



STANDARD LOCAL RULES AND TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and The R & A govern play. Any changes or addition to these standards or to the information on the MIAA website (www.miaa.net) will be supplied on a supplementary Notice to Competitors & Local Rules for the event/course and will supersede anything printed on the host club's scorecard.

Complete text of the Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 2023 (www.usga.org). Model Local Rules (MLR) in Section 8 apply to equipment and balls (G1,2,3&9) plus requiring players to walk (G-6). Caddies are not allowed.

Administrative issues such as dress codes and sportsmanship will be settled by the MIAA. The Committee for Sectionals and Finals will consist of the Tournament Director/Official-in-Charge, the MIAA Staff-in-Charge, plus any assigned Rules Official(s) or Golf Committee member(s).

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OUT OF BOUNDS: Defined by the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts.

PENALTY AREAS: 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.

ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS:

1. Ground Under Repair (GUR) is defined by white lines. French drains are GUR. White-lined areas when tied into an immovable obstruction are a single condition when taking relief. Turf nurseries and flower/shrub beds are NO PLAY ZONES; relief is mandatory.
2. Immovable Obstructions include anything artificial, typically cart paths, including white-lined areas tying into artificially surfaced roads and paths; relief without penalty. Objects defining out of bounds are not obstructions. Roads and pathways without artificial surfaces are not obstructions. Flower/shrub beds encircled by cart paths and protective fences adjacent to cart paths are part of the obstruction.

INTEGRAL OBJECTS: Constructions that are not Obstructions, are Integral Objects, including artificial walls, wood pilings in penalty areas and bunkers, liners in bunkers, stone walls, cables; free relief is not available.

LOOSE IMPEDIMENTS: Wood chips and mulch in flower/shrub beds or on walkways are loose impediments.

TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

In addition to the requirements for eligibility, deadlines for entry, and other terms on the [MIAA website](http://www.miaa.net) and the [MIAA Fall and Spring Golf Tournament Formats](#), the USGA requirements re: amateur status apply. Coaches may not advise during play (MIAA Handbook, Rule 70.1.2). Green reading material is prohibited. (MLR G-12)

STOPPING AND RESUMING PLAY: (MLR J-1) A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged siren note. All other suspensions, three consecutive siren notes. Resumption of play, two short siren notes.

PLAY-OFF: If a play-off is required, the winner will be determined immediately after all players have completed the round by a hole-by-hole play-off with the sequence of holes to be determined by the Committee on site.

COMPETITION FINAL: The competition is final when the trophy has been presented to the winner or, in the absence of an awards ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the Committee.