

Estonian Senior Open 2024 (White Beach Golf)

Local Rules

1. Out of Bounds (Rule 18.2)

- (1) Out of bounds is defined by the line between the course-side points at the ground level of white stakes. The boundary on the right sides of holes 1, 4 and 5 are defined by the course-side edge of the road.
- (2) White stakes defining out of bounds are deemed to be boundary objects (Rule 8.1a)

2. Abnormal Course Conditions (Including Immovable Obstructions) (Rule 16)

- (1) Immovable obstructions are all distance markers, all roads, benches, information boards at tee areas, ball washers, all sprinklers, drainage grates, bridges, utility boxes.
- (2) The ground under repair is marked with blue stakes and/or blue line. When both stakes and line is used, marking line applies (Rule 16.1).

3. Penalty areas (Rule 17)

- (1) Penalty areas are defined by red stakes and/or line. When both stakes and line is used, marking line applies.

4. Movable obstructions (Rule 15.2)

- (1) Penalty area stakes, stakes connected with rope or chain.

5. No Play Zones

- (1) Model Local Rule E-10 Protection of young trees. Young trees identified by blue stakes are No Play Zones. If a player's ball lies anywhere on the course other than in a penalty area and it lies on or touches such a tree or such a tree interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing, the player must take relief under Rule 16.1f. If the ball lies in a penalty area, and interference to the player's stance or area of intended swing exists from such a tree, the player must take relief either with penalty under Rule 17.1e or with free relief under Rule 17.1e(2).

6. Provisional Ball for Ball in a Penalty Area

- (1) Model Local Rule B-3 Provisional Ball for Ball in a Penalty Area. If a player does not know whether his or her ball is in the penalty area, the player may play a provisional ball under Rule 18.3, which is modified in this way: In playing the provisional ball, the player may use the stroke-and-distance relief option (see Rule 17.1d(1), the back-on-the-line relief option (see Rule 17.1d(2)) or, if it is a red penalty area, the lateral relief option (see Rule 17.1d(3)). Once the player has played a provisional ball, the player may not use any further options under Rule 17.1 in relation to the original ball. In deciding when that provisional ball becomes the player's ball in play or if it must or may be abandoned, Rules 18.3c(2) and 18.3c(3) apply as follows: when the original ball is found in a penalty area within three-minute search time, the player may then choose either to continue a) to play the original ball as it lies in the penalty area, in which case the all strokes with the provisional ball do not count, or b) to play the provisional ball in which case the original ball must not be played. When the original ball is not found within a three-minute search time or is known or virtually certain to be in a penalty area, the provisional ball becomes the player's ball in play.

7. Temporary Immovable Obstructions (TIO)

- (1) Model Local Rule F-23 Temporary Immovable Obstructions is in effect. TIO is a structure that is temporarily added on or next to the course, usually for a particular competition, and is fixed or not readily movable. TIOs include any supporting guy wires connected to them. The outermost edge of the TIO is used in determining whether a ball is under the TIO or whether the TIO is on the player's line of sight between the ball and the hole.

8. Temporary lines and/or cables for power and/or communications (mats covering and/or poles supporting them)

- (1) Model Local Rule F-22 Temporary lines and/or cables for power and/or communications is in effect. A) If they are readily movable, they are movable obstructions, and a player may remove them without penalty (Rule 15.2). B) Otherwise, they are immovable obstructions from which the player may take relief as follows:
 - i) Ball in General Area or in Bunker. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1.

- ii) Ball in Penalty Area. Rule 16.1b is modified to allow the player the extra option to take free relief from interference by these immovable obstructions in a penalty area by dropping a ball and playing it from this relief area in penalty area.

Suspension of Play (Rule 5.7). The following signals are used to suspend and resume play:

- Immediate suspension due to an approaching danger: 1 prolonged signal.
- Suspension due to a non-dangerous situation: 3 consecutive signals.
- Resumption of play: 2 consecutive signals.
- Note! If play is suspended due to an approaching danger, all practice areas are immediately closed too.

Breach of local rules is a general penalty (2 strokes penalty in Stroke Play or loss of a hole in Match Play).

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