

# LOCAL RULES 2024

## GOLF ADRIATIC | PGA NATIONAL CROATIA

### 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 linepainted 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.

#### Dropping Zones (on hole 2, 12)

If a player's ball is in the **penalty area** on **Hole 2** including when it is known or virtually certain to be in that penalty area even though not found, the player has these relief options, each for **one penalty stroke**:

- The player may take relief under [Rule 17.1](#), or
- As an extra option, the player may drop the original ball or another ball in the red marked dropping zone approx. 30m in front of the green left and marked in red. The dropping zone is a relief area under [Rule 14.3](#)

If a player's ball is in the **penalty area** on **Hole 12** behind and next to the green, including when it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found is in the penalty area, the player has these relief options:

- The player may take relief under [Rule 17.1](#), or
- As an extra option, the player may take free relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in the red marked dropping zone on the left side behind the green marked in red. The dropping zone is a relief area under [Rule 14.3](#).

### 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.

### 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 **blue 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**.
- Over the channel on the fairway on **Hole 5** is the bridge. The bridge is **immovable obstruction**
- The area within the **red penalty area** defined by **red stakes** on the right of **Hole 12** is a **no-play-zone** that is treated as a penalty area and relief must be taken from interference by the **no play zone** under Rule 17.1e
- On the left side on **Hole 17** is irrigation control station. The station is **immovable obstruction**.

#### Dropping Zone (on Hole 11)

- On the **Hole 11**, the **artificially-surfaced area** in front of Tees, is treated as **immovable obstructions** from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1., with additional option of taking a free relief in the **Dropping Zone** on the left side. The dropping zone is a relief area under [Rule 14.3](#)

#### Integral Objects

- Wires and other objects closely attached to trees are integral objects.
- All rocks on the course (monoliths) and stone walls are Integral Parts of the Course and hence **free relief is NOT granted**.

### 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.

All other bunkers on the course, whether they contain temporary water or not, are still bunkers for all purposes under the Rules.

### 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 is **4 hours and 10 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 specified 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.

### Model Local Rule 16. Relief for Ball in Bunker

All bunkers with a **blue stake** are **ground under repair** in the general area. It is not treated as a bunker during the round. The player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b.

### Model Local Rule E-7 Electric boundary fence

If a player's ball lies on the course and **within two club-lengths of the electric boundary fence**, the player may take free relief using the procedure in Rule 16.1, **but** based on this reference point:

- The point that is two club-lengths from the fence and an equal distance from the hole to the spot of the original ball.

---

**Datum: 11.04.2024**

**Phone for rules official: +385 91 253 81 62**