WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA

LOCAL RULES & TERMS OF COMPETITION FOR 2026 WGAP TOURNAMENTS

The Rules of Golf as approved by the USGA and R&A Limited govern play. These Local Rules and Terms of Competition are in effect at all WGAP tournaments. See applicable Championship Notice to Players for modifications or additions to these Local Rules and Terms of Competition. Compete text of Rules and Local Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 2023.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for a breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty.

LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS – Model Local Rule G1 is in effect.

LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS – Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect.

PENALTY AREAS: Defined by stakes, lines, or physical features. When a penalty area is defined on only one side, it extends to infinity. When a penalty area is connected to the out-of-bounds edge, the penalty area extends to and coincides with out of bounds.

OUT OF BOUNDS: Defined by the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts. Where stone walls or fences define Out of Bounds, the wall or fence is a Boundary Object. A ball is considered Out of Bounds when it comes to rest beyond the wall/fence. A ball coming to rest on or beyond a road defined as Out of Bounds is Out of Bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the Course that is in bounds for other holes. Gates in boundary fences are Integral Objects.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR – Defined by white lines. Ground under repair also includes French drains and newly trenched areas, even if not marked as such.

RELIEF FROM SEAMS OF CUT TURF –Model Local Rule F-7 is in effect.

WHITE LINED AREAS TYING INTO ARTIFICIALLY SURFACED ROADS AND PATHS – Model Local Rule F-3.1 is in effect. White-lined areas of ground under repair and the artificially surfaced roads, paths, or other identified obstructions that they are connected to are a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.

AERATION HOLES: Model Local Rule E-4 is in effect. In the General Area, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be lifted, without penalty, cleaned and dropped, within the relief area and not nearer the hole in the General Area. All aeration holes are treated as the same hole for re-dropping purposes.

INTEGRAL OBJECTS: Include cables, rods, wires and wrappings when closely attached to trees; and artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas or in or adjacent to bunkers. An exposed bunker liner may be treated as ground under repair, but interference does not exist if the liner interferes only with the player's stance.

WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH are Loose Impediments.

ANIMAL NEAR BALL: Model Local Rule E-13 is in effect.

BALL DEFLECTED BY OVERHEAD POWER LINE; Model Local Rule E-11 is in effect and modified as follows: if it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a power line in bounds, the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made (see Rule 14.6 for what to do).

TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS - Model Local Rule F-23 is in effect.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS & GROUND UNDER REPAIR CLOSE TO PUTTING GREEN (GENERAL AREA CUT TO FAIRWAY HEIGHT) – Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 16.1. In addition, if the player's ball lies off the putting green and an immovable obstruction/ground under repair within two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club-lengths of the ball intervenes on the line of play, the player may take relief under Rule 16.1. This Local Rule only applies when both the ball and the obstruction are in part of the general area cut to fairway height or less. Model Local Rule F-5.2.

TEMPORARY POWER LINES AND CABLES: Model Local Rule F-22 is in effect.

STOPPING AND RESUMING PLAY – Model Local Rule J-1 is in effect. All practice areas are closed during an immediate suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to stop practicing; failure to stop practicing might result in disqualification. An immediate suspension will be signaled by one prolonged air horn note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive airhorn notes, repeated. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short airhorn notes.

PACE OF PLAY: GSGA Pace of Play Policy is in effect. See separate memorandum to players for pace of play policy.

MISSING PLAYER OR MARKER CERTIFICATION - Model Local Rule L-1 is in effect.

PRACTICE: Prior to a round in stroke play, a player may practice on the designated practice areas. Rule 5.2b is modified in this way: A player may not practice on the competition course before or between rounds. Penalty for breach of local rule, see Rule 5.2.

WHEN COMPETITION IS FINAL – The competition is final when the trophy has been presented to the winner or, in the absence of a prize ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the Committee. The result of a match is final when the Committee has confirmed the result of the match.