

2021 Sunshine Tour Local Rules & Terms of Competition Hard Card

The following Local Rules and Terms of Competition, together with any additions of amendments published by the Sunshine Tour at each golf course, will apply to all tournaments run by the Sunshine Tour.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is The General Penalty.

Match Play – Loss of Hole Stroke Play – Two strokes.

SUNSHINE TOUR LOCAL RULES

1. Out of Bounds. Rule 18.2.

- (a) Beyond any wall, fence, line of white stakes, on or beyond any white lines defining boundary of the course
- (b) A ball that comes to rest beyond any road defining out of bounds, is out of bounds, even though it may come to rest on another part of the course
- (c) In the case of there being two boundary fences, the inner most fence shall define the boundary.

2. Penalty Areas. Rule 17.

(a) Opposite Side Same Distance Relief for Red Penalty Areas.

The weekly local rules sheet will specify which (if any) red penalty areas have a same distance option on the opposite side. Model local rule B-2.1 will apply only to the penalty areas that are listed.

(b) Opposite Side Relief Where Ball last Crossed Edge of Penalty Area Where The Edge and the Boundary of the Course Coincide.

When a player's ball last crosses the edge of a penalty area where the edge of the penalty area and the boundary of the course coincide, that edge is deemed red and opposite side relief is available under model local rule B-2.1.

(c) Dropping Zones for Penalty Areas.

Where a dropping zone is marked for a penalty area, it is an additional option under penalty of one stroke. The dropping zone is a relief area under rule 14.3. meaning a ball must be dropped in and come to rest in the relief area.

3. Back-on-the-line relief, Playing from Outside the Relief Area.

Model Local Rule E-12 is in effect when taking Back-On-the-Line Relief under any Rule. Note the Back-on-the-line options in Rules 16.1c(2), 19.2b and 19.3b. A ball may be played from outside the relief area, as long as the ball is within one club-length of where it first touched the ground when dropped in the relief area.

4. Abnormal Course Conditions. Rule 16.1.

A. Ground Under Repair.

- (1) All areas bounded by white lines including spectator crossing points where marked.
- (2) Seams of Cut Turf: Model Local Rule F-7 is in effect.
- (3) French drains (stone-filled drainage ditches).
- (4) For holes left by movable obstructions in parts of the general area cut to fairway height or less, free relief is available for lie of ball or area of intended swing, but there is no relief for interference to the stance.

B. Immovable Obstructions.

- (1) White lined areas and the immovable obstruction they tie into are treated as a single abnormal course condition.
- (2) Landscaped garden areas (and everything growing in them) that are completely surrounded by an imovable obstruction are treated as a single abnormal course condition.
- (3) Mats that are secured and all ramps covering cables.
- (4) Roads or paths surfaced with woodchip or mulch. Individual pieces of woodchip are loose impediments.
- (5) Non-permanent bridges erected for players or spectators unless otherwise defined.

C. Temporary Water.

Squeegee Policy for Temporary Water removal: If a player's ball lies on the putting green and there is interference by temporary water on the putting green, the player may take relief under rule 16.1d or have his line of play squeegeed.

The committee may squeegee greens until players are nearby and if conditions deteriorate, to keep play going, they may authorise a combination of all the above measures. **Any squeegeeing may only be carried out by committee authorised personnel.**

5. Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Greens.

Model Local Rule F-5 is in effect but 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.

6. Limiting When Stroke Made from Putting Green Must be Replayed.

Model Local Rule D-7 is in effect and modifies Exception 2 to Rule 11.b

7. Integral Objects.

- (a) Bunker liners in their intended position.
- (b) Wires, cables, wrapping or other objects when closely attached to trees or other permanent objects.
- (c) Artificial retaining walls and pilings when located within Penalty Areas.
- (d) Floating sponsor displays/signs when in penalty areas. (no line of sight relief allowed). Wires or cables anchoring them are temporary cables.
- (e) Any closed gate attached to a boundary object.

8. Permanent Overhead Power Lines.

Model Local Rule E-11 is in effect but only for a ball which strikes a power line located in bounds and not the supporting pole. (*Stroke is cancelled and must be replayed.*)

9. Temporary Immovable Obstructions (TIO).

Model Local Rules F-22 re Temporary Power Lines and Cables and F-23 re TIO are in effect.

- (a) Dropping Zone Policy. In the general area, when a player's ball lies in or on a TIO or so close to the TIO that it interferes with the stance or area of intended swing and relief is required, the player may:
 - proceed under any of the options allowed under the TIO local rule or Rule 16.1 or,
 - if dropping zones have been marked, as an additional option, the player may drop the original ball or another ball, without penalty, in the nearest dropping zone. This is true even if it is nearer the hole.
 - The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3 meaning a ball must be dropped in and come to rest in the dropping zone.
- (b) Either Side Relief. The weekly local rules sheet will specify which TIO have an either side option. Either side relief is restricted to **line-of-sight relief only** and is not available when the player chooses to operate under Rule 16.1.

10. Clubs and Balls.

- (a) Club Replacement. Model Local Rule G-9 for replacement of a club that is broken or significantly damaged is in effect.
- (b) List of Conforming Driver Heads. Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect. Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of this local rule: Disqualification.
- (c) Groove and Punch Mark Specifications. Model Local Rule G-2 is in effect. Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of this local rule: Disqualification.
- (d) Conforming Balls List. Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect. Penalty for making a stroke in breach of this local rule: Disqualification.
- (e) The One Ball Rule. Model Local Rule G-4 is in effect. (Exception: This Local Rule does not apply to Professional or Amateur players in any pre-tournament Pro-Am or Approved One-Day Event or Amateurs who partner professional players in a major Pro-Am tournament). Penalty for making a stroke at a ball in breach of this local rule: General Penalty for each hole during which the player is in breach.

11. Pace of Play Policy. Rule 5.6b(3). *

The Sunshine Tour Pace of Play Policy will apply to each individual tournament.

Two "Bad Times" in the same tournament will be deemed a breach. The fines that go with this policy will be applied on the cumulative season long basis.

Monitoring may happen before Timing but it does not have to. Monitoring does not count in a player's season long record, but timing does. In the absence of mitigating circumstances, a group is liable to be timed if it is in excess of the time allowed and in the case of second or subsequent groups, Out of Position. From the commencement of timing, if any player exceeds 50 seconds on a 'first to play approach shot (including Par 3 tee shot), chip or putt', or 40 seconds if it is a tee shot or 'second to play shot', or 30 seconds if it is a

'third to play shot', he is deemed to have had a 'Bad Time'.

The time allowed will be determined by the Committee and will be published on the official notice board.

Penalty for Breach of Pace of Play Policy in Stroke Play:

1st Bad Time in Tournament - Verbal warning from Referee.

2nd Bad Time in Tournament - 1 stroke penalty and R2000 fine.

3rd Bad Time in Tournament - 2 strokes penalty and R4000 fine.

4th Bad Time in Tournament - Disqualification.

Penalty for Breach of Pace of Play Policy in Match Play:

For these tournaments, the penalties will be defined on the local rules sheet.

Notes:

(1) Players will be advised that they are being monitored or timed.

(2) Timings will be taken from the moment it is deemed by the Referee that it is the player's turn to play.

(3) In some circumstances, an individual player or two players within a group of three, may be timed rather than the entire group.

(4) In addition, please note Sunshine Tour general regulation on Pace of Play in the Member's Handbook.

**Note: For Co-sanctioned events pace of play timings will revert to European-/Challenge Tour policy*

12. Play Suspensions. Rule 5.7.

The following signals will be used to suspend and resume play:

Immediate Stop/dangerous situation - one prolonged note of the siren.

Normal non-dangerous stop – three consecutive short notes of the siren.

Resume play – two consecutive short notes of the siren.

When play is stopped in a dangerous situation, all practice areas are immediately closed.

13. Practice. Rule 5.

(a) Practice before or between rounds in Stroke Play. Rule 5.2b.

Rule 5.2b is modified in this way: A player must not practice on the competition course before or between rounds. Penalty for breach of Rule 5.2: See penalty statement in Rule 5.2.

(b) Practice on or Near Previous Putting Green Prohibited. Rule 5.5b

For Stroke Play events only, Rule 5.5b is modified in this way:

Between the play of two holes, a player must not:

(i) make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole just completed or

(ii) test the surface of that putting green by rubbing the putting green or rolling a ball.

14. Distance Measuring Devices. Rule 4.3a.

Rule 4.3a (1) is modified in this way:

During a round, a player must not obtain distance information by the use of an electronic distance measuring device. Penalty for breach of Rule 4.3: See penalty statement in Rule 4.3.

First Breach – General Penalty.

Second Breach (unrelated to first breach) – Disqualification.

15. Transportation Policy.

Model Local Rule G-6 is in effect and Rule 4.3a is modified in this way:

During a round a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorised transportation except as authorised or later approved by the rules committee. (A player taking a stroke and distance penalty is always authorised).

Penalty for breach of this local rule: General Penalty for each hole during which there is a breach. A breach between holes applies to the next hole.

16. Code of Conduct. Rule 1.2b.

A code of conduct, with penalties for breach of its standards, has been adopted by the Committee. This code of conduct will be published under Official Notices.

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17. Deciding Ties.

Unless otherwise stated, if there is a tie for first place, there will be a hole-by-hole play-off to determine the winner.

18. Recording Area and Scorecard Returned.

The location of the recording area will be detailed each week on the local rules sheet. The scorecard is returned when the player leaves the recording area with both feet.

19. Results of Competition - Competition Closed

The result of the tournament is officially announced when the final results are posted by the Rules Committee.

20. Anti-Doping

Players are required to comply with and be bound by the Sunshine Tour's Anti-Doping Policy. (The current version can be viewed in the member's section on www.sunshinetour.com).

THE FOLLOWING APPLY IN SUNSHINE TOUR COMPETITIONS ONLY

Temporary Immovable Obstructions – Definitions

Examples include but are not limited to: Flightscope fixed TV poles, TV camera towers and leader boards (these will always have an either side option). All clocks, advertising boards fixed to other temporary immovable obstructions or advertising boards and hole number distance indicators that are situated around teeing grounds.

Movable Obstructions – Definitions

Examples include but are not limited to: free-standing advertising boards situated away from teeing grounds, drinks dispensers that are on wheels or easily lifted, all cameras and their tripods, TV microphones, free standing scoring and data masts and crossing point indicators.

21. Embedded Ball. Rule 16.3

Model Local Rule F-2.2 is in effect and Rule 16.3 is modified in this way: "Free relief is not allowed when a ball is embedded in a stacked turf face above a bunker".

22. Picket Fencing.

The Sunshine Tour will publish the status on the local rules for the specific event

23. Abnormal Course Conditions. Rule 16.

(a) Restriction on Relief from Stance in Animal Hole.

Rule 16.3 is modified in this way:

"Interference does not exist if the animal hole interferes with only the player's stance".

(b) Yardage Spots or Lines.

Painted lines or dots in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less are to be treated as ground under repair from which relief is allowed under Rule 16.1.

But interference does not exist if painted lines or dots interfere with only the player's stance.

(c) Green painted circles on putting greens

A ball coming to rest on the putting green, either in such a circle, or the circle intervenes on the line of the putt, may be lifted and placed at the nearest point which avoids the condition, but not nearer the hole (relief for line of play only and not for stance)

(d) Staked Trees are immovable obstructions.