



XVI Games of the Small States of Europe 2015

Local Rules

1. Out of Bounds

Out of Bounds is defined by fences and white stakes. When two white stakes are located within 2 meters of each other, the course boundary is deemed to extend to infinity in the direction of the boundary line formed by the two stakes. Additionally:

- On holes 2 and 3 Out of Bounds is on or beyond the curb of the paved road to the left of the holes.
- On holes 4, 5, 6 and 8 Out of Bounds is on or beyond the paved path to the right of the holes.
- On hole 9 Out of Bounds is on or beyond the paved path to the left of the hole and on or beyond the road to the right of the hole.
- On hole 12 Out of Bounds is on or beyond the paved path to the right of the hole.

2. Immovable Obstructions

Immovable obstructions (Rule 24-2) include:

- Solidly embedded stones in a closely mown area through the green.
- Distance markers.
- All parts of the irrigation system.
- Black stakes and ropes attached to them.

3. Movable Obstructions

Stones in bunkers are moveable obstructions (Rule 24-1).

4. Ground under Repair

Ground under Repair is defined by enclosed blue lines or blue stakes.

5. Preferred Lies

A ball lying on a closely-mown area through the green may be lifted, without penalty, and cleaned. Before lifting the ball, the player must mark its position. Having lifted the ball, he must place it on a spot within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than where it originally lay, that is not in a hazard and not on a putting green. A player may place his ball only once, and it is in play when it has been placed (Rule 20-4). If the ball fails to come to rest on the spot on which it is placed, Rule 20-3d applies. If the ball when placed comes to rest on the spot on which it is placed and it subsequently moves, there is no penalty and the ball must be played as it lies, unless the provisions of any other Rule apply. If

the player fails to mark the position of the ball before lifting it or moves the ball in any other manner, such as rolling it with a club, he incurs a penalty of one stroke. Note: "Closely-mown area" means any area of the course, including paths through the rough, cut to fairway height or less.

6. Seams of Cut Turf

Through the green, seams of cut turf (not the turf itself) are deemed to be ground under repair. However, interference by a seam with the player's stance is deemed not to be, of itself, interference under Rule 25-1. If the ball lies in or touches the seam or the seam interferes with the area of intended swing, relief is available under Rule 25-1. All seams within the cut turf area are considered the same seam.

7. Distance Measuring Devices

A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULES: Two Strokes

Please note:

Referees are identified by an arm band marked **R**. No other personnel are authorized to give rulings.

