

NGF tournaments 2022

Local Rules and Terms of Competition (Section C2)

Applicable to all tournaments organized by the NGF are:

- The R&A "Rules of Golf" and the NGF Terms of Competition section A to H.
- Additional Local Rules specific for the tournament.

Sections A to H are published on: <https://www.golf.nl/reglementen>.

Penalty for breach of Local Rule: General Penalty unless indicated otherwise.

C2-1 Breach of the Code of Conduct (R1.2 and section C1)

The full version of the Code of Conduct of category A and B including examples can be found in section C1 of the Terms of Competition.

Category A: Serious violations of the Code of Conduct.

Penalty for breach of category A:

- Disqualification according to Rule 1.2a and exclusion from the tournament.

Category B: Other violations of the Code of Conduct.

Penalty for breach of category B:

- First breach at a tournament: Warning.
- Second breach at a tournament: General Penalty.
- Third breach at a tournament: Disqualification.

C2-2 Clubs

C2-2.1 Driver (R4.1a and Local Rule G-1)

Any driver the player uses to make a stroke must have a club head, identified by model and loft, which is on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the R&A. (See RandA.org list of conforming Driver Heads).

Penalty for making a stroke with Club in breach of this Local Rule: Disqualification.

C2-2.2 Replacement of club (R4.1b and Local Rule G-9)

If the player's club is "broken or significantly damaged" during the round by the player or the caddie, except in case of abuse, the player may replace the club with any club under Rule 4.1b.

Penalty: See penalty of Rule 4.1b.

C2-3 Ball (R4.2a and Local Rule G-3)

Any ball used in making a stroke must be on the current list of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the R&A (See RandA.org list of "Conforming Golf Balls").

Penalty for making a stroke with a Ball Not on Current List in breach of this Local Rule: Disqualification.

C2-4 Transportation (R4.3 and Local Rule G-6)

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 of this Local Rule. If the breach occurs between the play of two holes, it applies to the next hole.

C2-5 Unreasonable delay; Prompt Pace of Play (R5.6)

C2-5.1 Examples of unreasonable delay (R5.6a)

The penalty of Rule 5.6a can be imposed. Examples:

- After 3 minutes of searching a player can not immediately play with a provisional ball when the situation of the original ball is such that a provisional ball should have been played.

- A player continues searching for his ball for more than 3 minutes.
- Unauthorized stopping the game for more than a few minutes to take care for personal needs.
- Using more than a few minutes searching for and retrieving a lost club.

C2-5.2 Prompt Pace of Play (R5.6b and Local Rule K-2)

Maximum allowable time.

The maximum allowable time is the maximum time considered necessary by the Committee for a group to complete its round. This is expressed in a per-hole and aggregated time format and includes all time associated with playing the game, e.g., for rulings and walking times between holes.

The following procedure applies only if a group is "out of position".

Definition of Out of Position

The first group and any first group after a starter's gap will be considered to 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 considered out of position if it is out of position more than a starting interval with the group in front of them.

Note: in the decision to time a "following group" that is out of position, leniency may be shown to a group that has not exceeded the time allotted for the number of holes completed.

Procedure when a group is Out of Position:

- I. If a group is out of position, it will be given an official warning to speed up play.
- II. If a group does not get back into position and a decision is taken to time the group, each player in the group will be subject to individual timing by a referee. Each player in the group will be advised that they are "out of position" and are being timed.
- III. The maximum time allocated per stroke is 40 seconds. 10 extra seconds are allowed for the first player to play:
 - a stroke on a par 3 hole;
 - a second stroke on a par 4 hole;
 - a third stroke on a par 5 hole;
 - a stroke around the putting green; and
 - a stroke from on the putting green.The timing will start when a player has had sufficient time to reach the ball, it is his or her turn to play and he or she is able to play without interference or distraction. Time taken to determine distance and select a club will count as time taken for the next stroke. On the putting green, timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace the ball, repair damage that interferes with the line of play and move loose impediments on the line of play. Time spent looking at the line of play from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.
- IV. Timing ceases when a group is back in position and players will be advised accordingly.

Note: In some circumstances, an individual player, or two players within a group of three, may be timed instead of the entire group.

Penalty for Breach of Local Rule:

"Bad times" are carried through an entire stroke play championship. For example, a player who gets a "bad time" either later in Round 1 or during any subsequent round of the championship. In match play, bad times only apply to a specific match, whether 18 holes or 36 holes.

- Penalty for first bad time: Warning
- Penalty for second bad time: One stroke Penalty
- Penalty for three bad times: Additional General Penalty
- Penalty for four bad times: Disqualification

Excessive Shot Time.

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 player will also be advised that the committee may start individual timing at any time, even if the group is not out of position.

C2-6 Practice (R5.2b and Local Rule I-1.1)

Stroke play: Rule 5.2b is modified in this way: A Player must not practice on the competition course before or between rounds. **Exception:** Practice facilities may be used by the player to practice before and between rounds.

Penalty for breach of Local Rule:

- Penalty for first breach: General Penalty (applied to first hole).
- Penalty for second breach: Disqualification.

C2-7 Suspension of play (R5.7b and Local Rule J-1)

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

Penalty for breach of Rule 5.7b: Disqualification.

C2-8 Caddie in junior competitions (R10.3 and Local Rule H-1.2)

Rule 10.3 is modified in this way: A player must not have a caddie during the round of a junior competition. **Exception:** During National Junior Championships a player may use a caddie who meets the age requirements of the competition.

Penalty for breach of Local Rule: The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which he or she is helped by a caddie (or a caddie that does not meet the age requirements). If the breach happens or continues between two holes, the player gets the general penalty for the next hole.

C2-9 Abnormal Course Conditions (R16) and penalty areas (R17)

C2-9.1 Ground under repair

- a) Ground under repair is defined by any area marked by blue stakes and/or blue or white lines.
- b) Ant Hills (Local Rule F-11): Large or hard ant hills on the course are, at the player's option, loose impediments that may be removed under Rule 15.1 or ground under repair from which relief is allowed under Rule 16.1.
- c) Seams of Cut Turf (Local Rule F-7): If a player's ball lies in or touches a seam of cut turf or a seam interferes with the player's area of intended swing:
 - Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b.
 - Ball on Putting Green. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d.
 But interference does not exist if the seam only interferes with the player's stance. All seams within the area of cut turf are treated as the same seam in taking relief. This means that if a player has interference from any seam after dropping the ball, the player must proceed as required under Rule 14.3c(2) even when the ball is still within one club-length of the reference point.
- d) Painted Lines or Dots (Local Rule F-21.1): 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 allowed under Rule 16.1. But interference does not exist if painted lines or dots only interfere with the player's stance.

- e) Animal holes (Local Rule F-6): Rule 16.1 is modified in this way: Interference does not exist if the animal hole only interferes with the player's stance.
- f) Animal damage (Local Rule F-10): Areas of damage caused by bird, boar or badger are treated as ground under repair from which relief is allowed under Rule 16.1b. But interference does not exist if the damage interferes with the player's stance.

C2-9.2 Immovable Obstructions

- a) Immovable Obstructions close to the green (Local Rule F-5): Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 16.1. The player also has these extra options to take relief when such immovable obstructions are close to the putting green on the line of play: The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is on the line of play, and is:
 - Within two club-lengths of the putting green, and
 - Within two club lengths of the ball

Exception: There is no relief under this Local Rule

 - If the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.
 - If the ball and the immovable obstruction are not both in part of the general area cut to fairway height or less.
- b) Integral object of the course: The following obstructions are integral objects from which relief without penalty is not allowed:
 - Retaining artificial walls and pilings in penalty areas.
 - Wires, cables, casings, and other artificial objects closely attached to trees.

C2-9.3 Embedded ball in bunker faces (R16.3 and Local Rule F-2.2)

Rule 16.3 is modified in this way: Free relief is not allowed when a ball is embedded in the stacked turf faces or soil faces above bunkers.

C2-9.4 Dropping-zone (DZ)

A dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3.

- a) Abnormal course condition (Local Rule E-1.2): If a dropping zone is defined for an abnormal course condition: As an extra option, take free relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in the dropping zone.
- b) Penalty area (Local Rule E-1.1): If a dropping zone is defined for a penalty area: As an extra option dropping the original ball or another ball in the dropping zone adding one penalty stroke.

C2-10 Stroke made on green does not count (R11.1b and Local Rule D-7)

Exception 2 to Rule 11.1b applies, **except** that when a ball played from the putting green accidentally hits:

- the player,
- the club used by the player to make the stroke or
- an animal defined as a loose impediment (that is, worms, insects and similar animals that can be removed easily),

the stroke counts and the ball must be played as it lies.

C2-11 Ball Played from Outside Relief Area When Taking Back-On-the-Line Relief (R14.3 and Local Rule E-12)

When taking Back-On-the-Line relief, there is no additional penalty if a player plays a ball that was dropped in the relief area required by the relevant Rule (Rule 16.1c(2), 17.1d(2), 19.2b or 19.3b) but came to rest outside the relief area, so long as the ball, when played, is within one club-length of where it first touched the ground when dropped.

This exemption from penalty applies even if the ball is played from nearer the hole than the reference point (but not if played from nearer the hole than the spot of the original ball or the estimated point where the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area).

This Local Rule does not change the procedure for taking Back-On-the-Line relief under a relevant Rule. This means that the reference point and relief area are not changed by this Local Rule and that Rule 14.3c(2) can be applied by a player who drops a ball in the right way and it comes to rest outside the relief area, whether this occurs on the first or second drop.