

WISCONSIN PGA RULES OF PLAY

Play is governed by the most recent USGA Rules of Golf and where applicable by the following Local Rules and Definitions. Appendix I refers to Appendix I of Local Rules in the USGA Rules of Golf booklet. Unless otherwise provided, penalty for breach of Local Rule is: Stroke Play – Two Strokes. Match Play – Loss of Hole.

1. **AERATION HOLES:** The local rule as prescribed in Appendix I shall be in effect through the green and on the putting green.
2. **AUTOMOTIVE TRANSPORTATION:** An automotive cart is part of the player's equipment. (see decisions 18/8 & 33-8/4) A player or players using a cart or their caddies may not drive the cart past the ball until all shots have been played to the green. First violation – warning, penalty for 2nd violation – two strokes under 6-7. Past the ball is deemed to be past the nearest ball to the green. If the players or caddie drive slightly past the ball in search of a lost ball, this is not considered past the ball. Players are allowed to violate this rule if it pertains to safety.
3. **ELECTRONIC MEASURING DEVICES:** In this competition 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.
4. **EMBEDDED BALL THROUGH THE GREEN:** Local rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.
5. **GROUND UNDER REPAIR:** (1) Areas defined by white lines; (2) French drains which are exposed trenches filled with rocks or stones; (3) Newly trenched areas and Sod Seams – relief is for lie of ball only.
6. **INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE –** When located within water hazards or within and/or around bunkers, retaining walls and pilings are integral parts of the course.
7. **LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS AND LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS** Optional Conditions as prescribed in Appendix I are in effect.

8. **PACE OF PLAY:** (Rule 6-7 Undue Delay) A player shall be subject to penalty if he unduly delays play. The local Rule for Pace of Play is in effect and posted.
9. **PERMANENT ELEVATED POWER LINES, CABLES AND POLES ON THE COURSE:** If a ball strikes such a line, cable or pole, the stroke shall be cancelled and the ball must be replayed without penalty in accordance with Rule 20-5.
10. **ROADS AND PATHS –** Asphalt and artificially surfaced roads and paths are obstructions. (1) White lined areas tying into roads have the same status as the roads or paths, and are thus obstructions and not Ground Under Repair. (2) Any damage directly adjacent to path is considered to be part of the obstruction.
11. **STAKED TREES:** If lie of ball, stance and/or area of intended swing is interfered with by a stake attached to a tree and/or rope/wire, they are to be treated as an Immovable Obstruction. Relief without penalty from the tree itself is not permitted.
12. **STONES IN BUNKERS** are movable obstructions (24-1 applies).
13. **SUSPENSION OF PLAY:** Suspend Play Immediately – One prolonged note of siren, repeated. Suspend Play – Three consecutive notes of siren, repeated (see Rule 6-8 b).
14. **TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS –** The local rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect. Any tent or immovable object that is erected solely for the purpose of the Championship is deemed to be a T.I.O.
15. **TURF PLUGS –** On the putting green, in addition to Rule 16-1c, the player may repair turf plugs of any size.

16. **BALL ACCIDENTALLY MOVED ON THE 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 ball-marker 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.



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