

# LOCAL RULES 2019

## GOLF ADRIATIC

### A-1 Defining Boundaries

#### Out of Bounds (Rule 18.2)

- Out of bounds is defined by the line between the course-side points at ground level of white stakes and fence posts.
- The boundary on Hole 18 is defined by the course-side edge of the white paint line painted on the cart path.

### B-1 Defining Penalty Areas

#### Penalty Areas (Rule 17)

- The red penalty area on the Holes 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 13, 18 extends to and coincides with the out of bounds edge.

### 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 on Hole 10, 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)). If a dropping zone (see Model Local Rule E-1) is available for this penalty area, the player may also use that relief option.

Once the player has played a provisional ball under this Rule, he or she 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, Rule 18.3c(2) and 18.3c(3) apply except that:

- When Original Ball Is Found in Penalty Area Within Three-Minute Search Time. The player may choose either to:
  - Continue to play the original ball as it lies in the penalty area, in which case the provisional ball must not be played. All strokes with that provisional ball before it was abandoned (including strokes made and any penalty strokes solely from playing that ball) do not count, or
  - Continue to play the provisional ball in which case the original ball must not be played.
- When Original Ball Is Not Found Within Three-Minute Search Time or Is Known or Virtually Certain to Be in Penalty Area. The provisional ball becomes the player's ball in play.

### E-5 Alternative to Stroke and Distance for Lost Ball or Ball Out of Bounds

When a player's ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may proceed as follows rather than proceeding under stroke and distance.

For **two penalty strokes**, the player may take relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in this relief area (see Rule 14.3):

#### Two Estimated Reference Points:

**(a). Ball Reference Point:** The point where the original ball is estimated to have:

- Come to rest on the course, or
- Last crossed the edge of the course boundary to go out of bounds.

**(b). Fairway Reference Point:** The point of fairway of the hole being played that is nearest to the ball reference point, **but** is not nearer the hole than the ball reference point.

For purposes of this Local Rule, "fairway" means any area of grass in the general area that is cut to fairway height or less.

If a ball is estimated to be lost on the course or last crossed the edge of the course boundary short of the fairway, the fairway reference point may be a grass path or a teeing ground for the hole being played cut to fairway height or less.

Size of Relief Area Based on Reference Points: Anywhere between:

- A line from the hole through the ball reference point (and within two club-lengths to the outside of that line), and
- A line from the hole through the fairway reference point (and within two club-lengths to the fairway side of that line).

**But** with these limits:

#### Limits on Location of Relief Area:

- Must be in the general area, and
- Must not be nearer the hole than the ball reference point.

Once the player puts a ball in play under this Local Rule:

- The original ball that was lost or out of bounds is no longer in play and must not be played.
- This is true even if the ball is found on the course before the end of the three-minute search time (see Rule 6.3b).

**But** the player may not use this option to take relief for the original ball when:

- That ball is known or virtually certain to have come to rest in a penalty area, or
- The player has played another ball provisionally under penalty of stroke and distance (see Rule 18.3).

A player may use this option to take relief for a provisional ball that has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds.

### F-1 Defining Abnormal Course Conditions and Integral Objects

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

- **Ground under repair** is defined by any area encircled by a **white line and/or blue posts**.
- Areas in bunkers where sand has been removed by the movement of water resulting in deep furrows through the sand are **ground under repair**.
- **Fixed Sprinkler Heads & Drainage System Covers** are **immovable obstructions**.
- On the right side on Hole 5 are bunkers with stone fence. These stone **fences** are **immovable obstructions**.
- Over the channel on the fairway on Hole 5 is the bridge. The bridge is **immovable obstruction**.
- On the left side on Hole 17 is irrigation control station. The station is **immovable obstruction**.

#### Integral Objects

- Wires and other objects closely attached to trees are integral objects.

### F-3 Ground Under Repair Treated as Part of Nearby Obstruction

Where areas of damaged ground are right next to artificially surfaced road or path they are treated as a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.

### F-4 Extensive Damage Due to Heavy Rain and Traffic

Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage, including areas where spectators or other traffic have combined with wet conditions to alter the ground surface materially, but only when so declared by an authorized referee or member of the Committee.

### F-5 Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Greens

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 and on the line of play:

Ball in General Area. 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 - No Relief If Line of Play Clearly Unreasonable.** There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.

#### F-8 Relief from Cracks in Ground

Cracks in the ground in parts of the general area cut to fairway height or less are ground under repair. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b.

#### F-17 All Roads and Paths Treated as Obstructions

All roads and paths on the course or identify particular types or locations, even if not artificially-surfaced, are treated as immovable obstructions from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1.

#### J-1 Methods for Stopping and Resuming Play

A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signalled by **one prolonged note**. All other suspensions will be signalled by **three consecutive notes**. In either case, resumption of play will be signalled by **two short notes**. See Rule 5.7b.

#### K-2 Hole-by-Hole and Shot-by-Shot Pace of Play Policy

##### 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 aggregate time format and includes all time associated with playing the game, e.g., for rulings and walking times between holes.

The maximum time allotted for the completion of 18 holes at Golf Adriaticis **4 hours and 28 minutes**. The following procedure applies only if a group is "out of position."

##### Definition of Out of Position

The first group to start will be considered "out of position" if, at any time during the round, the group's cumulative time exceeds the time allowed for the number of holes played. Any following group will be considered out of position if it is specify when a group is out of position to the group in front of them is one full hole away and has exceeded the time allowed for the number of holes played.

##### Procedure When Group is Out of Position

1. Referees will monitor pace of play and decide whether a group that is "out of position" should be timed. An assessment of whether there are any recent mitigating circumstances, e.g. a lengthy ruling, lost ball, unplayable ball, etc. will be made.

If a decision is made to time the players, each player in the group will be subject to individual timing and a referee will advise each player that they are "out of position" and they are being timed.

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

2. The maximum time allocated per stroke is **40 seconds**.

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.

Timings will be taken from the moment it is decided by the referee that it is the player's turn to play and he or she is able to play without interference or distraction.

Timing ceases when a group is back in position and players will be advised accordingly.

##### Penalty for Breach of Local Rule:

- Penalty for first breach: One-stroke penalty.
- Penalty for second breach: **General Penalty** applied in addition to the penalty for the first breach.
- Penalty for third breach: **Disqualification**.

Until a player has been advised of a bad time, he or she cannot incur a further bad time.

##### Procedure When Again Out of Position During Same Round

If a group is "out of position" more than once during a round, the above procedure will apply on each occasion. Bad times and the application of penalties in the same round will be carried forward until the round is completed. A player will not be penalized if he or she has a second bad time before being advised of the earlier bad time.

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## ADDITION TO LOCAL RULES

#### E-3 Preferred Lies

When a player's ball lies in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less or identify a specific area such as 'on the fairway of the 6th hole', the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball in and playing it from this relief area:

- Reference Point: Spot of the original ball.
- Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point: on score-card length from the reference point, **but** with these limits:
  - Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and
  - Must be in the general area.

In proceeding under this Local Rule, the player must choose a spot to place the ball and use the procedures for replacing a ball under Rules 14.2b(2) and 14.2e.