



2025 LADIES EUROPEAN TOUR and LET ACCESS SERIES Local Rules and Terms of Competition Hard Card

The following Local Rules and Terms of Competition have been formulated after consultation with the Rules of Golf Committee of R&A Rules Limited and apply to all events on the Ladies European Tour (LET) and LET Access Series (LETAS).

In the event of a dispute arising as to the meaning of any Rule of Golf or LET or LETAS Local Rule, the Rule will be interpreted according to the current English edition of the Rules of Golf or LET and LETAS Local Rules Hard Card.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the General Penalty:

Match Play: Loss of Hole. Stroke Play: Two Strokes

SECTION A – LOCAL RULES

The following listed Local Rules, together with any additions or amendments as published by the Ladies European Tour at each golf course, will apply until further notice to all Tournaments under the auspices of the LET and LETAS.

For the full text of the Local Rules referenced below, please refer to the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf effective from January 2023 and the Clarifications updated quarterly by the R&A, available at www.randa.org.

1. OUT OF BOUNDS (RULE 18.2)

- a) A ball is out of bounds when it is beyond any wall defining a boundary.
- b) A ball that comes to rest beyond any road defining out of bounds, is out of bounds, even though it may come to rest on another part of the course.
- c) Closed Gates attached to boundary walls and fences:
“Any closed gate attached to boundary walls and fences are part of the boundary object and relief is not allowed from such a gate under Rules 15.2 or 16.1. But an open gate is not treated as part of the boundary object and may be closed or moved to a different position”.

2. PENALTY AREAS (RULE 17)

- a) **Opposite side Relief Where Ball Last Crossed Edge of Penalty Area Where the Edge and the Boundary of the Course Coincide.**
When a player's ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area where the edge of the penalty area and a boundary of the course coincide, that edge is deemed red and opposite side relief is available under [Model Local Rule B-2.2](#).
- b) **Dropping Zones for Penalty Areas**
Where a dropping zone is marked for a penalty area, it is an additional option under penalty of one stroke and [Model Local Rule E-1.1](#) is in effect. The dropping zone is a relief area under rule 14.3, meaning that a ball must be dropped in and come to rest in the relief area.

3. EMBEDDED BALL (RULE 16.3)

[Model Local Rule F-2.2](#) is in effect and Rule 16.3 is modified in this way:

“Free relief is not allowed when a ball is embedded in any stacked turf face above a bunker”.

4. ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS (RULE 16.1)

- a) **Ground Under Repair**
 - i. All areas bounded by white lines including spectator crossing points where marked.
 - ii. Seams of Cut Turf (All seams within the area of cut turf are treated as the same seam in taking relief under Rule 16.1): [Model Local Rule F-7](#) is in effect.
 - iii. Grass covered cable trenches under [Model Local Rule F-22](#).
 - iv. French drains (stone-filled drainage ditches).
 - v. A hole made after removing a movable obstruction in the general area, may be treated as ground under repair by the Committee but in such cases [Model Local Rule F-6](#) is in effect prohibiting relief when only stance interference exists.
- b) **Immovable Obstructions**
 - i. White lined areas and the immovable obstruction they tie into, are treated as a single obstruction.
 - ii. Landscaped garden areas (and everything growing in them) that are surrounded by an immovable obstruction, are treated as a single obstruction.
 - iii. Mats that are secured and all ramps covering cables (anything which is secured or fastened is not considered “readily movable” if it must be unfastened to be moved).
 - iv. Roads or paths surfaced with woodchips or mulch. Individual pieces of woodchips are loose impediments.
 - v. Non-permanent bridges erected for players or spectators, unless otherwise defined on the Supplementary Local Rules.
 - vi. The part of wires or temporary cables located outside penalty areas when they are fixing positions for floating sponsor boards located within the penalty area and cannot be moved; [Model Local Rule F-22](#) applies.
- c) **Temporary Water**
[Model Local Rule J-2](#) is in effect and modified as follows:
“When temporary water accumulates on the putting green, relief is available under Rule 16.1d or:
 - i. *The putting green may be squeegeed between groups.*
 - ii. *The player may have her line of play on the putting green squeegeed.*
 - iii. *Only when authorised by the Rules Committee, the player may have the putting green squeegeed when a ball lies adjacent to the putting green in any area of the course.*
 - iv. *Any combination of the above**Such Squeegeeing should be done across the line of play and extend a reasonable distance beyond the hole (that is at least one roller length) and only be carried out by the Committee or someone authorised by the Committee.*
- d) **Restriction on Relief from Stance in Animal Hole**
Rule 16.1 is modified in this way:
“Interference does not exist if the animal hole interferes with only the player's stance”.
- e) **Animal Not Defined as Loose Impediment Near Ball**
[Model Local Rule E-13](#) is in effect. An animal not defined as loose impediment may be removed. If the ball moves there is no penalty, and the ball must be replaced.
- f) **Restriction on Relief from Stance for Irrigation Pipes.**
Rule 16.1 is modified in this way:
“Interference does not exist if an irrigation pipe(s) interferes with the player's stance”.

g) Yardage Spots or Lines

Painted lines or spots (or dots) in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less, are to be treated as ground under repair from which relief is allowed under Rule 16.1, but interference does not exist if it interferes with only the player's stance.

5. IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREENS

Model Local Rule F-5.1 and F-5.2 are in effect as follows:

"For a ball in the general area, relief is allowed only when both the ball and the immovable obstruction lie in an area cut to fairway height or less".

6. GREEN READING MATERIAL RESTRICTIONS

Model Local Rule G-11 is in effect in this way (except for amateurs playing only in a pre-event Pro-Am Competition): Only Committee Approved material must be used. Approved material includes:

- i. Committee approved yardage books from 1st January 2022 onwards.
 - ii. Committee approved pin-position sheets.
 - iii. Map of the competition course no larger than an A4 sized piece of paper
- Restrictions on player's handwritten notes for green reading materials apply.

Penalty for first breach: General Penalty.

Penalty for second breach: Disqualification

7. INTEGRAL OBJECTS

- a) Bunker liners in their intended position. An exposed liner may be treated as ground under repair by the Committee, but in such cases Model Local Rule F-6 is in effect, prohibiting relief when only stance interference exists.
- b) The portion of wires, cables, wrapping or other objects when closely attached to trees or other permanent objects. Any portion of temporary objects not closely attached may be treated as a temporary immovable obstruction by the Committee.
- c) Artificial retaining walls and/or pilings when located within penalty areas.
- d) Artificial retaining walls and/or pilings when located on the edge of bunkers (these are not part of the bunker and are part of the general area)
- e) Floating sponsor displays/signs when in penalty areas (no line-of-sight relief allowed). Wires and cables anchoring them are temporary cables and Model Local Rule F-22 applies.

NOTE: When cables are located outside the penalty area the cables are immovable obstructions (see Point 4.b vi.)

8. PERMANENT OVERHEAD POWER LINE

Model Local Rule E-11 is in effect but only if it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball strikes a power line located in bounds and not the supporting pole; the stroke is cancelled and must be replayed (see Rule 14.6).

If the player replays the stroke but does so from a wrong place, they get the general penalty under Rule 14.7. If the player does not replay the stroke, they get the general penalty and the stroke counts, but the player has not played from a wrong place.

9. TEMPORARY LINES AND CABLES

Model Local Rule F-22 is in effect and is modified as follows: "Mats that are secured and all ramps covering cables are immovable obstructions".

10. TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS (TIO)

Model Local Rule F-23 is in effect.

Examples of TIOs include but are not limited to: all fixed clocks, advertising boards fixed to other temporary immovable obstructions or advertising boards and hole number distance indicators that are situated around teeing areas.

- a) **Dropping Zone Policy:** In the general area, when a player's ball lies in or on a TIO or so close to the TIO that it interferes with the stance or area of intended swing and relief is required, the player may:
 - Proceed under any of the options under the TIO Local rule or Rule 16.1, or;
 - If dropping zones have been marked, as an additional option, the player may drop the original ball or another ball, without penalty, in the nearest dropping zone (this is true even if the dropping zone is nearer the hole). The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3 meaning that a ball must be dropped in and come to rest in the dropping zone.
- b) **Either Side Relief:** Either side relief for line-of-sight interference only. Either side relief is available for all TIOs, unless specified on the Supplementary Local Rules for each tournament. If the player has line of sight interference and is entitled to relief, she may take relief on the other side of the TIO in accordance with e(2) of the Model Local Rule F-23. Taking relief on the other side is not allowed if the player is taking relief from physical interference only using the procedures in Rule 16.1.
- c) **Drones:** If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hits a drone in flight and in bounds, the player must replay the stroke by playing the original ball or another ball from the spot where the last stroke is made (see Rule 14.6). If the player does not replay the stroke, she gets the general penalty and the stroke counts, but the player has not played from a wrong place.

11. MOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS

Examples include but are not limited to: free-standing advertising boards situated away from teeing areas, drinks dispensers that are on wheels or easily lifted, all cameras and their tripods, TV microphones, free standing scoring and data masts or tripods, individual sections of metal fencing barriers that are not fixed together, individual directional signage and all crossing point indicators.

12. CLUBS AND BALLS

- a) 46-inch Club Length Limitation: Model Local Rule G-10 is in effect. This is also in effect in a Pro-Am played as the official competition.
Exception: This rule will not apply to amateurs playing solely in Pro-Am competitions.
Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of this Local Rule: Disqualification.
- b) Club Replacement: Model Local Rule G-9 for replacement of a club that is broken or significantly damaged is in effect as revised in January 2025.
- c) List of conforming Driver Heads: Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect.
Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of this Local Rule: Disqualification.
- d) Groove and Punch Mark Specification: Model Local Rule G-2 is in effect.
Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of this Local Rule: Disqualification.

- e) Conforming Balls List: Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect.
Penalty for making a stroke with a ball not on current list in breach of this Local Rule: Disqualification.
- f) The One Ball Rule: Model Local Rule G-4 is in effect. (Exception: This local rule does not apply to professionals or amateur players in any pre-tournament Pro-Am or approved one-day event, or to amateurs who partner professional players in a major Pro-Am tournament).
Penalty for making a stroke at a ball in breach of this Local Rule: One penalty stroke for each hole where the player is in breach.

13. PACE OF PLAY POLICY (RULE 5.6b(3))

See "Pace of Play Policy" addendum at the bottom of the Hard Card.

14. STARTING TIME AND STARTING POINT (RULE 5.3a)

- (a) The official time is displayed on the clock at the starting tee, or as otherwise provided by the Committee.
- (b) A player is at her starting point when she is within the roped/painted area of her starting tee, including the starter's tent. When both paint and ropes are present, paint defines the starting area.

15. STOPPING PLAY; RESUMING PLAY (RULE 5.7)

The following signals will be used to suspend and resume play:

Immediate Stop/Dangerous Situation: one prolonged note of the siren.

Normal non-dangerous stop: three consecutive short notes of the siren.

Resume Play: two consecutive short notes of the siren

When play is stopped in a dangerous situation, all practice areas are immediately closed.

16. RESTRICTION ON PRACTICE (RULE 5)

- a. Before or between rounds, Model Local Rule I-1.2 is in effect and Rule 5.2b is modified as follows:
"A player must not practice, roll a ball or rub the surface of the putting green on the competition course before or between rounds, but may practice on the designated practice areas".
Penalty for breach of Rule 5.2: See penalty statement in Rule 5.2.
- b. During round - Model Local Rule I-2 is in effect and Rule 5.5b is modified as follows:
"Between the play of two holes, a player must not:
- Make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole just completed, or
 - Test the surface of that putting green by rubbing the putting green or rolling a ball".

17. TRANSPORTATION POLICY

Model Local Rule G-6 is in effect and is modified in this way:

"During a round, a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized or later approved by the Rules Committee.

(A player taking a stroke and distance penalty is always authorized)".

Penalty for breach of this Local Rule: General Penalty for each hole during which there is a breach. A breach between holes applies to the next hole.

18. SCORING IN STROKE PLAY

Model Local Rule L-1 is in effect and modifies Rule 3.3b(2) in this way:

"If a player returns a scorecard without the hole scores being certified either by the player, the marker or both, the player gets the General Penalty (two penalty strokes). The penalty applies to the last hole of the player's round".

SECTION B – TERMS OF COMPETITION

19. DECIDING TIES

Unless otherwise specified in the Terms of Competition of a particular Tournament, in the event of a tie for first place, there will be a hole-by-hole play-off to determine the winner.

20. RECORDING AREA, SCORECARD RETURNED

- a) The location of recording area will be detailed in the Supplementary Local Rules for each tournament. A scorecard is returned when a player has physically left the recording area. Score recorders are part of "The Committee" as defined in the Rules of Golf.
- b) The scorecard of a player or side is returned to the Committee 15 minutes after the scorecard is accepted into the electronic scoring system. Exceptions apply as outlined by the Tournament Committee.

21. RESULTS OF THE COMPETITION – COMPETITION CLOSED

The results of the Tournament are officially announced when the final results are validated in the scoring system by the Score Recorder and approved by the Tournament Director (or somebody on her/his behalf).

In the event of a play-off, the tournament is final when the play-off scores have been validated by the Committee

22. ANTI-DOPING

Players are required to comply with and be bound by the Ladies European Tours' Anti-Doping Policy (the Anti-Doping Policy). The current version of the Anti-Doping Policy may be viewed in the Members' area of the Ladies European Tour website.

Note: Players should be aware that, under the Anti-Doping Policy, if a player is found to have committed an Anti-Doping rule violation, she may face disqualification both from the tournament at which she was tested (or otherwise committed the violation) and from any subsequent tournament in which she participated until provisionally suspended or rendered ineligible under the Policy. Disqualification in such cases includes the loss of all results, points (including for Solheim Cup) and prize money.

23. DRIVER TESTING COMPLIANCE.

It is a condition of entry that all players must comply with the "driver testing programme" that might be organized at tournaments. Refusing to submit the

driver for the test, is the equivalent of breaching the Code of Conduct, with a minimum of 300 € fine.

ADDENDUM - PACE OF PLAY POLICY

The following conditions and policies shall regulate Rule 5.6 of the Rules of Golf; *Unreasonable Delay*; *Prompt Pace of Play* as defined by the Rules Committee. In accordance with Rule 5.6, every player must not unreasonably delay play. Players are both allowed and encouraged to play out of turn ("Ready Golf") in a safe and responsible way under Rule 6.4b(2) at any time, but especially when their group is out of position.

A time par sheet will be created by the Rules Committee to represent the approximate amount of time allotted for the first starting times of the day (lead groups) to finish each hole during each tournament round. The time par sheet will serve as a guideline for the Rules Committee to manage the pace of play. The time allowed for the completion of 18 holes will be published on the official notice board.

The maximum time allocated per shot is 40 seconds; 10 extra seconds if;

- Is the first to play a tee shot on a par 3 hole;
- Is the first to play an approach shot,
- Is the first to play a chip shot or
- Is the first to putt.

An additional 10% will be added for each timing session – so 40 seconds will be 44 and 50 seconds will be 55 – anytime the Player is Monitored or Timed.

A. Definitions

Bad Time:

- when a Player who is being monitored or timed exceeds the maximum time allowed for an individual stroke, she will incur a "Bad Time".
- when a Player who is being monitored or timed exceeds the maximum time allowed for an individual stroke by up to the otherwise permitted 10% on 3 separate occasions, she will incur a "Bad Time".

Monitoring/Monitored/Monitor:

Monitoring is a form of unofficial timing to assist a group in regaining their position and will start when a group is "Out of Position". If a player exceeds the given time to play a shot whilst being monitored, she will receive a Bad Time and will be officially timed. Monitoring is not recorded in the player's timing records. In addition, if a group is not back in position after three holes when monitored, the group (or an individual player at the rules official's discretion) will be timed from the fourth hole (see point B1.b) below).

Out of Position: For first groups, having completed the play of a hole over the time allowed. Following groups, will be out of position if they are more than the starting interval behind the group in front.

See below as an additional guideline whether your group is out of position:

- a) If your group reaches a par-3 hole that is clear of play and all players in the group in front of them have played their strokes from the teeing area of the next hole.
- b) If your group reaches a par-4 or par-5 hole that is not clear of play but that becomes clear of play before all players in the group have played their strokes from the teeing area.
- c) If your group reaches a par-4 or par-5 hole that is clear of play.

Timing/Timed/Time: The official timing in applying the LET Pace of Play Policy. Timings will be recorded in the players' timing records and, under the policy, after 7 timings the player will be fined.

B. Procedure When Group is Out of Position

1. In the absence of mitigating circumstances, a group (or an individual) is liable to be Monitored or Timed if the group is Out of Position.

- a) Monitoring. If a decision is taken to Monitor the group, each Player in the group will be subject to "unofficial" individual timing by a Rules Official.
- b) Timing. If a decision is taken to Time the group/individual, the Player(s) in the group will be subject to "official" individual Timing by a Rules Official.

In any case (monitoring or timing), the group/individual will be advised that they are Out of Position and are being monitored or timed. Monitoring may happen before Timing, but it does not have to. Periods of Monitoring are not recorded in a Player's season long record, but periods of Timing will be.

2. Time Extension.

When being Timed or Monitored, a Player is entitled to one "Time Extension" per round. This "Time Extension" entitles a Player to a further 30 seconds over the maximum time allowable for a given stroke. The extension must be very clearly communicated to the Rules Official and can be requested at any point up until the maximum time allowable for the given stroke has expired.

3. Start of Time.

- a) The timing will start when a Player has had sufficient time to reach her ball, it is her turn to play and she is able to play without interference or distraction.
- b) On the putting green, timing will start when the Player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace her ball, repair damage and move loose impediments on her line of play. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball and aligning the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

When Monitored, if any Player exceeds the maximum time allocated to play a stroke, she will be informed that she has a Bad Time and will be officially Timed.

When Timed, if any Player exceeds the maximum time allocated to play a stroke, she will be informed that she has had a Bad Time and a penalty stroke.

Timing or Monitoring will cease when a group is back in position.

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, but the group (or individual at the rules official's discretion) will be officially timed (and not monitored again). Bad Times and the application of penalties in the same tournament will be carried forward until the tournament is completed. A Player will not be penalised if she has a second Bad Time before being advised of her first Bad Time.

C. Excessive Shot Time

A player is always liable to receive a Bad Time if she exceeds 70 seconds for any shot during play, even if she (or her group) is not being monitored or timed. Under such circumstances, the position of the Player's group relative to the group in front (or relative to the time allowed for the number of holes completed if in the first group), will not be taken into consideration.

NOTE:

- A Player who is Monitored or Timed and receives a Bad Time, will have the Bad Time carried forward in the tournament even if her group subsequently arrives back in position or within time.
- A Player who, during a round, records two individual stroke timings during Monitoring that exceed the limit of 40 or 50 seconds but are within the 10% allowance, will be advised by the Rules Official that she will be timed officially.
- Any Player wishing to question any monitoring, timing, or Bad Time(s) applied to her, must do so with the Tournament Director no later than 30 minutes after the completion of her round. After this time the record will stand.

D. Pace Of Play Rules and Fines

Penalty for breach of Local Rule (Stroke Play):

When the first breach (One Bad Time) occurs during monitoring or, as a result of an Excessive Shot time, the player will receive a warning.

Second "Bad Time" in the tournament – One Stroke Penalty

Third "Bad Time" in the tournament – Additional Two Stroke Penalty

Fourth "Bad Time" in the tournament – Disqualification

When Timed

One "Bad Time" in the tournament – One Stroke Penalty

Two "Bad Times" in the tournament – Additional Two Stroke Penalty

Three "Bad Times" in the tournament – Disqualification

Examples: If a player gets a Bad Time when monitored, she will be warned and timed from her next stroke. The second Bad Time in the tournament, regardless of whether she is monitored or timed, is a one stroke penalty, the third is an additional two strokes and the fourth is a disqualification. under the "When Monitored" penalty scheme.

If a player gets a Bad Time when timed, she will incur a penalty stroke. The second Bad Time in the tournament, is an additional two stroke penalty and the third will be a disqualification, under the "When Timed" penalty scheme.

Penalty for Breach of Pace of Play Policy in Match Play:

Penalty for these tournaments will be listed in the Supplementary Local Rules

1. Fines and Penalties:

- A Player having three (3) Bad Times, will be fined €1000 rising by € 500 for each successive Bad Time.
- In addition to the above penalties, any Player who is Timed on seven (7) occasions during a season will be fined €300 and for each further Timing the Player will be fined an additional €200.
- Any Player who has been fined for breaches of this policy during the previous season, will, in the event of a similar breach during the following season, have the applicable fine levied at double the amount.
- Copies of the list containing all Players Timed are available from the Tournament Office – ask the Tournament Director. Name of players that have been timed, that received a Bad Time and/or an excessive time shot, will be shared at the end of each round via email with the tournament field. In any case, it is your responsibility to be aware of your own up to date position.
- Repeat Offenses: In addition to fines, habitually slow players may be subject to additional penalties under the Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct, including but limited to an education programme or other requirements. If a Player receives a fine under this policy in a season and she does not receive a fine in the subsequent season, her fine structure will revert to the standard fine structure under the policy.