



## Local Rules and Terms of Competition by the Estonian Golf Association

### Hard Card

The current Local Rules and Terms of Competition have been approved by Estonian Golf Association (EGL) and apply in all EGL competitions.

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. Penalty Areas (Rule 17)

- a. When a penalty area adjoins a boundary, the penalty area edge extends to and coincides with the boundary.
- b. When a player's ball is found in or it is known or virtually certain to have come to rest in red 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. *Model Local Rule B-2.1 is in effect.*

#### Dropping Zones for Penalty Areas

Dropping zones marked for a penalty area are 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.

#### 2. Abnormal Course Conditions (including Immovable Obstructions) (Rule 16)

##### a) Ground Under Repair

- (1) Any area bounded by a blue line
- (2) Any area of damaged ground (e.g. caused by vehicle movement) that is considered by a referee as abnormal
- (3) Stone-filled drainage ditches
- (4) Ant hills located on the course. *Model Local Rule F-11 is in effect.*
- (5) Mushrooms attached to the green. *Model Local Rule F-15 is in effect.*
- (6) Player may remove animals not defined as loose impediments from near ball. *Model Local Rule E-13 is in effect.*

##### b) Immovable Obstructions

- (1) Blue 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) Roads or paths surfaced with

woodchip or mulch. Individual pieces of woodchip are loose impediments.

- (4) Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Greens. *Model Local Rule F-5.1 is in effect.*

#### 3. Integral Objects

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

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

#### 4. Temporary Immovable Obstructions

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

#### 5. Excessive Shot Time

If it is the player's turn to play, it shouldn't take more than 40 seconds to play the shot. At any time, if any player is observed by a referee taking more than 120 seconds to play a shot, he or she will be notified of the excessive shot time and given an official warning to speed up play. The Committee may also start individual timing at any time, even if the group is not out of position.

## **6. Suspension of Play (Rule 5.7)**

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

- Immediate stop for imminent danger – 1 prolonged note of a siren
- Stop for a non-dangerous situation - 3 consecutive notes of a siren
- Resumption of play - 2 consecutive notes of a siren

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

## **7. 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.

## **8. Returning of Score Card**

Only an electronic scorecard is in use. All players must record the score or their own and the player's whose scorer they are into an electronic scorecard. A score of each hole must be recorded before starting next hole.

Committee may impose a penalty for the breach according to the EGL Code of Conduct.

Player's scorecard is considered officially returned when both the player and their marker have signed the score on electronic scorecard, pressed "Send score" button, and received a confirmation from the official in the scoring area that the scorecard is duly returned.

## **9. Caddie**

Caddie's outfit must meet the course requirements for the clothes of the player, footwear must be sports shoes without spikes. Caddie must be preregistered with the competition committee and must wear a vest if given by the committee.

## **10. Personal Data Protection**

The participant in the contest gives their consent to the filming, TV broadcast, photographing, identification and other forms of recording during the competition. The organizer of the competition has the right to use the material to advertise the competition and organizer. For underage players, the organizer assumes the existence of guardian's consent.

## **11. Fair Sport**

The Estonian Golf Association's competitions are organized based on the values and principles of clean sport, also on the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) code, the anti-doping rules of the International Golf Federation and the fair play rules of Estonian Center For Integrity In Sports (EADSE). More detailed information: [www.golf.ee/fairsport](http://www.golf.ee/fairsport).

Every competitor should be ready for doping testing. Refusal from or avoiding testing is considered as violation of anti-doping rules. Competitor must adhere to the rules of fair play, prevention of manipulation of sports events, and sports safety.

## **12. Disclaimer**

The participant in the contest agrees that there are certain risks in golfing (including health status) and accepts that he or she is personally responsible for all these risks.