

### 3. GROUND UNDER REPAIR (Rule 25-1) – Page 109

- All areas bounded by white lines on the ground and/or by blue stakes.
- Any area of damaged ground (e.g. caused by crowd or vehicle movement) provided it is considered by a Referee to be abnormal.
- Relief is available from interference to the lie of the ball or the area of intended swing from any painted meter/yardage spot situated in any closely-mown area through the green, including paint markings at the front and back of putting greens
- French Drains (stone/gravel filled drainage ditches)
- Seams of cut turf (page 145).

**Note:** 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) – Page 112

Relief extended to "Through the Green" (pages 142-143).

### 5. IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS (Rule 24-2) – Page 106

- White lined areas adjoining any areas defined as immovable obstructions are to be regarded as part of the obstruction and not ground under repair.
- Decorative landscape areas (Flowerbeds/shrubberies and the like) surrounded by an Obstruction are part of the Obstruction.

### 6. STONES IN BUNKERS (Rule 24-1) – Page 145-146

Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions: Rule 24-1 applies (Pages 105-106).

### 7. ACCIDENTAL MOVEMENT OF BALL ON PUTTING GREEN

Rule 18-2, Rule 18-3 and Rule 20-1 are modified as follows:

When a player's ball lies on the Putting Green, there is no penalty if the ball or the ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, her partner, her opponent or any of their caddies or equipment. The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1.

This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the Putting Green and any movement is accidental.

**Note:** If it is determined that a player's ball on the Putting Green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.

### 8. INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE

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

### 9. TURF PLUGS ON PUTTING GREEN

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 (Page 85-86).

**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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## FEDERAZIONE ITALIANA GOLF – 2017

The following Conditions of Competition and Local Rules, together with any additional Local Rules and notes published by the Committee and any regulation in the Normativa Tecnica 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, at the indicated pages, as published by The R&A Rules Limited.

## A – 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 current *Normativa Tecnica* and/or in the Entry Form for the relevant Tournament).

**Note:** At any time, if it is discovered that a competitor does not meet the eligibility provisions at the closing date for entries, he will be immediately removed from the results (even after the Competition is closed).

### 2. LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS – Pages 154-155

Any driver the player carries must have a club-head, identified by model and loft, that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the R&A.

**Penalty for making a Stroke with Club in breach of Condition:** Disqualification.

**Note:** An updated List of Conforming Driver Heads is available on The R&A website ([www.randa.org](http://www.randa.org)).

### 3. LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS – Page 155

Note to Rule 5-1 applies.

**Note:** An updated List of Conforming Golf Balls is available on The R&A website ([www.randa.org](http://www.randa.org)).

### 4. PACE OF PLAY

#### A) During the Stipulated Round

In the absence of mitigating circumstances, a group (or an individual or two players in the group) is liable to be timed if, at any time during the Stipulated Round, the (or the player) group is in excess of the time allowed, or in the case of second or subsequent groups, "Out of Position".

From the commencement of timing, the maximum time allocated for any shot is 40 seconds; 10 extra seconds are allowed for the first player to play:

- The tee shot at a par 3 hole;
- An approach shot;
- A chip or putt.

The time allowed to complete play of each hole and the entire round, is determined by the Committee and is published on the official notice board before the first round of the competition.

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.

#### Penalty for Breach of Condition:

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| 1st. breach: | warning from the Rules Official ("Bad Time")      |
| 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) A player who is timed will have a bad time carried forward in the round even if her group subsequently arrives back in position or within time. A player is not penalized if he has a second "Bad Time" before being informed of his first "Bad Time".
- b) Players may be timed without being advised.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 over;
- of any following group, if they exceeded the maximum time allowed for 5 minutes or over and if they exceeded 5 minutes or more the starting interval behind the group in front.

**Notes:**

- a) The Committee will consider as mitigated circumstances exclusively extraordinary cases.
- b) 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) – Page 158

Signals:

- a) discontinue play IMMEDIATELY: 1 prolonged note of a horn.
- b) discontinue play: 3 consecutive short notes of a horn, repeated.
- c) resume play: 2 short notes of a horn, repeated.

**6. PRACTICE (Rule 7) – Page 159**

Note to Rule 7-1 applies. 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 designated practice areas within the bounds of the course may be used by players for practice.

**7. TRANSPORTATION – Pages 159-160**

Players and their caddies shall walk at all times during the Stipulated Round, except when permitted to ride by the Committee

**8. ANTI-DOPING**

See the current *Normativa Tecnica* issued by the Italian Golf Federation.

**9. RETURNING OF SCORECARD**

The Recording Area may include, but is not limited to; temporary buildings, tents or permanent rooms. Others may be defined on the Official Notice Board. A scorecard will be deemed returned when a player has completely left the recording area.

**10. HOW TO DECIDE TIES**

See the current *Normativa Tecnica* 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 results sheet 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 the Italian Golf Federation guidelines, he will be informed on a possible disqualification by the Committee. The Committee decision is final and not appealable.

**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.

**B – LOCAL RULES**

*The following Local Rules, together with any additions or amendments as published by the Italian Golf Federation at each golf course, will apply until further notice to all Tournaments under the auspices of the Rules and Championship Committee.*

**1. OUT OF BOUNDS (Rule 27) – Page 116**

Beyond any wall, fence or line of white stakes defining the boundary of the course.

**Note:**

- a) 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.
- 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.

**2. WATER HAZARDS AND LATERAL WATER HAZARDS (Rule 26) – Page 113**

**Note:** Dropping Zones for Water Hazards (Pages 152-153):

If a ball is in, or it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found is in the Water Hazard and Dropping Zone(s) have been marked, the player may:

- i) Proceed under Rule 26-1; or
- ii) As an additional option, drop a ball, under penalty of one stroke, in the (nearest) dropping zone.