

UTAH GOLF ASSOCIATION
LOCAL RULES & TERMS OF THE COMPETITION
FOR 2026 UGA CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Disregard any Local Rules printed on the course scorecard or otherwise posted
Emergency Information about the course you are playing can be found at: https://www.uga.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2018/10/medical_emergency_check_list.pdf

The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and The R&A govern play. These Local Rules and Terms of the Competition are in effect at all UGA championships and qualifying rounds. See applicable championship or qualifying round Notice to Players and Entry Application for modifications or additions to these Local Rules and Terms of the Competition. Complete text of the Rules and Local Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty.

OUT OF BOUNDS - Defined by the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts, and includes the course-side edge of white lines that tie boundary objects together. 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 curbing, the course-side of the asphalt road shall be the boundary.

GATES IN BOUNDARY OBJECTS - Locked gates in boundary objects are integral objects. Unlocked gates in boundary objects are movable obstructions.

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.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR - Defined by white lines. French drains are ground under repair. 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.

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 a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.

RELIEF FROM SEAMS OF CUT TURF - Model Local Rule F-7 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH - Are loose impediments.

INTEGRAL OBJECTS - Include objects when closely attached to trees and boundary objects, and artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas or in or adjacent to bunkers, and bunker liners. An exposed bunker liner may be treated as ground under repair, but interference does not exist if the liner interferes only with the player's stance.

OBSTRUCTIONS: Cultivated areas encircled by immovable obstructions are deemed to be part of the immovable obstruction. Adjacent immovable obstructions are deemed to be one immovable obstruction.

TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS - Model Local Rule F-23 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

- Special relief is permitted for intervention on either side for all temporary immovable obstructions (TIO).
- If a TIO is defined by a painted line, the line defines the outer edge of the TIO.

LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS — Model Local Rule G-1 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

GROOVE AND PUNCH MARK SPECIFICATIONS — Model Local Rule G-2 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect, except as modified by the applicable championship Entry Application.

LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS — Model Local Rule G-3 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

PACE OF PLAY — See separate memorandum to players for pace of play policy, when applicable.

STOPPING AND RESUMING PLAY — Model Local Rule J-1 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

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. An immediate suspension will be signaled by one prolonged airhorn note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive airhorn notes. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short airhorn notes.

BROKEN OR SIGNIFICANTLY DAMAGED CLUB - Model Local Rule G-9 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

MISSING PLAYER OR MARKER CERTIFICATION — Model Local Rule L-1 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREENS — Model Local Rule F-5.2 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

WHEN COMPETITION IS FINAL - The competition is final 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. The result of a match is final when the result has been reported to the Official in Charge and they have repeated back the result.