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BANGLADESH GOLF FEDERATION HARD CARD

LOCAL RULES & TERMS OF COMPETITION

The following Local Rules and Terms of Competition have been formulated in conjunction with the 'Rules of Golf 2023' and 'Official Guide to the Rules of Golf 2023'. These local Rules and Terms of Competition will apply to all events taking place in Golf Clubs affiliated with Bangladesh Golf Federation (BGF).

In the event of a dispute arising as to the meaning of any Rules of Golf or BGF Local Rules, the Rule will be interpreted according to the English Edition of 'Rules of Golf 2023' and 'Official Guide to the Rules of Golf 2023'.

For the full-text of the Local Rules and Terms of Competition, please refer to the 'Official Guide to the Rules of Golf' effective from January 2023 as published by R&A Rules Limited and the clarifications updated by R&A and USGA.

Unless otherwise stated, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty. **Match play – Loss of Hole; Stroke Play – Two Stroke.**

BGF LOCAL RULES

The following Local Rules, together with the Additional Local Rules published by each golf course will apply until further notice for all tournaments under the auspices of the BGF.

1. Out of Bounds (Rule 18.2)

(a) Out of bounds is defined by the line between the course-side points at ground level of white stakes and fence posts. A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies on or over such lines.
(b) A ball is out of bounds when it is beyond any wall defining the boundary of the course.

2. Penalty Areas (Rule 17)

Relief on Opposite Side of Red Penalty Area (Model Local Rule B-2.1). When he ball last crosses the edge of a red penalty area, as an extra relief option adding one penalty stroke, the player may drop the original ball or another ball on the opposite side of the penalty area. The Tournament additional Local Rules will specify such red penalty areas (hole number and location) if any.

3. Dropping Zone for Penalty Areas.

Where a dropping zone is marked for a Penalty Area, it is an additional option under a penalty of one stroke. The dropping zone is a Relief Area under Rule 14.3, meaning a ball must be dropped in and come to rest in the relief area.
Abnormal Course Condition (Including Immovable Obstructions) - Rule 16.1

(a) Ground Under Repair

(1) All areas bounded by white lines including spectator crossing points where marked.
(2) Seams of Cut Turf: Model Local Rule F-7 is in effect.
(3) Stone-filled drainage ditches.
(4) For holes left by movable obstructions in parts of the General Area cut to fairway height or less, free relief is available for lie of ball or area of intended swing but there is no relief for interference to the stance.

(b) Immovable Obstructions

(1) White lined areas adjoining any areas defined as Immovable Obstructions are to be regarded as part of the Obstruction and not GUR.
(2) Landscaped garden areas surrounded by an obstruction are part of that obstruction.
(3) All flower beds, relief compulsory in accordance with 16.1b.
(4) Yong trees with stick, relief compulsory in accordance with 16.1b
(5) Stakes supporting trees, relief only from stakes in accordance with 16.1b

(c) Temporary Water

Squeegee Policy for Temporary Water removal.
If a player's ball lies on the putting green and there is interference by temporary water on the putting green, the player may take relief under Rule16.1d or have his line of play squeegeed.
The Committee may squeegee greens until players are nearby and if conditions deteriorate, to keep play going, they may authorize a combination of all the above measures. Any squeegeeing should be done across the line of play, must extend a reasonable distance beyond the hole (i.e. at least one club-length) and may only be carried out by Committee's authorized personnel.

(d) Animal Hole

Restriction on Relief from stance in Animal Hole:
Rule 16.1a is modified as under:
Interference does not exist if the Animal Hole interferes with player's stance.

4. Integral Objects

(a) Wires, cable, wrapping or other objects where they are closely attached to trees or other permanent objects.
(b) Artificial retaining walls and pilings when located within Penalty Areas.
(c) Floating sponsor displays or signs when located in penalty areas. (No line of sight relief allowed). Wires or cables anchoring them are temporary cables.

5. Permanent Overhead Power line

Model Local Rule E-11 is in effect but only for a ball which strikes a power line located in bounds and not the supporting pole. (Stroke is cancelled and must be replayed).

6. Temporary Immovable Obstructions (TIO)

Model Local Rules F-22 re Temporary Power Lines and Cables and F-23 re TIO are in effect.

(a) **Dropping Zone Policy.** In the General Area, when a player's ball lies in or on a TIO or so close to the TIO that it interferes with the stance or area of intended swing and relief is required, the player may proceed under any of the options allowed under the TIO Local Rule or Rule 16.1 or, if dropping zones have been marked, as an additional option, the player may drop the original ball or another ball, without penalty, in the nearest dropping zone This is true even if it is nearer the hole. The dropping zone is a Relief Area and a ball must come to rest in and be played from the Relief Area.

(b) **Either Side Relief.** The Tournament Additional Local Rules will specify which TIOs have either side option. Either side relief is restricted to line of sight relief only and is not available when the player chooses to operate under Rule 16.1.

7. Drainage Channels

Drainage channels adjacent to and parallel to golf cart paths should be treated as an obstruction.

8. Clubs and Balls

(a) **List of Conforming Driver Heads.** Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect. Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of this Local Rule: Disqualification.

(b) **Groove and Punch Mark Specification.** Model Local Rule G-2 is in effect. Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of this Local Rule: Disqualification.

(c) **Conforming Balls List.** Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect. Penalty for breach of this Local Rule: Disqualification.

(d) **The One Ball Rule.** Does not apply.

9. Pace of Play Policy- Rule 5.6b(3)

Refer to Player's Handbook for detailed Monitoring and Timing Policy.

Monitoring may happen before Timing but it does not have to.

In the absence of mitigating circumstances, a group is liable to be timed if it is in excess of the time allowed and in the case of second or subsequent groups, Out of Position. From the commencement of timing, if any player exceeds 50 seconds on a 'first to play approach shot (including Par 3 tee shot), chip or putt', or 40 seconds if it is a tee shot or 'second or third to play shot', he is deemed to have had a 'bad time'. The time allowed will be determined by the Tournament Director and will be published on the official notice board. The first group and after a starter's gap will be "Out of Position" if, at any time during the round, the group's cumulative time exceeds the time allowed for the number of holes completed. Any following group will be "Out of Position" if it is more than the starting interval behind the group in front and has exceeded the time allowed for the number of holes completed. A player whose group is timed will have a bad time carried forward in the round even if the group subsequently arrives back in position or within time.

Penalty for Breach of Pace of Play Policy: Stroke Play and Match Play:

1 bad time -Verbal warning from Referee

2 bad times -1 stroke penalty
3 bad times - 2 strokes penalty or loss of hole in Match Play
4 bad times - Disqualification

Notes:

Players will be advised that they are being timed.
Timings will be taken from the moment it is deemed by the Referee that it is the player's turn to play.
In some circumstances, an individual player or two player or two players within a group of three, may be timed rather than the entire group.

10. Play Suspensions – Rule 5.7

The following signals will be used to suspend and resume play:
Immediate Stop/ Dangerous Situation – 1 prolonged note of the siren.
Normal Non-Dangerous Stop – consecutive short notes of the siren.
Resume play – 2 consecutive short notes of the siren.
When play is stopped in a Dangerous Situation, all practice areas are immediately closed.

11. Practice - Rule 5

(a) Practice Before or Between Rounds in Stroke Play – Rule 5.2b

Rule 5.2b is modified in this way:
"A player must not practice on the competition course before or between rounds."
Penalty for breach of Rule 5.2: See penalty statement in Rule 5.2. **Practice on or Near Previous Putting Green Prohibited –** 5.5b

(b) For stroke play events only, Rule 5.5b is modified in this way:
"Between the play of two holes, a player must not:

- make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole just completed, or
- test the surface of that putting green by rubbing the putting green or rolling a ball."

12. Distance Measuring Devices. Rule 4.3a(1) is in effect.

Distance Measuring Device (DMD) may be used in all rounds of Tournaments. However, measuring elevation is not permitted.
Penalty for breach: See penalty statement in Rule 4.3.

13. Transportation Policy

Rule 4.3a is modified in this way:
"During a round a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized by the Rules Committee. (A player taking a stroke and distance penalty is always authorized)."
Penalty for breach of this Local Rule: General Penalty for each hole during which there is a breach. A breach between holes applies to the next hole.

14. A player is required to have a caddie. Model Local Rule H-1.3 is in effect.
Rule 10.3a is modified in this way **"A player must have a caddie during the round."**

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15. Deciding Ties:

Tie-Breaking Procedure

For the Championship: In the event of a tie for first place, a **sudden-death playoff** shall be played, commencing at **Hole 18**. The playoff shall continue on Hole 18 until the tie is broken and a winner is determined.

For All Other Positions: Ties shall be decided by **matching Scorecards**, in accordance with the applicable countback procedure.

16. Scoring Area and Scorecard Returned.

The location of the Scoring Area will be detailed in the Tournament Additional Local Rules sheet. The Scorecard is returned when the player leaves the Scoring Area with both feet.

17. Result of Competition – Competition Closed

The result of the tournament is officially announced when the final results sheet is placed on the official notice board at the tournament venue.

18. Drugs

Players must not make use of any drug to enhance performance. Should a player show evidence of use of a drug for non-therapeutic purpose, the Committee may require the player to undergo a drug test. Any player infringing this Condition may be disqualified. Players who are on medication and in doubt as to their clinical status should seek advice from the BGF. The BGF's Anti-Doping Policy will govern.

19. Mobile Phones – Players must not use Mobile phones on the Course, Except in the case of an emergency. Penalty for breach of this condition– Disqualification.