

2. WATER HAZARDS (including Lateral Water Hazards) (Rule 26)

Note: Dropping Zones for Water Hazards (page 135):

Where there are dropping zones for water hazards, a ball may be played under Rule 26 or a ball may be dropped in the dropping zone nearest to where the original ball last crossed the margin of the hazard, under penalty of one stroke.

3. GROUND UNDER REPAIR (Rule 25-1)

- a) All areas encircled by a white line on the ground and/or by blue stakes.
- b) Any area of damaged ground (e.g. caused by crowd or vehicle movement) provided it is considered by a Referee to be abnormal.
- c) Relief is available from interference to the lie of the ball or the area of intended swing from painted markings situated in any closely-mown area through the green, including paint markings at the front and back of putting greens
- d) French Drains (stone/gravel filled drainage ditches).
- e) Seams of cut turf (page 129).

Note to Rule 25-1a: relief will be denied for interference only to stance from a hole, cast or runway made by a burrowing animal, reptile or a bird.

4. EMBEDDED BALL (Rule 25-2)

Relief extended to "through the green" (page 127).

Additional Exception: A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if the ball is embedded in the face of a bunker that consists of staked turf.

5. IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS (Rule 24-2)

- a) White lined areas adjoining any areas defined as immovable obstructions are to be regarded as part of the obstruction and not ground under repair.
- b) Landscaped garden areas surrounded by an obstruction are part of the obstruction.

6. INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE

- a) Any cables or advertising boards closely attached to an object defining the boundary of the course.
- b) Wires, cables, wrappings or other objects where they are closely attached to trees or other permanent objects.
- c) Retaining artificial walls and pilings when located in water hazards.

7. STONES IN BUNKERS (Rule 24-1)

Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions: Rule 24-1 applies (page 130).

8. TURF PLUGS ON PUTTING GREEN (Rule 16-1c)

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.

**If not otherwise provided, penalty for breach of Conditions of Competition or Local Rules:
Match Play: loss of hole – Stroke Play: two strokes.**

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The following Conditions of Competition and Local Rules, together with any additional Local Rules and notes published by the Committee and any regulations issued by the Italian Golf Federation, will apply to all National and International Championships organized by the Italian Golf Federation and played in accordance with the Rules of Golf approved by the R&A Rules Limited. The full text of the following Conditions of Competition and Local Rules may be found in the current edition of the Rules of Golf as published by The R&A Rules Limited.

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

1. ELIGIBILITY

Players must meet the eligibility requirements provided in order to be admitted to a Competition. (See the General Conditions of Competition and the Specific Conditions issued in the entry form).

Note: at any time, if it is discovered that a competitor did not meet the eligibility provisions at the closing date for entries, he will immediately be removed from the result (even after the closure of the Competition).

2. LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS

Note to Rule 4-1a applies (page 137).

Note: An updated List of Conforming Driver Heads is available on The R&A's website (www.randa.org).

3. LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS

Note to Rule 5-1 applies (page 138).

Note: An updated List of Conforming Golf Balls is available on The R&A's website (www.randa.org).

4. PACE OF PLAY

A. During the Stipulated Round

Note 2 to Rule 6-7 applies (page 140).

Each hole has been given a maximum completion time based upon the length and difficulty of the hole. The maximum time allotted for the completion of 18 holes will be available prior to play.

(a) Definition of Out of Position:

The first group and any group after a starter's gap will be considered to be "out of position" if, at any time during the round, the group's cumulative time exceeds the time allowed for the number of holes completed. Any other group will be considered "out of position" if it is more than the starting interval behind the group in front and has exceeded the time allowed for the number of holes played.

(b) Procedure When Group is Out of Position:

If a decision is taken to time the group, each player in the group will be subject to individual timing by a Referee.

1. The maximum time allocated per shot is 40 seconds. 10 extra seconds are allowed for the first player to play:

- the tee shot on a par three hole;
- an approach shot; and
- a chip shot or a putt

2. The timing will start when a player has had sufficient time to reach his ball, it is his turn to play and he is able to play without interference or distraction.

On the putting green, timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace his ball, repair ball marks and move loose impediments on his line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

3. Timing ceases when a group is back in position.

Penalty for Breach of Condition:

- 1st. breach: warning from the Referee
- 2nd. breach: one stroke penalty (Loss of Hole in match play)
- 3rd. breach: two strokes penalty (Loss of Hole in match play)
- 4th. Breach: disqualification (Disqualification in match play)

Penalty strokes will apply to the hole at which the breach occurred.

If play is delayed between holes, the penalty will apply to the next hole.

Even if a timed group comes back in position, bad times by players in that group will be carried forward until the round is completed. A player will not be penalised if he has a second bad time before being advised of his earlier bad time.

- Note:**
- (a) Players will NOT be advised that they are being timed.
 - (b) In exceptional circumstances, an individual player, or two players within a group of three, may be timed instead of the entire group.

B. In Returning Score Cards in Stroke Play

All groups must complete their stipulated round within the maximum completion time allowed by the Committee.

It is players' responsibility to observe this allowed maximum time (Rule 6-7).

In the absence of mitigated circumstances, a penalty of two strokes will apply to the 18th hole score for a breach of Rule 6-7 to all players:

- of the first group , if they exceeded the maximum time allowed for 5 minutes or more;
- of any following group , if they exceeded the maximum time allowed for 5 minutes or more **AND** if they exceeded 5 minutes or more the starting interval behind the group in front .

Note 1: The Committee will consider as mitigated circumstances exclusively extraordinary cases!

Note 2: The Committee may waive this Condition of Competition ("maximum completion times") before the start of the competition.

5. SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO A DANGEROUS SITUATION

Note to Rule 6-8b applies (page 140).

- Signals:
- * discontinue play ***IMMEDIATELY***: one prolonged note of a horn.
 - * discontinue play: three consecutive short notes of a horn, repeated.
 - * resume play: two short notes of a horn, repeated.

Notwithstanding this Condition of Competition, the responsibility for discontinuing play due to danger of lightning rests with the player- Rule 6-8a(ii).

6. PRACTICE

In stroke play, the provisions of Rule 7-1b apply. In match play, on any day of a competition, practice on the championship course is prohibited before the player's first match and between matches.

Penalty for breach of the Condition: Disqualification.

Note: On any day of the Competition, all recognized practice areas within the bounds of the course may be used by players for practice.

7. TRANSPORTATION

Players and their caddies shall walk at all times during a stipulated round, except when permitted to ride by the Committee (page 142).

8. ANTI-DOPING

See regulations issued by the Italian Golf Federation.

9. RETURNING OF SCORE CARD

A player's score card is deemed officially returned to the Committee when he has left the recording office/area.

10. DECIDING TIES

See regulations issued by the Italian Golf Federation.

11. RESULT OF MATCH – COMPETITION CLOSED

- a) Match Play: The result of a match is deemed "officially announced" when the result of the match or the pairings for the next turn of play has been recorded on the official board.
- b) Stroke Play: The result of the competition is deemed officially announced and the competition is closed, when the final result has been recorded on the official board
- c) For Stroke-Play qualifying followed by match-play, see Rule 34-1b.

12. CONDUCT

If a player uses an unbecoming conduct, not suitable to the game of Golf (e.g. bad language, throwing clubs, undignified clothing), or he doesn't follow the Etiquette or Italian Golf Federation guidelines, he will be informed on a possible disqualification by the Committee. The Committee decision is final.

Note: in case of serious breaches (e.g. uttering slighting words to a member of the Committee, or causing serious danger by throwing clubs), disqualification could be immediate.

The following Conditions of Competition apply only to team Competitions:

13. ADVICE IN TEAM COMPETITIONS

In accordance with the Note to Rule 8 of the Rules of Golf, each team may appoint one person (in addition to whom advice may be asked or given under the Rules), who is allowed to give advice to members of that team. Such person, who is not an outside agency, but is part of the player's side, will be identified to the Committee before giving advice.

LOCAL RULES

1. OUT OF BOUNDS (Rule 27)

- a) Beyond any wall, fence or line of white stakes defining the boundary of the course.
- b) When out of bounds is defined by a white line on the ground, the line in itself is out of bounds. A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies on or over such a line
- c) In or beyond any ditch defining the boundary of the course.
- d) A ball which crosses a road defined as out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that road is out of bounds even though it may lie on another part of the course.

Note: Where out of bounds is defined by white stakes or fence posts (excluding angled supports), the out of bounds line is determined by the nearest inside points at ground level of such stakes or posts. A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies on or over such a line.