

THE G4D

OPEN

ADDITIONAL LOCAL RULES – WOBURN (Duchess Course) 10-12 May 2023 FINAL

In addition to the Local Rules and Terms of the Competition on [The R&A Hard Card](#), the following Local Rules and Conditions will apply to play for The G4D Open, 10-12 May 2023.

1. Preferred Lies on Fairways

When a player's ball lies in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less, the player may prefer the lie within **one club-length**, no nearer the hole. See [Model Local Rule E-3](#) for details of how this must be done.

2. Out of Bounds ([Rule 18.2](#))

All fences around the perimeter of the course define the boundary. The following boundaries are highlighted:

- a. The public road that runs through the centre of the course left of Hole 5, behind Hole 13, left of Hole 14 and right of Hole 17 is out of bounds. The fences that run alongside the road define the boundary.
- b. The greenkeepers compound behind the green on Hole 4 is out of bounds, defined by the surrounding fencing.
- c. The practice area to the left of Holes 10 and 13 is out of bounds, defined by the white stakes.

3. Abnormal Course Conditions (Including Immovable Obstructions) ([Rule 16.1](#))

- a. All man-made artificially-surfaced roads and paths (including path edgings and sleepers) are immovable obstructions.
- b. All access ramps in bunkers are immovable obstructions.
- c. All staked trees and trees with protective netting are immovable obstructions.

4. Integral Objects (no free relief)

The following are defined as integral:

- a. Any closed gate in a boundary fence or wall.
- b. All natural pathways.
- c. Signs closely attached to trees.

5. Temporary Immovable Obstructions (TIOs)

Temporary Immovable Obstructions; [Model Local Rule F-23](#) is in effect.

- a. TIOs include, but are not limited to refreshment tent, leaderboards, advertising boards, temporary toilets and Rolex clocks.
- b. Where teeing grounds have multiple TIOs, these are deemed to be one TIO.
- c. Relief on Either Side from All TIOs:
If a player is allowed relief from a TIO, the player may take relief on either side of the TIO. **But**, either side relief is not allowed if the player chooses to operate under Rule 16.1.

6. MLR G-2 is NOT in Effect

MLR G-2 Groove and Punch Mark Specifications (see Point 8b on The R&A Hard Card) is **NOT** in effect for this Championship.

7. MLR G-6 is NOT in Effect

MLR G-6 Prohibiting Use of Motorized Transportation (see Point 12 on The R&A Hard Card) is **NOT** in effect for this Championship.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Recording Office

The Recording office is located in the clubhouse hallway. After completion of each stroke play qualifying round, competitors must return their score card to the Recording Office as soon as possible.

A player's scorecard is officially returned to the Committee when the player has physically left the recording area as defined by the tape on the floor.

Time of Starting (Rule 5.3a)

For the purposes of [Rule 5.3a](#), the 1st teeing area is deemed to be the area surrounding the 1st Tee that is through the gateway onto the Duchess course.

Players' Toilets

3rd Tee, 6th Tee, 12th Tee, 14th Green, 17th Green.

Referees

Jim Gough (Chief Referee), Lorna Bennett, Charlie Bollans, Steve Collins, David Fernandes, Conor Finlay, Peter Fisher, Claire Hargan, Barbara O'Keefe, Alastair Scott, Richard Warren

If you need a ruling during the round and cannot see a referee, please contact the referees on one of the following numbers:

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R&A CHAMPIONSHIPS AND MATCHES

LOCAL RULES and TERMS OF COMPETITION

The following Local Rules and Terms of Competition, together with any additions or amendments published by The R&A at the golf course, will apply to all Championships and International Matches run by The R&A.

For the full text of any Local Rule referenced below, please refer to the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf effective January 2023 and the Clarifications updated quarterly by The R&A, available at www.randa.org.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty (loss of hole in match play or two penalty strokes in stroke play).

1 Out of Bounds (Rule 18.2)

- 1a) A ball is out of bounds when it is beyond any wall defining a boundary.
- 1b) A ball that is played from one side of a 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.
- 1c) Closed gates attached to boundary walls and fences are part of the boundary object. Relief is not allowed from such a gate under Rules 15.2 or 16.1. An open gate is not treated as part of the boundary object and may be closed or moved to a different position.

2 Penalty Areas (Rule 17)

- 2a) When a penalty area adjoins a boundary, the penalty area edge extends to and coincides with the boundary.
- 2b) When a player's ball is found in or it is known or virtually certain to have come to rest in any penalty area where the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area at a point that coincides with the boundary of the course, opposite side relief is available under Model Local Rule B-2.1.

Dropping Zones for Penalty Areas

Where a dropping zone is marked for a penalty area, it is an additional option for relief under penalty of one stroke. The dropping zone is a relief area. A ball must be dropped in and come to rest in the relief area.

3 Abnormal Course Conditions (including Immovable Obstructions) (Rule 16)

3a) Ground Under Repair

- (1) Any area bounded by a white line or a white dotted line, including spectator crossing points where marked.
- (2) Any area of damaged ground (e.g. caused by crowd or vehicle movement) that is considered by a referee to be abnormal.
- (3) Grass covered cable trenches.
- (4) French drains (stone-filled drainage ditches).
- (5) Seams of cut turf; Model Local Rule F-7 is in effect.
- (6) Yardage painted lines or dots on the putting green or 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 available under Rule 16.1. Interference does not exist if yardage painted lines or dots only interfere with the player's stance.

3b) Immovable Obstructions

- (1) White lined areas and the immovable obstruction they tie into are treated as a single abnormal course condition.

- (2) Landscaped garden areas and everything growing in them that are surrounded by an immovable obstruction are treated as a single abnormal course condition.
- (3) Mats that are secured and all ramps covering cables.
- (4) Roads or paths surfaced with woodchip or mulch. Individual pieces of woodchip are loose impediments.

3c) Embedded Ball

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.

4 Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Greens

Model Local Rule F-5.1 is in effect.

5 Integral Objects

The following are integral objects from which free relief is not allowed:

- 5a) Bunker liners in their intended position.
- 5b) Wires, cables, wrappings or other objects where they are closely attached to trees or other permanent objects.
- 5c) Artificial retaining walls and pilings when located in penalty areas.

6 Temporary Power Lines or Cables

Model Local Rule F-22 is in effect and is modified as follows: mats that are secured and all ramps covering cables are immovable obstructions.

7 Temporary Immovable Obstructions

Model Local Rule F-23, with any additions or amendments in the additional Local Rules published by The R&A, is in effect.

8 Clubs and Balls

- 8a) List of Conforming Driver Heads: Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect.
Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of Local Rule: Disqualification.
- 8b) Groove and Punch Mark Specifications: Model Local Rule G-2 is in effect.
Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of Local Rule: Disqualification.
- 8c) List of Conforming Golf Balls: Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect.
Penalty for breach of the Local Rule: Disqualification.

Note: An updated List of Conforming Clubs and Balls is available on www.randa.org.

9 Pace of Play (Rule 5.6)

Every Championship or Match has a Pace of Play Policy that will be strictly enforced. Please ensure you obtain a copy of the Pace of Play Policy and read it carefully before playing.

10 Suspension of Play (Rule 5.7)

The following signals will be used to suspend and resume play:

Immediate stop for imminent danger - one prolonged note of a siren

Stop for a non-dangerous situation - three consecutive notes of a siren

Resumption of play - two consecutive notes of a siren

Note: When play is stopped for imminent danger, all practice areas will be immediately closed.

11 Practice (Rule 5.2)

11a) In stroke play, Rule 5.2b is modified in this way: A player must not practise on the competition course before or between rounds.

11b) In match play, Rule 5.2a is modified in this way: A player must not practise on the competition course before or between rounds.

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

12 Transportation

During a round, a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized or later approved by the Committee. A player who will play, or has played, under penalty of stroke and distance is always authorized to ride on motorized transportation. The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which there is a breach. A breach between two holes applies to the next hole.

13 Advice in Team Competitions (Rule 24)

Each team may name one advice giver whom players in the team may ask for advice and receive advice from during the round. The team must identify each advice giver to the Committee before any player on the team begins his or her round.

14 Eligibility

Players must meet the eligibility provisions established in the relevant Terms of Competition for the specific Championship or Match.

15 Anti-Doping

Players are required to comply with and be bound by any Anti-Doping Policy that is established for the Championship or Match in which they are playing, as detailed in the relevant Terms of Competition, as advised by prior notice or at the golf course.

16 Modification of Penalty Under Rule 3.3b(2) for Missing Player or Marker Certification

Model Local Rule L-1 is in effect.

17 Returning of Scorecard

A player's scorecard is officially returned to the Committee when the player has left the recording office/area with both feet.

18 Deciding Ties

The method for deciding ties is provided on the relevant entry form or is published at the golf course by The R&A.

19 Results of Match or Championship – Competition Closed

19a) Match Play

The result of a match is officially announced when it has been recorded in the Championship Office.

19b) Stroke Play

When the Championship trophy is presented to the winner, the results of the competition are officially announced, and the competition is closed.

Exception: Qualifying competitions for The Open – refer to the Committee.

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