

### 4.8.3 Local Rules and Terms of the Competition

The current Rules of the United States Golf Association govern play. Complete text of Rules and Committee Procedures may be found in the current "Rules of Golf." Disregard Local Rules printed on club scorecards or posted at the course.

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

**4.8.3.1 Local Rules**  
**4.8.3.1.1 Out of Bounds.** (a) Defined by course-side points, at ground level, of white stakes, lines and perimeter fence posts. (b) When a paved road or curb defines out of bounds, a ball that is on or beyond the road or curb is out of bounds even though it may lie on another part of the golf course.

**4.8.3.1.2 Penalty Areas.** (a) When a penalty area is bounded by out of bounds, the penalty area edge extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line (b) When the outside edge (non-golf course side) of a road or path defines the edge of a penalty area or out of bounds, the road or path is an immovable obstruction

**4.8.3.1.3 Ground Under Repair.** Defined by white lines. Other areas of ground under repair, even when not marked, include: (a) French drains (trenches filled with stones or the like) (b) Large or hard ant hills on the course

**4.8.3.1.4 Seams of Cut Turf.** If a player's ball lies in or touches a seam of cut turf or a seam interferes with the player's area of intended swing: (a) Ball in General Area: The player may drop a ball under Rule 16.1b (b) Ball on Putting Green: The player may place a ball under Rule 16.1d Interference does not exist if the seam only interferes with the player's stance.

**4.8.3.1.5 Integral Objects** (a) When located within penalty areas, artificial walls and pilings are integral objects unless otherwise provided in the Notice to Players. (b) When closely attached to trees, wrappings, electrical wire, and cables are integral objects.

**4.8.3.1.6 Edging Groove Near Putting Greens.** The edging grooves around the aprons or fringes of putting greens are ground under repair. If a player's ball lies in or touches a groove or a groove interferes with the area of intended swing: (a) Ball in General Area: The player may drop a ball under Rule 16.1b (b) Ball on Putting Green: The player may place a ball under Rule 16.1d

**4.8.3.1.7 Immovable Obstructions Near Putting Greens.** Relief is available only when the ball and the immovable obstruction lie in a closely-mown area, the ball lies in the general area, and an immovable obstruction on or within two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club-lengths of the ball intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole. (Drop ball within one club-length of complete relief)

**4.8.3.1.8 Loose Impediments.** Wood chips and mulch are loose impediments.

**4.8.3.1.9 Distance Measuring Devices.** Distance measuring devices may be used under the guidelines of the USGA rules of golf. Misuse will result in disqualification.

~~**4.8.3.1.10 Maximum Score.** Maximum score of 10 strokes per hole is in effect in stroke play competitions.~~

**4.8.3.1.11 Alternative to Stroke and Distance for Lost Ball or Ball Out of Bounds.** Local Rule E-5: Alternative to Stroke & Distance for Lost Ball or Ball Out of Bounds is in effect.

**4.8.3.1.12 List of Conforming Driver Head and Golf Balls.** Optional restrictions under Section 8 of the Committee Procedures are in effect. Model Local Rules G-1 and G-3.

**4.8.3.1.13 Pace of Play.** See separate memorandum to players for pace of play guidelines, when applicable. 2019-20 FHSAA Golf Sport Manual 7

**4.8.3.1.14 Suspension of Play Due to a Dangerous Situation.** Optional condition as prescribed in Model Local Rule J-1 is in effect. All practice areas are closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Failure to comply may result in revocation of entry.

**4.8.3.1.15 Signals for Suspension of Play.** (a) Discontinue Play Immediately: One prolonged signal note (b) Discontinue Play: Three consecutive short signal notes, repeated (c) Resume Play: Two short signal notes, repeated

#### 4.8.3.2 Terms of the Competitions.

**4.8.3.2.1 Official Event.** In the Florida High School State Championship Series, an official event may be constituted by reverting to the results of an earlier round. In the event emergency situations, such as inclement weather, make it necessary to reduce the number of holes from 36, the Jury of Appeals shall determine the final number of holes to be counted for scoring. All leading players must have played the same holes up to the cut-off point established by the Jury of Appeals.

**4.8.3.2.2 Close Of Competition.** The competition is final when the winner has been announced, or, in the absence of a prize ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the Committee.