



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

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

### I 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 set by the club or by competition organizer must be followed.

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

#### 3. Behavior and Etiquette

In case of breach of etiquette rules and offending or attacking Committee members, competition organizers or volunteers, 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 and Conforming Golf Balls

Competitor's driver and golf balls must be named in the current List of Conforming Driver Heads and Golf Balls issued by R&A Rules Limited (see [www.randa.org](http://www.randa.org)).

Penalty for breach of condition: disqualification.

#### 5. Caddie

The competitor is fully responsible for his or 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.

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

#### a) Time Allowed

Each hole has been given a maximum completion time by the Committee based upon the length and difficulty of the hole, weather conditions and size of the starting groups. Pace of play table by holes must be available to the players prior to play. This table is published on the notice board before the competition together with the starting times.

The first group and any group after a starter's gap will be considered to be "out of position" if, at any time during the round, the group's cumulative time exceeds the time allowed in the pace of play table for the number of holes completed. Any following group will be considered "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 played.

#### b) Procedure when Group is Out of Position

i. If a decision is taken to time the group, each player in the group will be advised by the referee that they are "out of position" and each player in the group will be subject to individual timing.

ii. The maximum time allocated per stroke is 40 seconds. 10 extra seconds are allocated for the first player to play:

- on a par three hole;
- an approach shot; and
- a chip or putt.

The timing will start when a player has had sufficient time to reach his or her ball, it is his or her turn to play and he or she is able to play without interference or distraction.

On the putting green, timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to mark and clean his or her ball, move loose impediments on his or her line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond

the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

A player is deemed to have had a "bad time" if he or she exceeds the allocated time for a stroke and/or is considered by an official to consistently contribute to a group being "out of position" in the absence of mitigating circumstances.

iii. Timing ceases when a group is back in position and players will be advised accordingly.

Note: In some circumstances, an individual player may be timed instead of the entire group.

Penalty for Breach of Condition:

#### Stroke Play:

One bad time - Player will be warned by the Official  
Two bad times - One Stroke Penalty  
Three bad times - Two Stroke Penalty  
Four bad times - Disqualification

#### Match Play:

One bad time - Player will be warned by the Official  
Two bad times - Loss of Hole  
Three bad times - Further Penalty of Loss of Hole  
Four bad times - Disqualification

### c) Procedure when Again Out of Position during Same Round

If a group is "out of position" more than once during a round, the above procedure will apply on each occasion. Bad times and the application of penalties in the same round will be carried forward until the round is completed.

### 7. 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 who may give advice to members of that team (incl. indicating the line of putt). Such person must be identified to the Committee before giving advice.

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

If the Committee suspends play due to dangerous situation and if the players or the flight has finished the hole and not yet started a new one, they are not allowed to resume play until the Committee has given permission to do so. If the flight is in the middle of the

play of a hole, play must immediately be discontinued and must not be resumed until Committee's permission. If a player fails to discontinue play immediately, he or she is disqualified, unless circumstances warrant waiving the penalty as provided in Rule 33-7.

The following signals for the suspension of play are used:

Discontinue Play Immediately: one prolonged note of siren.

Discontinue Play: three consecutive notes of siren, repeated.

Resume Play: two short notes of siren, repeated.

### **9. Transportation**

Players must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorised by the Committee.

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 a breach occurred; maximum deduction per round – Two holes.

Stroke play – Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – Four strokes (two strokes at each of the first two holes at which any breach occurred).

Match play or stroke play – If a breach is discovered between the play of two holes, it is deemed to have been discovered during play of the next hole, and the penalty must be applied accordingly.

Use of any unauthorised form of transportation must be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred.

### **10. Return of Scorecards**

Competitors must return their scorecards as soon as possible, in accordance with Rule 6-6b, to the area designated by the Committee as the "Scoring or Recording Area". A competitor's scorecard is deemed officially returned to the Committee when the competitor has left the Scoring or Recording Area.

### **11. Registration to the Competition**

If the player has registered to a competition but does not show up at his or her starting time, or withdraws

from the participants' list after the registration is closed, the competition organizer has the right to request from this player full payment of the competition participation fee.

### **12. Using doping**

Estonian Golf Association's competitions are organized based 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](http://www.antidoping.ee/?cat_1=2&ID=2)). Estonian Anti-doping is involved in preparing and carrying out the competition in order to enable the smooth testing during the competition.

### **13. Use of personal data**

Competitor agrees to be filmed, televised, photographed, identified and otherwise recorded during the event. Competition organizer is authorized to use the material in relation to the promotion of the competition and the organizer. Parental agreement is presumed for players under 18 years.

## **II Local Rules**

### **14. 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

### **15. Stones and Cones in Bunkers**

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

### **16. Temporary Immovable Obstructions**

The specimen Local Rule in the Rules of Golf is in effect (point 4b in Appendix I, Part A "Local Rules").

### **17. Temporary Power Lines and Cables**

The specimen Local Rule in the Rules of Golf is in effect (point 4c in Appendix I, Part A "Local Rules").

### **18. Accidentally Causing the Ball to Move on the Putting Green**

Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 have been amended as follows:

If the player's ball or ball-marker which is on the putting green is moved accidentally by the player, his or her partner, opponent or either of their caddies or equipment, there is no penalty. Moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced according to rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1.

This local rule applies only in case the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green.

Note: if it is clear that the player's ball on the putting green was moved by the wind, water or by some other natural cause (e.g. gravity), the ball must be played from its new position. The ball-marker moved by the above-mentioned conditions must be replaced.

### **19. Distance-measuring 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 stroke

For subsequent offence - Disqualification.

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