

## ***PGA POLSKA TOUR Hard Card 2019***

The Local Rules below together with the General Conditions of PGA-Poland Tournaments are valid for **ALIOR BANK PGA POLSKA TOUR 2019** tournaments and supersede all Local Rules published on score cards of the golf clubs, in which the ALIOR BANK PGA POLSKA TOUR 2019 tournaments are being held. **For the full text of the Terms and Local Rules, please refer to the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf effective from the 1st of January 2019 as published by R&A Rules Limited.**

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a local rule is the General Penalty.

Match Play – Loss of Hole Stroke Play – Two Strokes

### **A. LOCAL RULES AND TERMS OF COMPETITION HARD CARD**

#### **1. Out of Bounds - Rule 18.2 - (Model Local Rule A-2.2)**

- a. A Ball is out of Bounds when it is **beyond** any wall defining the boundary of the course.
- b. A ball that is played from one side of a public road which is defined as out of bounds and comes to rest on the other side of that road is out of bounds. This is true even if the ball comes to rest on another part of the course that is in bounds for other holes.

#### **2. Penalty Areas - Rule 17**

- a. **Opposite Side Same Distance Relief for Red Penalty Areas**  
The local rules published for the competition 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 Margin of Penalty Area Where Margin and Boundary of Course Coincide**  
When a player's ball last crosses the edge of a penalty area where the edge of the penalty area and a 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. Abnormal Course Conditions - Rule 16.1**

- a. **Ground Under Repair.**
  - All areas bounded by white or blue lines.
  - Seams of Cut Turf: Model Local Rule F-7 is in effect
  - French drains (stone-filled drainage ditches).
- b. **Immovable Obstructions.**
  - White lined areas and the Immovable Obstruction they tie into are treated as a single Abnormal Ground Condition.
  - Landscaped garden areas and everything growing in them that are completely surrounded by an Immovable Obstruction are treated as a single Abnormal Course Condition.
  - Mats that are secured and all ramps covering cables.
  - Roads or paths that are surfaced with woodchip or mulch. Individual pieces of woodchip are loose impediments.
  - Staked trees.
  - Erosion damage within bunkers caused by rainfall and related water runoff,
- c. **Painted Yardage Spots or Lines. – Model Local Rule F-21**  
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 16.1b.

#### 4. Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Greens - Rule 16.1

Model Local Rule F-5 is in effect but is modified as follows:  
For a ball in the General Area, relief is allowed when the ball and the immovable Obstruction lie in an area cut to fairway height or less.

#### 5. Integral Objects.

- a. Wires, cables, wrappings or other objects when closely attached to trees or other permanent objects.
- b. Artificial retaining walls and pilings when located within Penalty Areas.

#### 6. 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.)

#### 7. Temporary Immovable Obstructions. (TIO).

Model Local Rule 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
  - 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 Local Rules for the competition will specify which TIO have an either side option. Either side relief is restricted to line of sight relief and is not available when the player chooses to operate under Rule 16.1.

#### 8. Embedded Ball. Rule 16.3.

Model Local Rule F-2.2 is in effect and Rule 16.3 is modified in this way:  
"No free relief is allowed for a ball embedded in the stacked turf face above a Bunker".

#### 9. Clubs and Balls – Rule 4

- a. **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.**
- b. **Groove and Punch Marks Specifications.** Model Local Rule G-2 is in effect.  
Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of this Local Rule:  
**Disqualification.**
- c. **Conforming Balls List.** Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect.  
Penalty for breach of this Local Rule:  
**Disqualification.**
- d. **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.**

## 10. Pace of Play Policy Rule 5.6b (3)

The time in which the group should play a hole, the round or its part will be determined by the Tournament Committee and published on the notice board. Each group must play according to the time set and must keep its position in relation to the previous group.

### a. Definition "Out of position"

The first group and any group after a starters gap will 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 following group will be "Out of Position" if it reaches;

- The tee of a par 3 and the group in front have already driven off from the next hole,
- The tee of a par 4 and the group in front have left the putting green,
- The tee of a par 5 and the group in front are on the putting green.

### b. Procedure when group is "out of position"

The referees will monitor the pace of the game and decide if the group that is "out of time" should have the time measured. If a decision is made to measure the time, each player in this group will be subject to individual measurement of time, and the referee will inform each competitor that he is "out of position" and that he will have the time measured.

The time for each shot should not be longer than: first player in the group – 50 seconds for approach shot, chip or putt, and 40 seconds for the tee shot and the shot of the second, third and fourth player in the group. Outside the putting green, the time for the shot begins when the player had enough time to reach his ball, it is his time to play and he can make the shot without outside interference. Time spent on measuring the distance is included in the time to play the shot. On the putting green, the time for the shot begins from the moment, when the player had enough time to lift, clean and replace his ball, repair pitch marks and old hole plugs, remove loose impediments from his line of play. Time spent on reading the green is included in the time to play the shot. If any of the players exceeds this time he will have "bad time". A bad time is carried forward in the round even if the group subsequently arrives back in positions or within time. In some situations a single player, or two players will be timed instead of the entire group.

**Penalty for breach of Pace of Play Policy:** Stroke play:

- 1 bad time – Verbal warning from the Referee.
- 2 bad times – 1 stroke penalty.
- 3 bad times – 2 stroke penalty.
- 4 bad times – Disqualification.

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As long as the player is not notified that he has exceeded the time, he can not be punished for the next "bad time".

c. Procedure when the group is again "out of time" in the same round

If the group is "out of time" more than once during the round, the above procedure will apply each time.

## 11. 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 short notes of the siren.
- When play is stopped in a dangerous situation, all practice areas are immediately closed.**

## 12. Practice. Rule 5

- 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 our 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:
- make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole just completed or
  - test the surface of that putting green by rubbing the putting green or rolling a ball.

### 13. Distance Measuring Devices. Rule 4.3a.

Rule 4.3a (4) is modified in this way: (Model Local Rule G-8).

- During a round, a player must not listen to or watch content of any nature on a personal audio or video device.

#### **Penalty for breach of Rule 4.3:**

Penalty for first breach from single act or related acts: **General Penalty.**

Penalty for second breach unrelated to first breach: **Disqualification.** This penalty applies even if the nature of the breach was entirely different than the breach resulting in the first penalty.

- In exceptional situations: a dangerous situation (storm), for medical reasons and consultation with referee, you can use a mobile phone.

### 14. Transportation Policy.

- Rule 4.3a is modified in this way: (Model Local Rule G-6).  
During a round a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized by the rules committee. (A player taking a Stroke and Distance Penalty 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.
- Tournament Committee may allow the use of golf carts in exceptional conditions only by amateurs.
- Golf carts during Pro-Ams and practice rounds are allowed

### 15. Code of Conduct

All players are expected to play in the spirit of the game by:

- Acting with integrity.
- Showing consideration to others.
- Taking good care of the course.

Examples of actions by a player that are likely to be considered serious misconduct include:

- Deliberately causing serious damage to a putting green.
- Disagreeing with the course setup and taking it on himself or herself to move tee-markers or boundary stakes.
- Throwing a club towards another player or spectator.
- Did not repair the divots after a shot
- Did not rake the bunkers after a shot
- Deliberately distracting other players while they are making strokes.
- Removing loose impediments or movable obstructions to disadvantage another player after that other player has asked him or her to leave them in place.
- Repeatedly refusing to lift a ball at rest when it interferes with another player in stroke play.
- Deliberately playing away from the hole and then towards the hole to assist the player's partner (such as helping the player's partner learn the break on the putting green).
- Deliberately not playing in accordance with the Rules and potentially gaining a significant advantage by doing so, despite incurring a penalty for a breach of the relevant Rule.
- Repeatedly using vulgar or offensive language.
- Alcohol consumption during the main tournament and Pro-Am tournament

### 16. Replacement of Club that is Broken or Significantly Damaged Model Local Rule G-9

Rule 4.1b(3) is modified in this way:

If a player's club is "broken or significantly damaged" during the round by the player or caddie, except in cases of abuse, the player may replace the club with any club under Rule 4.1b(4).

When replacing a club, the player must immediately take the broken or significantly damaged club out of play, using the procedure in Rule 4.1c(1).

For the purposes of this Local Rule:

A club is "broken or significantly damaged" when:

- the shaft breaks into pieces, splinters or is bent (but not when the shaft is only dented)
- the club face impact area is visibly deformed (but not when the club face is only scratched)
- the clubhead is visibly and significantly deformed > the clubhead is detached or loose from the shaft, or > the grip is loose.

**Exception:** A club face or clubhead is not "broken or significantly damaged" solely because it is cracked. **Penalty for Breach of Local Rule – See Rule 4.1b.**

## **B. PGA POLSKA TOUR- TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **17. Deciding Ties.**

- If there is a tie for first place, there will be a hole-by-hole play-off to determine the winner.
- In case of inclement weather (danger of lightning, course unplayable) the Committee will decide on other manner of determining the winner.

### **18. Recording Area and Score Card Returned.**

The location of the Recording Area will be published in the Local Rules for the tournament. The Score Card is returned when the player leaves the recording Area with both feet.

### **19. Result of the Competition – Competition Closed.**

The result of the tournament is officially announced when the final results sheet is placed on the official notice board at the tournament venue.

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