



# PAN ARAB JUNIORS & LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP 2022

## CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION AND LOCAL RULES

The following Terms of competition and Local Rules, together with any additions or amendments published by the Tunisian Golf Federation apply to all tournaments run under the auspices of the Tunisian Golf Federation.

For the full text of the following Local Rules and Conditions, please refer to the Committee Procedures effective from January 2019 as published by R&A Rules Limited.

### SECTION A – CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

#### 1. SPECIFICATION OF CLUBS AND BALLS

- a) List of Conforming Driver Heads : Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect. Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of the Local Rule: Disqualification
- b) Groove and Punch Mark Specifications : Model Local Rule G-2 is in effect. Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of the Local Rule: Disqualification.
- c) List of Conforming Golf Balls : Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect. Penalty for breach of local rule : Disqualification.

#### 2. PACE OF PLAY [Rule 5.6]

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**.

The time allowed will be determined by the Tournament Director or Chief Referee and will be published on the official notice board.

The first group and any group after a starter’s gap will be Out of Position if, at any time during the round, the group’s cumulative time exceeds the time allowed for the number of holes completed. Any following group will be Out of Position if it is more than the starting interval behind the group in front and has exceeded the time allowed for the number of holes completed.

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 Condition :

- 1<sup>st</sup> bad time - Verbal warning from Official.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> bad time - One Stroke Penalty.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> bad time - General Penalty.
- 4<sup>th</sup> bad time - Disqualification.

#### Notes:

1. Players will be advised that they are being timed.
2. Timings will be taken from the moment it is deemed by the Official that it is the player’s turn to play.
3. In some circumstances, an individual player, or two players within a group of three, may be timed instead of the entire group.

### **3.PLAY SUSPENSIONS [Rule 5.7]**

The following signals will be used to suspend and resume play :

- Discontinue play immediately: one prolonged note of siren.
- Discontinue play: three consecutive notes of siren, repeated.
- Resume play: two short notes of siren, repeated.

### **4.PRACTICE [Rule 5]**

a) Practice before or between rounds in Stroke Play [Rule 5.2b] : Model Local Rule I-1.2 is in effect. Rule 5.2b is modified in this way : “Before or between rounds a player must not practice on the competition course”. 1<sup>st</sup> breach: General Penalty. 2<sup>nd</sup> breach: Disqualification.

b) Practice on or Near Previous Putting Green Prohibited [Rule 5.5b] : Model Local Rule I-2 is in effect. Rule 5.5b is modified in this way : “Between the play of two holes, a player must not:

- Make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole just completed or
- Test the surface of that putting green by rubbing the putting green or rolling a ball”.

### **6.TRANSPORTATION POLICY**

Model Local Rule G-6 re motorized transportation is in effect. Rule 4.3a is modified in this way:

“During a round a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorised transportation except as authorised by the rules committee”. (A player taking a stroke and distance penalty is always authorised).

### **7.HOW TO DECIDE TIES**

In the event of ties for first place, there will be a hole-by-hole sudden death play-off to determine the winner. If there are more than 2 players contending in the playoff, those other than the winner will share second place.

### **8.RECORDING 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.

### **9.RESULT OF THE COMPETITION – COMPETITION CLOSED**

When the final results sheet is placed on the official notice board, the result of the Competition is deemed to have been officially announced and the competition closed.

## **SECTION A – LOCAL RULES**

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is The General Penalty.

### **1.OUT OF BOUNDS [Rule 18.2]**

- a) A ball is out of bounds when it is beyond any wall, fence or white stakes defining the boundary of the course.
- b) A ball which crosses a 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 which is in bounds for other holes.

### **2.PENALTY AREAS [Rule 17]**

Opposite Side Relief : When a penalty area adjoins a boundary, the penalty area edge extends to and coincides with the boundary. When a player’s ball is found in or it is known or virtually certain to have come to rest in any penalty area where the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area at a point that coincides with the boundary of the course, opposite side relief is available under Model Local Rule B-2.1.

### **3.ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS [Rule 16.1]**

#### **1) Ground Under Repair :**

- a) All areas bounded by white or blue lines or blue stakes.

- b) French drains (stone-filled drainage ditches).
- c) Seams of Cut Turf – Model Local Rule F7 is in effect.
- d) Any erosional damage in bunkers caused by running water (wash-outs).
- e) Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage, including areas where spectators or other traffic has combined with wet conditions to affect materially the ground surface, but only when so declared by an authorised member of the Committee.

## **2) Immovable Obstructions :**

- a) White lined areas that tie into any immovable obstruction are treated as part of the obstruction.
- b) Landscaped garden areas (plant beds, groves etc) and everything growing in them that are surrounded by an immovable obstruction are treated as a single abnormal ground condition.
- c) Mats that are secured and all ramps covering cables.
- d) Roads and paths surfaced with woodchip or mulch. Individual pieces of woodchip are loose impediments.
- e) Non-permanent bridges erected for players or spectators.

Restriction on Relief from Stance in Animal Hole : Rule 16.1 is modified in this way. “Interference does not exist if the Animal hole interferes with only the player’s stance”.

## **4.DROPPING ZONES**

Where a dropping zone is marked, it is an additional option for relief. The dropping zone is a relief area [Rule.14.3]. A ball must be dropped in and come to rest in the relief area.

## **5.INTEGRAL OBJECTS**

- a) Artificial retaining walls and pilings when located within Penalty Areas.
- b) Bunker liners in their intended position.
- c) Wires, cables or wrapping when closely attached to trees or objects defining the boundary of the course.
- d) Any closed gate attached to a boundary object.

## **6.PERMANENT ELEVATED CABLES**

If a ball strikes an elevated power line or cable, the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made in accordance with Rule 14.6.

## **7.TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS [TIO]**

Model Local Rules F-22 re Temporary Power Lines and Cables and F-23 re TIO are in effect.

Dropping Zone Policy : In the General Area, when a player’s ball lies in or on a TIO or so close to the TIO that it interferes with the stance or area of intended swing and relief is required, the player may proceed under any of the options allowed under the TIO local rule or Rule 16.1 or, if dropping zones have been marked, as an additional option, the player may drop the original ball or another ball, without penalty, in the nearest dropping zone. This is true even if it is nearer the hole.

## **8.IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREENS [MLR F-5]**

Model Local Rule F-5 is in effect but modified as follows : For a ball in the general area, relief is allowed only when : (i) Both the ball and the immovable obstruction lie in an area cut to the fairway height or less (ii) The obstruction must be two club-lengths of the putting green (iii) be on the players line of play and (iv) the ball must be within two club-lengths of the obstruction.

## **9.REPLACEMENT OF BROKEN OR SIGNIFICANTLY DAMAGED CLUBS [MLR G-9]**

Model Local Rule G-9 is in effect : Rule 4.1b(3) is modified in this way : If a player’s club is “broken or significantly damaged” during the round by the player or caddie, except in cases of abuse, the player may replace the club with any club under Rule 4.1b(4)

## **10.LIMITING WHEN STROKE MADE FROM PUTTING GREEN MUST BE REPLAYED [MLR D-7]**

Model Local Rule D-7 is in effect : Exception 2 to Rule 11.1b applies, except that when a ball played from the putting green accidentally hits : The player, The club used by the player to make the stroke,

or An animal defined as a loose impediment (that is, worms, insects and similar animals that can be removed easily)

## **11.CODE OF CONDUCT [Rule 1.2]**

Breaches of the Code of Conduct and incurred penalties are as follows:

### **(a) Failure to care for the course**

Falling into this category, any action which undermines the integrity of the course such as :

- Entering a no play zone where entering is prohibited.
- Systematically not replacing divots.
- Not raking footprints in bunkers.
- Not repairing ball-marks.
- Not replacing course equipment which has been removed
- Dropping the flagstick on the green without slowing the fall.
- Leaving waste or cigarette butts on the course...

### **(b) Unacceptable language**

- Falling into this category, any verbal manifestation disturbing the quietness which usually should reign in the game of golf.
- Insults or threats may be considered as a serious breach of the Code of Conduct and may cause immediate disqualification, possibly followed by an appearance before the EGF disciplinary Committee.
- Insulting a referee or a Committee member may cause immediate exclusion from the course.

### **(c) Inappropriate behaviour**

Falling into this category behaviour which is unacceptable on a golf course such as:

- Infringing a smoking prohibition.
- Distracting other players by making noise, using mobile phone etc.
- Throwing a club.
- Striking equipment in anger (with a club or by kicking).
- Damaging the soil by striking it with a club.
- Violently putting back the flagstick in the hole.
- Being under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances.

Serious misconduct in failing to meet the Code's standards may cause immediate general penalty or even disqualification, possibly followed by an appearance before the EGA disciplinary Committee.

Penalties incurred for being under the influence of illegal substances do not preclude the sanctions imposed under the EGF anti-doping disciplinary regulation.

Examples of player's actions which may be considered as a serious misconduct :

- Deliberately breaking his own equipment or any course equipment (e.g.: tee markers).
- Deliberately causing serious damage to a putting green.
- Disagreeing with the course setup and taking it on himself to move tee-markers or boundary stakes.
- Throwing a club towards another player or spectator.
- Deliberately distracting other players while they are making strokes.
- Removing loose impediments or movable obstructions to disadvantage another player after that other player has asked him to leave them in place.
- Repeatedly refusing to lift a ball at rest when it interferes with another player in stroke play.
- Deliberately not playing in accordance with the Rules and potentially gaining a significant advantage by doing so, despite incurring a penalty for a breach of the relevant Rule.
- Committing an act of physical aggression.

### **Penalty for breach of the Code of Conduct (Sections a,b,c) :**

- 1st breach – Warning.
- 2nd breach – One stroke penalty.
- 3rd breach – Additional General Penalty.
- 4th breach – Disqualification.
- Serious misconduct – General Penalty or Disqualification.