

Estonian Mid-Am Open, Pärnu Bay Golf Links, June 26-27, 2025

Local Rules

1. Abnormal Course Conditions (Including Immovable Obstructions) (Rule 16)

- (1) All distance marking stakes, surfaced paths and roads, all sprinklers, flat metal penalty area markers, drainage grates, wooden retaining wall on hole 18 near and around the green, benches, wooden paths (including in waste areas), and bridges are immovable obstructions (Rule 16.1).
- (2) Ground under repair is marked by blue stakes and/or painted line. When both stakes and line are used, marking line applies (Rule 16.1).
- (3) Model Local Rule F-11 Ant hills on the course are at the player's choice either loose impediments that may be removed under Rule 15.1 or ground under repair from which free relief is allowed under rule 16.1.
- (4) Model Local Rule F-15 Mushrooms that are attached on the putting green are ground under repair from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1d.

2. Penalty areas (Rule 17)

- (1) Penalty area is marked with red markers and/or painted line. When both markers and line are used, marking line applies. Additionally, any unmarked pond, ditch, drainage, sea, or bed of any other open water body is treated as red penalty area. The natural break defines the margin.

3. Movable obstructions (Rule 15.2)

- (1) Next tee signs, penalty area stakes.

4. No Play Zones

- (1) Heather areas on hole 4 defined by painted blue line and marked with blue stakes are No Play Zones. If a player's ball is in a No Play Zone, the ball MUST NOT be played as it lies, and the player MUST take free relief under Rule 16.1f. If a player's ball is in that No Play Zone, the ball MUST NOT be played as it lies, and the player MUST take free relief under Rule 16.1f, whereas the player may drop a ball in a dropping zone (marked with white painted line and DZ),
- (2) Model Local Rule E-8.1 The area marked with black stakes and rope is an environmentally sensitive No Play Zone and entering that area or playing from there is not allowed. **If a No Play Zone is within penalty area, a player must take a penalty relief under Rule 17.2.**

5. Bunkers and sand (waste) areas

- (1) Sand areas with rakes therein are bunkers. All other sand areas are parts of general area.

Suspension of Play (Rule 5.7). The following signals are used to suspend and resume play:

- Immediate suspension due to an approaching danger: 1 prolonged signal;
- Suspension due to a non-dangerous situation: 3 consecutive signals;
- Resumption of play: 2 consecutive signals;
- Note! If play is suspended due to an approaching danger, all practice areas are immediately closed too.

Breach of local rules is a general penalty (2 strokes penalty in Stroke Play or loss of a hole in Match Play).

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