

2017 HARD CARD

Standard Local Rules, Conditions of Competition, Regulations and Safety Advice

The following Local Rules, Conditions, Regulations and Safety Guidance, together with any additions or amendments published by CAGU at the golf course, apply to all competitions run by CAGU. Also, they must be read in conjunction with CAGU's General Conditions.

A. LOCAL RULES

Note: These Local Rules replace any Local Rules published by a host club (e.g. on a club's score card).

1. Out of Bounds (Rule 27–1)

- a) Beyond any wall, fence, hedge or line of white stakes defining the boundary of the course.
- b) On or beyond any white line defining the boundary of the course.

(A ball is out of bounds when **all** of it lies on or beyond such a line).

- Note:**
- i. Where out of bounds is defined by a fence or line of white stakes, the line joining the nearest inside points at ground level of such stakes or any inside fence posts (excluding angled supports) defines the boundary. A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies beyond such a line.
 - ii. Objects defining out of bounds are **not** obstructions, therefore relief without penalty from them is not available.

2. Water Hazards, including Lateral Water Hazards (Rule 26)

Water hazards are **defined** by yellow stakes or yellow lines.

Lateral water hazards are **defined** by red stakes or red lines.

When both stakes and lines are used, the stakes **identify** the hazard and the lines **define** the hazard margin.

- Note:**
- i. A ball is in a water hazard when it lies in or any part of it touches the water hazard, including any stake or line that defines the hazard.
 - ii. The part of a bridge that crosses a water hazard is in the hazard.
 - iii. Stakes defining the margin of a water hazard are obstructions.
 - iv. Relief without penalty is **not** available from immovable obstructions or abnormal ground conditions when the ball is in a water hazard.
 - v. Retaining artificial walls and pilings surrounding/bordering water hazards are immovable obstructions.

3. Ground Under Repair (Rule 25–1)

- a) Any area encircled by a white or blue line.
- b) Any area of damaged ground that is considered by a referee to be abnormal.

- 4. Immovable Obstructions (Rule 24–2)** include:
- a) All artificially surfaced roads and paths on the course, including those covered with wood chips. All other paths and tracks are integral parts of the course.
 - b) White lined areas adjoining any immovable obstruction are part of the obstruction and not ground under repair.
 - c) Stone-filled drainage ditches or channels.
 - d) Sleepers, **steps** or wooden boards within bunkers.
- 5. Temporary Immovable Obstructions** (“TIOs”) are any non-permanent objects on the course which have been erected for a competition and which are fixed or not readily movable. Examples include fixed signs and scoreboards. You may take relief if you have interference from a TIO or if one intervenes on your line of play. **The specimen Local Rule in the Rules of Golf is in effect (pages 147-150).**
- 6. Permanent Elevated Cables**
- If a ball strikes an elevated power line or cable, the stroke is cancelled and the player must play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was played in accordance with Rule 20-5 (**Making next stroke from where previous stroke made**)
- 7. Trees** which are staked or otherwise identified or protected (e.g. by wrapping). If such a tree interferes with a player’s stance or the area of his intended swing, the ball **must** be lifted, without penalty, and dropped in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Rule 24-2b (Immovable Obstruction).
- 8. Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Green**
- Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 24-2. In addition, if a ball lies through the green and an immovable obstruction on or within two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club-lengths of the ball intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may take relief as follows:
- The ball must be lifted and dropped **at** the nearest point to where the ball lay that (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids intervention and (c) is not in a hazard or on a putting green.
- If the player’s ball lies on the putting green and an immovable obstruction within two club-lengths of the putting green intervenes on his line of putt, the player may take relief as follows:
- The ball must be lifted and placed at the nearest point to where the ball lay that (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids intervention and (c) is not in a hazard.
- The ball may be cleaned when lifted.
- 9. Stones (including chalk but not shells) in Bunkers** are movable obstructions (Rule 24–1 applies).
- 10. Wrong Greens (Rule 25–3)**
- Practice putting and/or pitching greens on the course **must** be treated as wrong greens.

11. Bunker Faces

- a) A bunker face which consists of stacked turf is **not** part of the bunker and is deemed **not** to be a “closely mown area” (Rule 25–2: Embedded ball).
- b) A grass covered bunker face, not consisting of stacked turf, is likewise **not** part of the bunker.

12. Embedded Ball

Through the green, a ball that is embedded may be lifted, cleaned and dropped, without penalty, as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green.

13. Distance-Measuring Devices (Rule 14–3)

In all CAGU competitions, distance-measuring devices are permitted. The Specimen Local Rule applies: See Rules of Golf p153 and p181.

Penalty: Match play – Loss of hole; Stroke play – Two strokes.

Penalty for any subsequent offence – Disqualification.

Note: This Local Rule applies to team captains in both stroke play and match play competitions. If a team captain uses a device in breach of this Local Rule, any distance information sought and received by a player from that team captain or given by that team captain and willingly received by a player, will be a breach of Rule 14-3.

14. Accidental Movement of a Ball on a Putting Green

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

When a player’s ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his 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.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF A LOCAL RULE

Unless otherwise specified above or the breach is covered by a Rule of Golf,
Match play – Loss of hole; Stroke play – Two strokes

B. CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

The following Conditions of Competition, together with any additions or amendments published by CAGU on the relevant entry form or at the golf course, will apply under Rule 33–1 to all CAGU competitions.

1. Eligibility. Entries. Withdrawals.

Refer to CAGU's "General Conditions" and Conditions of Competition for the particular event at www.cagu.co.uk

2. Clubs and Ball

a. Conforming Driver Heads and Golf Balls

The specimen Conditions in the Rules of Golf, pages 154-156 (1a and b) are in effect.

b. The groove and punch mark specifications (Rules of Golf, pages 174-176)

The specimen Condition in Decision 4-1/1 of the Decisions on the Rules of Golf is in effect, except for all handicap competitions.

Note: An updated List of the above equipment is available on the R&A's website (www.randa.org).

3. Caddies

a. In all men's and seniors' competitions there are no restrictions on the use of caddies or who may act as a caddie.

b. In all junior competitions caddies are prohibited.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION: See Rules of Golf, page 157

4. Practice before or between rounds: Rule 7-1 applies

Note: i. All recognised practice areas within the bounds of the course may be used by players for practice on any day of a competition.

ii. See also Practice Rounds' Regulations (C.4 below).

5. Time of Starting (Rule 6-3)

All players in a group must be present and ready to play at the time established by the Committee and should report to the starter at least five minutes before their start time. See also General Condition 6: Registration.

6. Pace of Play (Note 2 to Rule 6-7)

a. Time Allowed for Round

Each hole is given a maximum completion time primarily based on its length and difficulty. The maximum time allocated for the completion of 18 holes will be available prior to play.

b. "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 following group will be considered "out of position" if it is more than the starting interval behind the group in front.

c. Procedure when Group is "Out of Position"

i. A group "out of position" will be asked by the referee to get back into position within a specified time. Failure to do so may lead to players being individually timed.

ii. If a decision is taken to time a group, each player in the group will be informed the group is "out of position". At the referee's discretion, each or any player will be subject to individual timings.

- d. **Time Allowed for a Stroke**
- i. The maximum time allocated per stroke is 40 seconds. 10 extra seconds are allowed for the first player to play:
 - On a par three hole
 - An approach shot
 - A chip or putt.
 - ii. The time will start when the 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.
 - iii. Time allowed includes any yardage assessment, any walking forwards or backwards and any pre-shot routine, including practice swings.
 - iv. On the putting green, timing starts when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace his ball, repair pitch 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 is included in the time allowed for the stroke.
- e. **Timing Ceases** when a group is back in position. Players will be advised accordingly.

f. **PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION**
(Note 2 to Rule 6-7 and Note 4 to Rule 32-1b).

	Stroke Play	Match Play
1 Bad Time	One stroke penalty Stableford: 1 point from total	Loss of hole
2 Bad Times	Further two strokes penalty Stableford: 2 further points from total	Loss of hole
3 Bad Times	Disqualification Stableford: Disqualification	Disqualification

g) **Procedure When Again Out of Position During Same Round**

If a group is subsequently out of position **during a round**, the above procedure **will apply on each occasion**. Previous bad times and penalties applied in the round will be carried forward until the round is completed.

h) **Individual Timings Without Warning**

In addition to the above, without notice a player may be individually timed (whether "in position" or not). If that player's time exceeds 60 seconds, the player will incur a warning. Any future bad times will result in penalties being imposed as per clause f above.

7. **Suspension of Play Due to a Dangerous Situation (Note to Rule 6–8b)**

- a) The specimen Condition in the Rules of Golf (page 158) is in effect
i.e. when the klaxon sounds, play **must** be discontinued **immediately**.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION: Disqualification.

- Note:**
- i. A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signalled by one prolonged note of klaxons.
 - ii. Other suspensions will be signalled by three consecutive notes of klaxons.
 - iii. See "Safety Advice" (D below).

- b) **Resumption of Play** (Rule 6–8b) will be signalled by two short notes of klaxons. Players must then (but **not** before then) resume play.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF RULE: Disqualification.

- Note:** i. Players will be informed by CAGU Officials when play will resume.
ii. Players will be given sufficient time to reach the place where they were on the course before play was suspended.

8. Advice in Match Play Team Competitions (Note to Rule 8)

- a) Each team may appoint one person (in addition to the persons from whom advice may be asked under Rule 8), who may give advice to members of that team. Such person must be identified to the Competition Organiser/Committee before giving advice.
- b) That person may not:
- i. walk on to a putting green
 - ii. give advice to a player on or around the putting green when the player's ball lies on or has been lifted from the putting green.
- c) See also Note to Local Rule 12.

9. Transportation

The specimen Condition in the Rules of Golf (pages 159 & 160) is in effect: "Players must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorised by the Committee."

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION: See Rules of Golf, page 160.

Note: See also CAGU's Transportation Policy (Use of Golf Buggies), which provides for people with disabilities (www.cagu.co.uk).

10. Returning Score Card

A player's score card is deemed officially returned to the Committee when posted in the score card return box provided and he has left the recording office/area.

Note: Players must **promptly** return their score cards to the score recorders.

11. Deciding Ties

See CAGU's General Conditions on the website and displayed and/or kept by the Competition Organiser at the venue.

12. Results of a Match and When Competition Closed

- a) Match play: The result of a match is deemed officially announced when it has been recorded by the Competition Organiser.
- b) Stroke play: The results of the competition are deemed officially announced and the competition is closed when the Trophy is presented to the winner.

13. Disputes will be settled by the Competition Committee, whose decision shall be final. When a referee is/referees are present at a competition: See General Condition 9.

C. REGULATIONS

(For those representing the County, see also CAGU's "Players' Code of Conduct" published on the CAGU website).

The following regulations, together with any additions or amendments published at the course, will apply to all CAGU Competitions, **including practice days**.

1. Dress Code

- a. **Players and caddies may wear tailored shorts and (predominantly) white sports socks.**
- b. Off the course at the competition venue, a minimum standard of dress is also required: collared golf shirt or polo neck sweater, trousers (not jeans), socks and appropriate footwear (street shoes). Flip flops, trainers, golf shoes and stockinged feet are not permitted in the clubhouse.
- c. This dress code also applies to practice rounds.

2. General Behaviour

During a competition (including practice days), players must conduct themselves according to the provisions and 'spirit' of the Etiquette section of the Rules of Golf. Furthermore, they must ensure their behaviour does not compromise the reputation of CAGU and must not, for example, swear, spit, abuse others, throw clubs or purposely damage the golf course, clubhouse or other club property, or otherwise act in a manner which might bring the game into disrepute.

3. **Trolleys** must not be taken onto tees or between a greenside bunker and the green and/or onto fringes of greens.

4. Practice Rounds

One ball only may be played during practice rounds, with the following exceptions:

- a) If a player misses the green with his shot to the green, he may play one additional shot.
- b) Where the Rules of Golf apply (e.g. provisional ball).
- c) A player may practise putting (but **not** chipping or bunker play) provided play is not unduly delayed.

5. **Mobile Phones (including pagers and similar devices):** May **not** be used on the course (including on practice days) by players or caddies for making/sending or receiving calls or texts except in cases of emergency.

If a serious breach of the above Regulations occurs, or where there are repetitive breaches, a player may be disqualified under Rule 33–7 for a serious breach of etiquette and/or may be barred from entering or playing in CAGU competitions for such period as the County's Officers may decide.

D. SAFETY GUIDANCE IN THE EVENT OF A DANGEROUS SITUATION

CAGU Officials will signal a suspension of play for a dangerous situation with one long note of klaxons. That is the signal for **everyone** to evacuate the course.

If it is not possible to give sufficient warning to clear the course before an electrical storm, anyone affected should consider the following guidance. It is designed to assist. It is not an instruction or a Condition of Competition. CAGU is not liable for any injury or damage caused by following this guidance. Fundamentally, people on the course are responsible for their own actions and safety in a dangerous situation.

When the klaxon is sounded to suspend play for a dangerous situation:

DO NOT stand under overhead power lines.

DO NOT shelter under trees or on high ground.

DO NOT take cover in wooden or metallic shelters, unless the shelter is fully enclosed and properly earthed.

DO NOT exit the course by walking under trees if at all possible.

DO keep as low as possible and, if necessary, crouch in the nearest bunker or other low point on the golf course.

DO switch off and most certainly DO NOT use a mobile phone.

DO NOT put up your umbrella under any circumstances.

DO NOT stand near your golf clubs: they act as a magnet to lightning. (If you are leaving the course, it's advisable to leave your clubs behind).

DO remove any headgear which may have metal in or on it.