstances warrant.

All players shall be deemed to have violated the Rules of Professional Conduct by:

- (1) Knowingly and purposely violating and/or ignoring the Rules of Golf
- (2) Making public complaints, criticisms or disparaging comments involving the PGA or Section staff, sponsors, host clubs, golf courses, or the tournament format
- (3) Using loud, profane, and/or abusive language in public
- (4) Throwing or breaking a club or damaging course and/or Section property during Section Tournament play in a manner of anger or disgust
- (5) Consuming or dispensing any alcoholic beverages on the golf course during a tournament or official practice round
- (6) Dressing in a manner that violates the dress codes for men and women
- (7) Displaying conduct unbecoming of a PGA Professional

GAMBLING - The Met PGA does not object to participation in wagering among individual golfers or teams of golfers when participation in the wagering is limited to the players, the players wager only on themselves or their teams, the sole source of money won by the players is advanced by the players themselves and the primary purpose is the playing of the game for enjoyment. Wagering should be done discreetly and should not cause embarrassment to the host professional or the Association.

FACILITY USE AND GRATUITIES - Professionals and amateur partners competing in Met PGA events are expected to use the facilities of the host club. They are expected to satisfy all financial obligations including gratuities for appropriate host club personnel.

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS – Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect. Penalty for making a stroke with club in breach of this rule – Disqualification.

LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS – Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect. Penalty for making a stroke with a ball not on the current list in breach of this local rule – Disqualification.

PACE OF PLAY - Rule 5.6b(3) will be enforced. See Metropolitan PGA Pace of Play Guidelines at the starting tees.

FORM AND MAKE OF CLUBS – Model Local Rule G-2 is in effect. Penalty for making a stroke with club in breach of this rule – Disqualification.

PRACTICE – 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.

2024 HARD CARD

Including:

MODEL LOCAL RULES

**CONDITIONS OF
COMPETITION**

CONDUCT POLICIES

Disregard any Model Local Rules printed on the course scorecard or otherwise posted

Play is governed by the USGA Rules of Golf and by the following Model Local Rules and definitions where applicable. Any changes and/or additions to these Model Local Rules will be provided on a Notice to Competitors/Players.

Unless otherwise noted, the general penalty or breach of a Model Local Rule or Condition is:

**Match Play - Loss of Hole
Stroke Play - Two Strokes**

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

TIES AND PLAYOFFS – Contestants are reminded of their responsibility to keep informed regarding the possibility of playoffs due to ties. The method for resolving ties will be posted at the scorer's table, if applicable.

SCORECARD RETURNED – A player must promptly return the scorecard to the Committee upon the completion of the round. A player's scorecard has been returned to the Committee when the player has exited the defined scoring area with both feet.

CLOSE OF COMPETITION - The competition shall be deemed closed when the winner has been announced, or in the 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.

LOCAL RULES

OUT OF BOUNDS - Defined by course-side edge, at ground level of white lines, white stakes, property fence posts or walls. All public roads are deemed out of bounds and, if not otherwise marked, the course-side edge of the curbing shall be the boundary. In the absence of a curb, the nearest course-side edge of the asphalt shall be the boundary. A ball coming to rest on or beyond a road is out of bounds, even if it comes to rest on another part of the course that is in bounds for other holes (Model Local Rule A-3).

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.

RELIEF ON OPPOSITE SIDE OF RED PENALTY AREA –When the edge of a red penalty area coincides with the boundary of the course, Model Local Rule B-2.1 is in effect, as amended by Model Local Rule B-2.2 and Clarification to Model Local Rule B-2.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR - Defined by an enclosed white line. French drains are deemed to be ground under repair. Rule 16.1. Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage, including areas where spectators or other traffic has combined with wet conditions to affect materially the ground surface, but only when so declared by an authorized member of the Committee. When immediately adjacent to an immovable obstruction, such an area is part of that obstruction.

SEAMS OF CUT TURF – On the course, 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 Model Local Rule F-7. If the ball lies in or touches a seam or the seam interferes with the area of intended swing, relief is available under Rule 16.1. All seams within the area of cut turf are treated as the same seam in taking relief.

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

REPLACEMENT OF CLUB THAT IS BROKEN OR SIGNIFICANTLY DAMAGED - Local Rule as prescribed in Clarifications of the 2019 Rules of Golf is in effect. Model Local Rule G-9 is in effect.

WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH – Are loose impediments.

LOCAL RULES

INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE - includes cables, rods, wires or wrapping when closely attached to trees, and artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas, unless otherwise provided for in Notice to Competitors/Players.

AERATION HOLES – Model Local Rule E-4 is in effect. If a player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole (1) in the general area, the player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. If the ball comes to rest in another aeration hole the player may take relief again under this Local Rule or (2) on the putting green, the player may take relief under Rule 16.1d. Interferences does not exist if the aeration hole only interferes with the player's stance or, on the putting green, on the player's line of play.

TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS – Model Local Rule F-23 is in effect.

BUNKER LINERS – The Committee may treat an exposed liner as Ground Under Repair under Rule 16.1. Interference does not exist if the liner only interferes with the player's stance.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREEN (E.G. SPRINKLER HEADS) – Local Rule as prescribed in Clarifications of the 2019 Rules of Golf is in effect. Model Local Rule F-5 is in effect and is modified as follows: For a ball in the general area, relief is allowed only when both the ball and the immovable obstruction lie in an area cut to fairway height or less. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is on the line of play and is within two-club lengths of the putting green and within two club lengths of the ball. There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.

PROTECTION OF YOUNG TREES – Model Local Rule E-10 is in effect. The young trees identified by stakes, wire trappings and ribbons are no play zones. If a player's ball lies anywhere on the course other than in a penalty area and it lies on or touches such a tree or such a tree interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing, the player must take relief under Rule 16.1f. If the ball lies in a penalty area, and interference to the player's stance or area of intended swing exists from such a tree, the player must take relief either with penalty under Rule 17.1e or with free relief under Rule 17.1e(2)

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 might result in disqualification.

- Suspension for a dangerous situation: One long prolonged siren or airhorn note.
- All other types of suspensions (i.e., for darkness): Three consecutive airhorn notes.
- Resumption of play: Two airhorn notes.

PERMANENT ELEVATED POWER LINES – Model Local Rule E-11 is in effect and is modified as follows: If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a power line in bounds, the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made in accordance with Rule 14.6.