

AZRC

Arizona Rules Committee

2023 LOCAL RULES AND TERMS OF COMPETITION

The Rules of Golf as approved by the **USGA** and **R&A Rules Ltd.** Govern play. These Local Rules and Clarifications are in effect and supplement the competitions Notice to Players, the Entry Application, and the Terms of Competition. The complete text of the Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf and available at [USGA.org/rules](https://www.usga.org/rules). References to MLR are Model Local Rules in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf / Committee Procedures Section 8.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for a breach of a Local Rule or Condition is the General Penalty (**Match Play – Loss of Hole; Stroke Play – Two Strokes**)

LOCAL RULES & TERMS OF COMPETITION

OUT OF BOUNDS – Defined by the course-side edges of ground level of boundary walls, perimeter fence posts, public-roads, white stakes and lines connecting other boundary markings. A ball that comes to rest beyond the boundary of the hole being played is out of bounds even though it may lie on another part of the course.

ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS

ANIMAL HOLES – Model Local Rule F-6 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect for animal holes in non-turfed areas. Relief from an animal hole is for lie of ball and area of intended swing only and NOT for stance. Note also that areas of flattened or worn-down dirt that no longer contain loose material are deemed NOT to be animal holes and no relief is available under Rule 16, unless otherwise stated on the Notice to Players.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR – Includes areas enclosed by white lines.

SEAMS OF CUT TURF – In the General Area, relief for lie of ball or area of intended swing only. Interference for stance on seam of cut turf does not exist.

PREPARED ROCK – An area of rock closely arranged for a functional purpose (e.g. drainage or erosion control) is an obstruction.

WHITE-LINED AREAS TIED INTO OBSTRUCTIONS – Share the same status as the obstruction.

TURF AERATION HOLES – Model Local Rule E-4 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

BUNKER LINERS – Relief for lie of ball or area of intended swing only. Interference for stance on an exposed bunker liner does not exist unless so defined on the Notice to Players.

EROSION AREAS – Erosion areas in the desert are common occurrences in Arizona and are not considered to be an abnormal course condition unless otherwise noted on the Notice to Players.

INTEGRAL OBJECTS – Includes the portions of cables, wires, rods, wrappings, poles or antennas where closely attached to trees.

PENALTY AREAS – A penalty area that is defined on only one side extends to out of bounds; in the absence of out of bounds, the penalty area extends to infinity. **Note:** Desert areas and washes are not penalty areas unless so marked/defined.

OPPOSITE EDGE RELIEF WHEN CROSSING OUT OF BOUNDS –

Model Local Rule B-2.2 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

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

All practice areas are closed during an immediate suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to stop practicing; failure to stop practicing might result in disqualification.

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.

PACE OF PLAY – The AZRC Pace of Play Policy outlined on [Azgolf.org](https://www.azgolf.org) is in effect unless otherwise noted on the Notice to Players.

CODE OF CONDUCT – The Code of Conduct outlined on [Azgolf.org](https://www.azgolf.org) is in effect unless otherwise noted on the Notice to Players.

SCORECARD RETURNED – A scorecard is final when the player leaves the Scoring Area after giving the scorecard to a member of the Committee. The area may be physically defined on the Notice to Players.

CLOSE OF COMPETITION – The competition is closed when all scores have been posted and the results have been announced.

TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS – Model Local Rule F-23 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREENS – Model Local Rule F-5 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

MODIFICATION OF PENALTY - MISSING PLAYER OR MARKER

CERTIFICATION – Model Local Rule L-1 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

REPLACING CLUB THAT IS BROKEN OR SIGNIFICANTLY

DAMAGED – Model Local Rule G-9 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.