



**WOMEN'S OHIO STATE GOLF ASSOCIATION**  
**Conditions of Competition and Local Rules**

January 31, 2023

*The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and R&A Rules Limited govern play. The Women's Ohio State Golf Association (WOSGA) Conditions of the Competition and Local Rules are in effect at all championships. See applicable championship Notice to Players and Entry Form for changes or additions to these Conditions of Competition and Local Rules. The complete text of the Rules and Local Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 2023.*

Unless otherwise provided, penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the General Penalty:

Match Play – Loss of Hole; Stroke Play – Two Strokes

**OUT OF BOUNDS:** Defined by inside points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts or inside edge of the white line.

**PENALTY AREAS, STAKES AND LINES:** When both stakes and lines are used to define yellow and red penalty areas, stakes identify and lines define the margin, When a penalty area is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend 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.

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

**IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS:** Unless as stated in the Notice to Players, when railroad ties, curbing, and the like, adjoin cart paths and roads, they are deemed to be part of the same abnormal course condition. Landscaped garden areas that are surrounded by an artificially surfaced road or path (including everything growing within that area) and the road or path are treated as a single abnormal course condition.

**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.

**WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH:** Are loose impediments unless otherwise provided for in the Notice to Players.

**INTEGRAL OBJECTS:** Include cables, rods, wires, and wrappings when closely attached to trees, and artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas or bunkers, unless otherwise provided for in the Notice to Players.

**TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS:** Model Local Rule F-23 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Maintenance fans used to support airflow near a putting green and their supporting posts are deemed to be TIOs. Note: Artificially propelled air and water are Outside Influences.

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

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

**BROKEN OR SIGNIFICANTLY DAMAGED CLUB:** Model Local Rule G-9 as prescribed 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.

**DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICES:** Are allowed as described in Rule 4.3(1)

**PACE OF PLAY:** WOSGA Pace of Play Policy and Schedule are in effect. A player shall be subject to penalty if they are in breach of the WOSGA Pace of Play Policy and Schedule.

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

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.

*Note:* All practice areas are closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the WOSGA Executive Committee has declared them open. A player using a closed practice area will be asked to cease doing so; failure to comply may result in *disqualification*.

**PRACTICE:** Prior to and after their round in stroke play, a player may practice on the designated practice areas. Rules 5.2a(match play) and Rule 5.5b(stroke play) apply.

**DISPUTES/DECISIONS:** Disputes shall be settled by the on-site WOSGA Executive Committee whose decision shall be final.

**CLOSE OF COMPETITION:** The competition shall be deemed to have closed when the championship trophies have been presented. The result of a match is considered to have been "officially announced" when the WOSGA Executive Committee has approved the result and posted it on the public scoreboard. In stroke-play qualifying followed by match play, the stroke-play portion of the competition is closed when the player has teed off to start her first match. (Rule 20.2e(2)).

**CODE OF CONDUCT**

Penalty for breach of the Code of Conduct is as follows:

First Breach: Warning; Second Breach: One-Stroke Penalty; Third Breach: Two Stroke Penalty; Fourth Breach or any Serious Misconduct: Disqualification

**UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT:** Players and caddies are expected to act in a professional manner. Refer to WOSGA website and tournament entry form for detailed expectations.

**ELECTRONIC DEVICES:** Cell phones and Smart Watches may be used by players and caddies in a private manner provided such use does not breach Rule 10.2a (Advice) or disrupt or delay play. All cell phones shall be in silent mode—no ringer, no vibration. Slow play as a result of cell phone usage is subject to WOSGA's Pace of Play policy. The use of Bluetooth devices, Headphones, Speakers, or other Tech devices is prohibited during stipulated rounds, except in the event of an emergency.