

Swedish Golf Federation Rules Card 2017

The following Local Rules and Condition of Competition have been formulated after consultation and approval by the Rules of Golf Committee of the Swedish Golf Federation to apply on SM Klubblag, SM-veckan, SGF Senior Tour, SGF Juniortävlingar, Future Series, SGF Handigolf Tour (with some adjustments) and other tournaments included in SGF Golf Ranking. In the event of a dispute arising as to the meaning of any Rule of Golf the Rule will be interpreted according to the English Edition of the Rules of Golf. For the full text of the following Local Rules and Conditions of Competition please refer to Appendix 1 of the current edition of the Rules of Golf as published by The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews on the pages indicated.

Section A – Local Rules

The following Local Rules, together with any additions or amendments as published by the Swedish Golf Federation will apply on the tournament. A condition is that the Committee must, in the conditions, inform that the SGF Rules Card applies.

1. Out of Bounds (Rule 27) – page 116

Beyond any wall, fence or white stakes defining the boundary of the course.

Note:

- a. Where out of bounds is defined by white stakes or fence posts (excluding angled supports) the line joining the nearest inside points at ground level of such stakes or posts defines the boundary. A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies on or over such a line.
- b. Where any continuing or adjoining white line is in existence it defines the boundary. A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies on or over such a line.
- c. A ball which crosses the road defined as out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that road is out of bounds even though it may lie on another part of the course.

2. Water Hazards Including Lateral Water Hazards (Rule 26) – page 113

Note: Dropping Zones for Water Hazards pages 152-153.

Where there are dropping zones for water hazards, a ball may be played under Rule 26, or a ball may be dropped in the dropping zone nearest to where the original ball last crossed the margin of the hazard under penalty of one stroke. When dropping a ball in a dropping zone, the dropped ball must not be re-dropped if it comes to rest within two club-lengths of the spot where it first struck part of the course even though it may finish outside the boundaries of the dropping zone or nearer the hole.

3. Ground Under Repair (Rule 25-1) - page 109

- a. All areas indicated by blue stakes and/or GUR notice.
- b. All areas bounded by white lines.
- c. Through the green seams of new turf, page 145, interfering with the lie of ball or area of intended swing. All seams forming part of the condition are to be treated as the same seam for the purposes of Rule 20-2c (re-dropping).
- d. French drains (small stone filled drainage ditches).

4. Abnormal Ground Conditions (Rule 25-1)

- a. Relief will be denied for interference to stance from a hole, cast or runway made by a burrowing animal, a reptile or a bird.
- b. Relief is available for lie of ball or area of intended swing from any painted yardage spot situated in any closely mown area through the green.

5. Embedded Ball (Rule 25-2)

Relief extended to "through the green" - Pages 142 - 143.

Additional exception: A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if the ball is embedded in the face of a bunker that consists of stacked turf.

6. Movable obstructions (Rule 24-1)

- a. Stones in bunkers - Pages 145 - 146. Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions

7. Immovable Obstructions (Rule 24-2)

- a. White lined areas adjoining any areas defined as immovable obstructions are to be regarded as part of the obstruction and not ground under repair.
- b. Decorative landscaped areas (flowerbeds/shrubberies and the like) surrounded by an obstruction are part of the obstruction.

8. Accidental Movement of a Ball on a Putting Green

Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows:

When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. The moved ball or ballmarker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1. This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

Note: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ballmarker moved in such circumstances is replaced.

9. Turf Plugs on Putting Green

On any putting green, turf plugs of any size have the same status as old hole plugs and may be repaired under Rule 16-1c.

10. Integral parts of the course

- a. Wires, cables, wrapping or other objects where they are closely attached to trees or other permanent objects.
- b. Retaining artificial walls and pilings when located within water hazards.

11. Permanent Elevated Cables

If a ball strikes an elevated power line, telephone line or cable, the stroke **MUST** be cancelled and replayed without penalty (see Rule 20-5). If the ball is not immediately recoverable, another ball may be substituted.

12. Temporary Immovable Obstructions – Pages 147 – 151

Note: Through the green, when a player's ball lies in, on or under a temporary immovable obstruction or so close to that obstruction that it interferes with his stance or area of intended swing and relief is required, he may proceed under any of the options available under the Rule, or if dropping zones have been marked, as an additional option, he may drop the ball without penalty, in the nearest dropping zone.

13. Distance-Measuring Devices (Rule 14-3)

A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc) the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

Penalty for breach of a local rule

Match Play – Loss of Hole

Stroke Play – Two strokes

Section B – Conditions of Competition

1. Specification of Clubs and the Ball

a. List of Conforming Driver Heads – Pages 154 – 155.

b. List of Conforming Golf Balls – Page 155 – 156

2. Pace of Play (Note 2 to Rule 6-7) – Page 158

In the absence of mitigating circumstances, a group is liable to be timed if it is in excess of the time allowed and in the case of second or subsequent groups, out of position. From the commencement of timing, if any player exceeds 50 seconds on a 'first to play approach shot (including Par 3 tee shot), chip or putt', or 40 seconds if it is a tee shot or 'second or third to play shot', he is deemed to have had a 'bad time'. A player whose group is timed will have a bad time carried forward in the round even if the group subsequently arrives back in position or within time.

Penalty for breach of the Condition:

One bad time	Verbal warning
Two bad times	One stroke penalty
Three bad times	Two stroke penalty or loss of hole
Four bad times	Disqualification

Note:

- Players will NOT necessarily be advised that they are being timed.
- Timings will be taken from the moment it is deemed by the Official that it is the player's turn to play.
- The player must as soon as possible be informed about warning or penalty.
- In some circumstances, an individual player, or two players within a group of three, may be timed instead of the entire group.

4. Suspension of Play (Note to Rule 6-8b) – Page 158

Discontinue Play Immediately: One prolonged note of siren

Discontinue Play: Three consecutive notes of siren, repeated

Resume Play: Two short notes of siren, repeated

Penalty for breach of Condition: Disqualification

5. Transportation – Page 159

Players must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorized by the Committee.

Exception 1: Players on SGF Senior Tour in classes D70 and H70 if authorized by their home club.

Exception 2: Players with a medical certificate issued by an official Swedish Golf Federation physician.

6. Anti-Doping

Players are required to comply with and be bound by the Anti-Doping Policy adopted by the Swedish Confederation of Sports and WADA.

Note: Players should be aware that, under the Anti-Doping Policy, if a player is found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation, he may face disqualification both from the tournament at which he was tested (or otherwise committed the violation) and from any subsequent tournament in which he participated until provisionally suspended or rendered ineligible under the Policy. Disqualification in such cases includes the loss of all results, points and prize money.

7. Scoring Area, Scorecard Returned

The recording area may include but is not limited to; temporary buildings, tents or permanent rooms. Others may be defined on the official notice board. A scorecard will be deemed returned when a player has completely left the recording area.

8. Result of the Competition – Competition Closed

The Competition is closed when the final result is officially published by the committee.

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