

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION:

1 Bad Time Player will be warned by the referee and told that if he/she has a further bad time he/she will be penalised

Stroke Play

2 Bad Times Penalty of One Stroke

3 Bad Times Further Penalty of Two Strokes

4 Bad Times Disqualification

Match Play

Loss of Hole

Loss of Hole

Disqualification

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

The specimen Condition in the Rules of Golf is in effect – see page 158.

Note: A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signalled by a prolonged note of a horn. All other suspensions will be signalled by three consecutive short notes of a horn repeated. In either case, resumption of play will be signalled by two short notes of a horn, repeated.

7. Practice (Rule 7-1)

In stroke play, the provisions of Rule 7-1b apply. In match play, on any day of a competition, practice on the Championship course is prohibited before the player's first match and between matches.

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Disqualification.

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

Exception: International Matches – refer to the Committee.

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

In accordance with the Note to Rule 8 of the Rules of Golf, each team may appoint one person (in addition to the persons from whom advice may be asked under that Rule) who may give advice to members of that team. Such person must be identified to the Committee before giving advice.

9. Transportation

The specimen Condition in the Rules of Golf is in effect – see pages 159-160.

10. 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 competing, as detailed in the relevant entry form, webpage on randa.org, any prior notice or at the golf course.

11. Returning of Score Card

A player's score card is deemed officially returned to the Committee when the player has left the recording office/area.

12. 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.

13. Results of Match or Championship – Competition Closed

(a) Match Play

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

(b) Stroke Play

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

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

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2017 R&A CHAMPIONSHIPS AND MATCHES

LOCAL RULES

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

1. Out of Bounds (Rule 27-1)

- (a) Beyond any wall, fence 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 over such a line.
- (c) In or beyond any ditch defining the boundary of the course.

Note: Where out of bounds is defined by white stakes or fence posts (excluding angled supports), the out of bounds line is determined by the nearest inside points at ground level of such stakes or posts. A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies beyond such a line.

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 a water hazard or lateral water hazard is bounded by out of bounds, the hazard margin extends to and coincides with the boundary.

Note: Dropping Zones for Water Hazards

Where there are dropping zones for water hazards, a ball may be played under Rule 26 or a ball may be dropped in the dropping zone nearest to where the original ball last crossed the margin of the hazard under penalty of one stroke.

For provisions relating to dropping or re-dropping a ball in a dropping zone, see the Note on pages 152-153 in the Rules of Golf.

3. Ground Under Repair (Rule 25-1)

- (a) Any area encircled by a white line.
- (b) Any area of damaged ground (e.g. caused by crowd or vehicle movement) that is considered by a referee to be abnormal.
- (c) Grass covered cable trenches.
- (d) French drains (stone-filled drainage ditches).
- (e) Seams of cut turf; the specimen Local Rule in the Rules of Golf is in effect – see page 145.
- (f) Relief is available from interference to the lie of the ball or the area of intended swing from painted yardage markings situated in any closely-mown area through the green, including paint markings at the front and back of putting greens.

4. Immovable Obstructions (Rule 24-2)

- (a) White lined areas adjoining any areas defined as immovable obstructions are to be regarded as part of the obstruction and not ground under repair.
- (b) Landscaped garden areas surrounded by an obstruction are part of that obstruction.
- (c) Mats that are secured and plastic cable ramps that are covering cables are immovable obstructions.

5. Ball Accidentally Moved on 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/her partner, his/her 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.

6. Integral Parts of the Course

- (a) Any cables or advertising boards closely attached to an object defining the boundary of the course.
- (b) Wires, cables, wrappings or other objects where they are closely attached to trees or other permanent objects.
- (c) Retaining artificial walls and pilings when located in water hazards.

7. Stones in Bunkers

Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions (Rule 24-1 applies).

8. Turf Plugs on Putting Greens

On any putting green, turf plugs of any size have the same status as old hole plugs and may be repaired under Rule 16-1c.

9. Bunker Faces

The face of a bunker that consists of stacked turf is deemed not to be a "closely-mown area" (Rule 25-2).

10. Temporary Immovable Obstructions

The specimen Local Rule in the Rules of Golf, with any additions or amendments in the additional Local Rules published by The R&A, is in effect – see pages 147-150.

11. Temporary Power Lines or Cables

The specimen Local Rule in the Rules of Golf is in effect – see pages 150-151.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULES:

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

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

The following Conditions, together with any additions or amendments as published by The R&A on the relevant entry form, webpage on randa.org, or at the golf course, will apply under Rule 33-1 to all Championships and International Matches run by The R&A.

1. Eligibility

Players must meet the eligibility provisions established in the entry form or relevant webpage on randa.org for the specific Championship.

2. Groove and Punch Mark Condition

The specimen Condition in Decision 4-1/1 of Decisions on the Rules of Golf is in effect.

3. List of Conforming Driver Heads

The specimen Condition in the Rules of Golf is in effect – see pages 154-155.

Note: An updated List of Conforming Driver Heads is available on The R&A's website (www.randa.org). This list is also available in the Championship Office.

4. List of Conforming Golf Balls

The specimen Condition in the Rules of Golf is in effect – see pages 155-156.

Note: An updated List of Conforming Golf Balls is available on The R&A's website (www.randa.org). This list is also available in the Championship Office.

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

Each hole has been given a maximum completion time based upon the length and difficulty of the hole. The maximum time allotted for the completion of 18 holes will be available prior to play from the Championship Office. Please ensure you obtain a copy of the Pace of Play Condition and read it carefully before playing. The Pace of Play Condition will be strictly enforced.