



Conditions of Competition/Local Rules established by the Estonian Golf Association (EGA)

The current local rules apply in all Estonian Golf Association (EGA) competitions as well as other competitions should the organizers so wish.

Conditions of Competition

1. Rules

R&A Ltd official golf rules, current conditions of competition and local rules as well as the local rules of the competition course apply at all EGA competitions.

2. Clothing and Footwear

In respect of clothing and footwear, the etiquette rules of the club must be followed. Only soft spikes are allowed for golf shoes. Short sports pants and jeans are not allowed.

Penalty for breach of condition: prohibition to start a round or disqualification.

3. Behavior and Etiquette

In case of breach of etiquette and course rules on behavior, offending or attacking Committee members or competition organizers, the Competition Committee has the right to disqualify the competitor and penalize him/her with a rejection of entry at up to two next EGA competitions for which the competitor

would be eligible (under the conditions of competition).

4. Driving Clubs

The driver the competitor carries must have a club head, identified by model and loft, which is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by R&A Rules Limited

(see www.randa.org). Penalty for breach of condition: disqualification.

5. Golf Balls (Note to Rule 5-1)

All competitors in the competition must play with a ball that is named on the current R&A List of Conforming Golf Balls (see www.randa.org). Penalty for breach of condition: disqualification.

6. Caddie

The competitor is fully responsible for his/her caddie's actions. Any breach of rules, competition conditions or etiquette by the caddie results in a penalty to the player. Caddie's outfit must meet the requirements set for the clothes of the player, footwear must be sports shoes without spikes.

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

The Committee determines the maximum time for completing the stipulated round as well as for each hole and makes this information available to the players (incl. putting it up on the notice board).

The player must play without undue delay. In order to keep up the pace of play, the Committee may time maximum penalty per round: four strokes.

the group that is out of position and is in excess of the time allowed. Out of position is defined as being more than the starting interval behind the group in front. From the commencement of timing, if any competitor exceeds 50 seconds on a

first to play shot or 40 seconds if it is a second or third to play shot, he/ she is deemed to have a "bad time" and may be given a warning for not keeping up with pace of play.

One bad time - verbal warning from a Rules Official

Two bad times - one stroke penalty

Three bad times - two stroke penalty

Four bad times - disqualification

(1) Competitors may not be advised that they are being timed.

(2) Timings will be taken from the moment it is deemed by a Rules Official that it is the competitor's turn to play.

8. Suspension of Play due to a Dangerous Situation. Thunderstorm.

Rule 6-8b applies.

The signal for the suspension of play due to a dangerous situation will be: Discontinue Play Immediately: one prolonged note of siren.

Discontinue Play: three consecutive notes of siren, repeated. Resume Play: two short notes of siren, repeated.

8.1 In Case of Thunderstorm

In the event of a thunderstorm one prolonged note of siren indicates suspension of play. The player must discontinue play immediately, mark his/her ball (e.g. with tee/tees) and leave the course. If a player fails to discontinue play immediately, **he/she is disqualified**, unless circumstances warrant waiving the penalty as provided in Rule 33-7. Resumption of play is indicated by two short notes of siren, repeated.

9. Practice during the Round

In a stroke play competition between the play of two holes the competitor must not make a practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole last played. Penalty for breach of condition: two strokes (the penalty applies to the next hole); if the breach occurs on the last hole of the stipulated round, the penalty applies to this hole.

10. Transportation

Competitors shall walk at all times during a stipulated round unless permitted to use transportation by the Committee (e.g. for medical reasons). To keep up with the pace of play the competitor may use the transportation offered by the member of the competition committee or a person assigned by him/her to return to the place where the last stroke was made.

Penalty for breach of condition:

Match play: at the conclusion of the hole at which the breach is discovered, the state of the match is adjusted by deducting one hole for each hole at which the breach occurred; maximum deduction per round – two holes.

Stroke play: two strokes for each hole at which the breach occurred;

11. Use of electronic devices

The 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 condition:

Match play: loss of hole;

Stroke play: two strokes;

For subsequent offence – Disqualification.

12. Abnormal Ground Conditions (Note to Rule 25-1)

Relief is denied for interference to stance from a hole, cast or runway made by a burrowing animal, a reptile or a bird.

13. Stones in Bunkers

Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions (Rule 24-1) and can be removed without penalty.

14. Bunker Faces

Grass-covered ground bordering or within a bunker including a stacked turf face (whether grass-covered or earthen), is not „closely mown area“ (Rule 25-2).

15. Temporary Immovable Obstructions

The specimen Local Rule in the Rules of Golf is in effect (point 7a, pages 135-138).

16. Temporary Power Lines and Cables

The specimen Local Rule in the Rules of Golf is in effect (point 7b, pages 138-139).

17. Advice in Team Competitions (Note to Rule 8)

In accordance with the Note to Rule 8 of the Rules of Golf, each team may appoint one person (in addition to the persons from whom advice may be asked under that Rule) who may give advice to members of that team. Such person must be identified to the Committee before giving advice.

18. Using doping

Estonian Golf Association stands on the values and principles of clean sport, also on the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Code, the International Golf Federation anti-doping rules (<http://www.igfgolf.org/medical-anti-doping/>) and Estonian anti-doping rules

(http://www.antidoping.ee/?cat_1=2&ID=2). Competitions will be co-operated and prepared to conduct of the Estonian Anti-doping in order to enable the smooth in competition testing.”

