



**ST. LOUIS WOMEN'S DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION  
LOCAL RULES AND TERMS OF THE COMPETITION HARD CARD  
FOR 2021 CHAMPIONSHIPS**



The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and The R&A govern play. These Local Rules and Terms of the Competition are in effect at all STLWDGA championships and qualifying rounds. See applicable championship or qualifying round Notice to Players, Entry Application and Correspondence to Players for modifications or additions to these Local Rules and Terms of the Competition. Complete text of the Rules and Local Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 2019, plus the Clarifications issued by the USGA. Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty.

**Out of Bounds** - Defined by the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts, white painted lines, and white painted dots.

**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.

- Yellow Penalty Area- Penalty area defined by yellow lines or yellow stakes. Rule 17.1d(1) and (2).
- Red Penalty Area- Penalty area defined by red lines or red stakes. Rule 17.1d(1), (2) and (3).

Note: Yellow Penalty Areas will be played as Red Penalty Areas during the play of any other hole.

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

**Ball Played from Outside Relief Area When Taking Back-On-the-Line Relief** - Model Local Rule E-12 is in effect.

**Limiting When Stroke Made From Putting Green Must Be Replayed Under Exception 2 to Rule 11.1b** – Model Local Rule D-7 is in effect.

**Relief from Seams of Cut Turf** - Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-7.

**Animal Hoof Damage** - Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-13.

**Temporary Immovable Obstructions** – Local Rule (including greenside fans) as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-23.

**Replacement of Broken or Significantly Damaged Club** - Model Local Rule G-9 is in effect.

**White-Lined Areas Tying Into Artificially Surfaced Roads and Paths** - White-lined areas of ground under repair and the artificially surfaced roads, paths or other identified immovable obstructions that they are connected to are a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.

**Wood Chips and Mulch** – Are loose impediments.

**Landscaped Areas of Flowers and Plants (Excluding Native Grasses, Extreme rough and Wildflower Areas Not Otherwise Designated) are No Play Zones- Relief is Mandatory:** Those enclosed by an immovable obstruction are part of the immovable obstruction. Others are ground under repair. Rule 16.1f applies to abnormal course conditions on the course other than in penalty areas. Rule 17.1e applies to penalty areas. Interference also exists when a ball is outside the no play zone, but the no play zone interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing.

**Integral Objects** – Include cables, rods, wires, and wrappings when closely attached to trees, and artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas and bunkers, and bunker liners when in their intended position.

**Prohibiting Use of Certain Types of Shoes** -- Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-7. Penalty for breach of Local Rule – see Rule 4.3.

**Prohibiting Use of Audio and Video Devices** -- Rule 4.3a(4) is modified in this way: During a round, phones must be on silent/vibrate mode. Penalty for breach of Local Rule – see Rule 4.3.

**Pace of Play** – See separate memorandum to players for pace of play policy.

**Stopping and Resuming Play** – If the Committee declares an immediate suspension of play for a dangerous situation, all players must stop play at once and must not make another stroke until the Committee resumes play. An immediate suspension will be signaled by one prolonged note of airhorn or siren. All practice areas are closed during an immediate suspension 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. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive notes of airhorn or siren. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short notes of airhorn or siren. See Rules 5.7b and 5.7c.

**Practice** – Prior to and after a round in stroke play, a player may practice on the designated practice areas. Rule 5.2b covering practice in stroke play is modified in this way: A player may NOT practice on the competition course before or between rounds except as stated in the previous sentence and except for practice putting or chipping on or near his/her first teeing area. Penalty for breach of Local Rule, see Rule 5.2.

**St. Louis Women's District Golf Association Code of Conduct:**

**Attire** – Only proper attire will be allowed. Participants may wear skirts, skorts, tailored slacks or golf shorts. Tight or short shorts and skirts, tight slacks and tank-like tops are prohibited. Ball caps shall only be worn on the golf course, never in the clubhouse.

**Carts** – Carts are required for all tournaments except Three-Day and Invitational Championship.

**Cart Drivers** – Only players may drive carts. Penalty for breach of this local rule is one stroke for each breach.

**Caddies** - Rule 10.3a is modified in this way: A player must not have relatives, Association members or golf professionals as her caddie. Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule H-1.2.

**When Competition is Final** – 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 the Committee has approved the result as posted on the public scoreboard.

**Note:** STLWDGA does not have an evacuation plan for an immediate suspension of play. Players are responsible for their own safety.