

Estonian Junior Open 2026

Local Rules

1. Out of Bounds (Rule 18.2)

- (1) Out of bounds is defined by the line between the course-side points at ground level of white stakes and/or white line. When both stakes and line are used, marking line applies.
- (2) White stakes defining out of bounds are deemed to be boundary objects (Rule 8.1a).
- (3) The ball is deemed to be out of bounds when it comes to rest on a closely mown area of the general area of the 12th hole when playing the 11th hole and on a closely mown area of the 16th hole when playing the 17th hole (Rule 18.2a).

2. Distance markers

- (1) Distance marks in general area show distance to the centre of the green: white – 200m, yellow – 150m, red – 100m.

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

- (1) Immovable obstructions are all distance markers in general area, all roads, even if not artificially surfaced, benches, advertising boards, advertising flags, information boards at tee areas, ball washers, clocks, all sprinklers, drainage grates, lamps on the 18th green island, the wooden path in the 18th hole bunker, and utility boxes (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).

4. Penalty areas (Rule 17)

- (1) Penalty area is marked with red stakes and/or painted line. When both stakes and line are used, marking line applies.

5. Movable obstructions (Rule 15.2)

- (1) Penalty area stakes, stakes connected with rope or chain.

6. No Play Zones

- (1) No Play Zones are marked with the corresponding sign and/or blue and white stakes. When both stakes and line are used, marking line applies. The player must take mandatory relief (Rule 16.1f).
- (2) Trees and plants supported by a bamboo stick or marked with a blue ribbon or spray are deemed to be in No Play Zone and play from the area of interference with the player stance or intended swing is prohibited. The player must take mandatory relief (Rule 16.1f).
- (3) The opposite bank of the ditch located in the right-hand side penalty area of the 1st hole and the area beyond it, including the road, are deemed to be No Play Zone (Rule 17.1e).

7. Preferred Lies

- (1) Model Local Rule E-3 Preferred Lies Rule. A ball in the general area, cut to fairway height or less, may be lifted, cleaned, and placed once within 10 cm from the ball's original spot on the general area without penalty, but not nearer the hole.
- (2) The ball must be placed in accordance with Rule 14.2b(2) and 14.2e.

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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