

# 2024 KGA CHAMPIONSHIPS AND MATCHES

## LOCAL RULES and TERMS OF COMPETITION

The following Local Rules and Terms of Competition will apply to all Championships run by the KGA. Any additions and amendments will be noted in Additional Local Rule published by KGA and will apply to all Championships and Matches.

For the full text of any Local Rule referenced below, please refer to the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf effective January 2023 and the Clarifications updated quarterly.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty(loss of hole in match play or two stroke penalty in stroke play).

### 1. Out of Bounds (Rule 18.2)

- Closed gates attached to boundary walls and fences are part of the boundary object. Relief is not allowed from such a gate under Rules 15.2 or 16.1. An open gate is not treated as part of the boundary object and may be closed or moved to a different position.

### 2. Penalty Areas (Rule 17)

- When a penalty area adjoins a boundary, the penalty area edge extends to and coincides with the boundary.
- When a player's ball is found in or it is virtually certain to have come to rest in any 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 under Model Local Rule B-2.1.
- Dropping Zone for Penalty Areas

Where a dropping zone is marked for a penalty area, it is 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.

### 3. Abnormal Course Conditions (Rule 16)

- **Ground Under Repair**
  - Any area bounded by a blue or white line or a dotted line(including spectator crossing point roping).
  - Any area of damaged ground that is considered by a referee to be abnormal.  
(e.g. : caused by crowd or vehicle movement)
  - Seams of cut turf; Local Rule F-7 is in effect.
  - Yardage painted marks or dots on the putting green or in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less are to be treated as ground under repair from which relief is available under Rule 16.1. Interference does not exist if yardage painted marks or dots only interfere with the player's stance.

- **Immovable Obstructions**

- White lined areas and the immovable obstruction they tie into are treated as a single abnormal obstruction.
- Landscaped garden areas and everything growing in them that are surrounded by an immovable obstruction are treated as a single abnormal course condition.
- Secured artificial plastic mat or all ramps covering cables.
- Roads or paths surfaced with woodchip. Individual pieces of woodchip are loose impediments.
- Concrete drainage channels, pilings, wooden guard rails, manhole covers, wooden posts, etc. that are made of artificial materials and run next to cart paths are treated as immovable obstructions and are part of the cart paths.
- Any floating displays when located in penalty areas.

- **Embedded Ball**

Rule 16.3 is modified in this way : No free relief is allowed for a ball embedded in the stacked turf face above a bunker.

#### **4. Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Greens**

Model Local Rule F-5.2 is in effect.

#### **5. Integral Objects**

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

- Any wrapping or other objects where they are closely attached to trees.
- Artificial retaining walls and pilings when located in penalty areas and bunkers.

#### **6. Player May Remove Animals Not Defined As Loose Impediments From Near Ball**

Model Local Rule E-13 is in effect.

#### **7. Temporary Power Lines or Cables**

Model Local Rule F-22 is in effect and modified as follows; mats that are secured and all ramps covering cables are immovable obstructions.

#### **8. Temporary Immovable Obstructions**

Model Local Rule F-23, with any additions or amendments in the Additional Local Rules by the KGA, is in effect.

#### **9. Clubs and Balls**

- List of Conforming Driver Heads : Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect  
**Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of Local Rule : Disqualification**
- Groove and Punch Mark Specifications : Model Local Rule G-2 is in effect  
**Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of Local Rule : Disqualification**

- List of Conforming Golf Ball : Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect  
Penalty for breach of the Local Rule : Disqualification

**Note :** An updated List of Conforming Clubs and Balls is available on [www.randa.org](http://www.randa.org).

#### **10. Pace of Play (Rule 5.6)**

Every KGA Championship or Match has a Pace of Play policy that will be strictly enforced. Please ensure you obtain a copy of the Pace of Play Policy and read it carefully before playing.

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

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

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| Immediate stop for imminent danger | : | One prolonged note of siren      |
| Stop for a non-dangerous situation | : | Three consecutive notes of siren |
| Resumption of Play                 | : | Two short notes of siren         |

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

#### **12. Practice**

- In stroke play, Rule 5.2b is modified in this way: A player must not practice on the competition course before or between rounds.
- In match play, Rule 5.2a is modified in this way: A player must not practice on the competition course before or between rounds.

**Exception :** All practice areas recognized by committee may be used by player for practice on any day of the competition.

#### **13. Anti-Doping**

Players are required to comply with and be bound by any Anti-Doping Policy(Korea Anti-Doping Code or Professional Sports Anti-Doping Code) that is established for the Championship which they are competing, as detailed in the relevant Terms of Competition, as advised by prior notice or on the notice board at the golf course.

#### **14. Modification of Penalty Under Rule 3.3b(2) for Missing Player or Marker Certification**

Model Local Rule L-1 is in effect.

#### **15. Returning of Score Card**

A player's scorecard is officially returned to the Committee when the player has physically left the recording office/area.

## **16. Deciding Ties**

The method for deciding ties is provided on the relevant Terms of Competition or published on the notice board by the KGA.

## **17. Result of Championship - Competition Closed**

- Stroke Play :

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

- Match Play :

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

Exception : All qualifying competitions run by the KGA - refer to each Terms of Competition.