

**National School Games Golf Championships  
(15 – 16 April 2024)  
Laguna National Golf Resort Club, Masters Course**

**Local Rules**

The following Local Rules and Terms of Competition, together with any additions or amendments as published by The Committee, will apply to the Championship.

For the full text of any Local Rule referenced below, please refer to the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf effective January 2023.

**This set of Local Rules supersedes those that are printed on the back of scorecards.**

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty (loss of hole in match play or TWO penalty strokes in stroke play).

**1. Out of Bounds (Rule 18.2)**

- a. A ball is out of bounds when it is beyond any wall or fence defining a boundary

**2. Penalty Area (Rule 17)**

- a. When a penalty area adjoins a boundary, the penalty area edge extends to and coincides with the boundary.

Dropping Zones for Penalty Area (Holes 8, 12 & 17)

Where a Dropping Zone is marked for a penalty area, it is an additional option for relief under penalty of ONE stroke.

The Dropping Zone is a relief area. A ball must be dropped in and come to rest in the relief area.

- b. When a penalty area is surrounded by retaining walls, the water side edge of the retaining wall defines the penalty area. The retaining wall is an immovable obstruction.

**3. Abnormal Course Conditions (including Immovable Obstructions) (Rule 16)**

- a. Ground Under Repair

- i. Any area bounded by a white line, including spectators crossing points where marked.
- ii. Any area of damaged ground (e.g. caused by crowd or vehicle movement) that is considered by a referee to be abnormal.
- iii. Seams of cut turf; Model Local Rule F-7 is in effect.

- b. Immovable Obstructions

- i. White lined areas and immovable obstruction they tie into are treated as a single abnormal course condition.
- ii. Concrete sleepers situation immediately next to a cart path are part of the cart path.
- iii. Concrete steps separating Waste Area and Bunker are within the bunker.
- iv. All advertising boards and/or yardage boards.
- v. Landscape garden areas and everything growing in them that are surrounded by an Immovable Obstruction are treated as a single Immovable Obstruction.

**4. Integral Objects**

The following are integral objects from which free relief is not allowed:

- a. Retaining walls and pilings when located in Penalty Areas.
- b. Bunker liners in their intended position.

**5. Changing Status of Area of Sand**

The prepared area of sand, indicated by Pompas grass, is part of the general area and not bunker. There is no free relief for an embedded ball in this area.

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### **6. Practice Area**

The practice chipping / putting area is defined by the concrete kerb surrounding this area.