

Local Rules and Conditions of Competition - Idaho Junior Tour

The Rules of the United State of Golf Association govern play. See applicable Championship Notice to Players for modifications or additions to these Local Rules. Complete text of Rules and Model Local Rules may be found in the current "Rules of Golf".

Unless otherwise provided, penalty for breach of a Model Local Rule is the general penalty:

Stroke Play - Two Strokes

2025 Local Rules

Out of Bounds - Defined by the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts. Rule 18.2.

Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule A-5; a ball coming to rest on or beyond the road is out of bounds, even if it comes to rest on another part of the course that is in bounds for other holes.

All closed gates that are attached to boundary walls and fences are part of the boundary object. Relief is not allowed from such a gate under rules 15.2 or 16.1 (Model Local Rule F-26). But an open gate is not treated as part of the boundary object and may be closed or moved to a different position.

Red and Yellow 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.

Ground Under Repair - Defined by white lines. French drains are ground under repair.

Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage, but only when so declared by an authorized member of the Committee. When immediately adjacent to an immovable obstruction, such an area is part of that obstruction.

Obstructions - Includes asphalt and artificially surfaced roads and paths. White lined areas tying into roads and paths have the same status as the road or path; thus they are obstructions and not ground under repair. Railroad ties, curbing or the like adjoining a cart path are deemed to be part of the cart path. Relief from ground netting and putting green liners is available for lie of ball and area of intended swing only.

Conforming Driver Heads - Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-1.

Conforming Golf Balls - Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-3.

Scorecards - If a Player returns a scorecard without the hole scores being certified either by the player, the marker, or both, the player gets the general penalty. The penalty applies to the last hole of the player's round. Refer to Model Local Rule L-1.

When a scorecard is returned - Under Rule 3.3b, a player must promptly proceed to the scoring area once their round is completed. The player's scorecard is returned to the committee 15 minutes after the scorecard is accepted into the electronic scoring system.

- Exception 1: If the player is in the scoring area when the 15-minute time limit expires, the player's scorecard is only returned when the player leaves the scoring area.
- Exception 2: A player's scorecard is returned if any of the following four events occur, even if it occurs before the 15-minute time limit has expired of the player is still in the scoring area.:
 - Starting times have been released after a cut has been made.
 - The player begins their next round.
 - Any player has made a stroke to begin a play-off.
 - The competition has closed.

Note: When applying the Exception to Rule 3.3b(3) or under any Rule where a player must correct a mistake before returning their scorecard the player's scorecard is returned when the player has left the scoring area.

Practice - Prior to and after a round in stroke play, a player may practice on the designated practice areas. In stroke play, a player may practice on the course after completing play of his or her final round for that day. Prior to and between a round in match play, a player may practice on the course. Rule 5.2.

Refer to Rule 5.5b for when practicing between holes is allowed

Stopping and Resuming Play - Local Rule as prescribed in section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule J-1. 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.

Note: An immediate suspension will be signaled by one prolonged air horn note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive air horn notes. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short air horn notes.

Pace of Play - A player shall be subject to penalty if he/she unduly delays play. Notes under Rule 5.6 and Optional Condition as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule K. See the separate memorandum for the IGA Pace of Play Policy.

Sod Seams - Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-7. Relief for the Seam only. Relief available for lie of ball and area of intended swing only.

Wood Chips and Mulch - Are loose impediments. Wood chips and mulch used for artificially surfaced roads/paths remain loose impediments. This right is not cancelled by the fact that when a path is constructed of wood chips and mulch it becomes an artificially surfaced path and thus an immovable obstruction.

Integral Objects - Include cables, rods, wires and wrappings when closely attached to trees.

Temporary Immovable Obstructions (TIO) - Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-23. Relief from a TIO is allowed when there is physical interference or line of play interference from the TIO.

Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Greens - Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-5.1. 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. and
 - Both the ball and the obstruction are in part of the general area cut to fairway height or less

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.

Music and Video Devices - Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-8. Rule 4.3a(4) is modified in the way: During a round, a player must not listen to or watch content of any nature on a personal audio or video device.

- First Breach: General Penalty
- Second Breach: Disqualification

Power Lines - If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a power line (or tower or a wire pole supporting a power line) during play, the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made. Refer to Rule 14.6.

Close of Competition - 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 it is reported to the Committee and/or the result as posted on the public scoreboard.

Official Walking Scorer - Juniors in the 12u Series will be assigned an official walking scorer.

Maximum Score - All Idaho Junior Tour events except the Master Tour events and Idaho Junior Am will be played under the Rule 21-2, Maximum Score. The maximum score will be "10" on any hole. Rule 21.2(c)

Caddies - Rule 10.3a is modified in this way; A player must not have a caddie during the round.

Cart Policy - During a round, a player must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized or later approved by the committee. Model Local Rule G-6.

Idaho Junior Tour Dress Code - Players must abide by the IGA dress code during practice and competitive rounds. Men's shirts must have collars and sleeves and must be tucked in. Denim, blue jeans, gym shorts and cutoffs are not permitted. Boys may wear shorts. Shorts must not be rolled up or synched up. Undergarments and inside pockets must not be showing outside of shorts.

Women's shirts may be collarless and sleeveless, but spaghetti straps are prohibited. Denim, blue jeans, gym shorts and cutoffs are not permitted. Yoga pants and leggings are permitted only if covered by shorts or a skirt. Shirts are not required to be tucked in, but midribs may not be visible. Dress Code applies to all players.

Penalty for breach of IGA dress code - may be prohibited from competing.

Idaho Junior Tour Player Code of Conduct Policy - All players are expected to play in the spirit of the game, juniors that act in manners such as: throwing clubs, using inappropriate language on the course, damaging the course, or misbehaving will be issued the following penalties:

- 1st Offence: Warning
- 2nd Offence: General penalty (two penalty strokes)
- 3rd Offence: DQ'd

These penalties will carryover to the next events.

Idaho Junior Tour Zero-Tolerance - There is a zero-tolerance policy for cheating and damaging course property on the Idaho Junior Tour. Juniors that have been found to cheat or damage property will be automatically DQ'd from the event and will be required to sit out the next event they are registered for. Multiple infractions will result in removal from the Idaho Junior Tour for the remainder of the season.