

REAL FEDERACIÓN ESPAÑOLA de GOLF

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The following conditions of competition and Local Rules have been formulated by the Rules Committee of the Royal Spanish Golf Federation.

The full text of the following Conditions and Local Rules may be found in the current edition of the Rules of Golf as published by R&A Rules Limited on the page indicated.

SECTION A – CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

The following Conditions shall apply under Rule 33-1 until further notice to all tournaments run under the auspices of the R.F.E.G.

1. SPECIFICATION OF CLUBS AND THE BALL

a. List of Conforming Driver Heads (Note to Rule 4-1)
(Appendix I – Part C – Pages 141 – 142)

b. Specification of the Ball (Note to Rule 5-1)
List of Conforming Golf Balls – Page 142

2. TIME of STARTING (Note to Rule 6-3a) – Page 143.

3. PACE of PLAY (Note 2 to Rule 6-7) – Page 144

In the absence of mitigating circumstances, a group is liable to be timed if it is in excess of the time allowed and in the case of second or subsequent groups, out of position.

The time allowed will be determined by the TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR or CHIEF REFEREE and will be published on the official notice board. Out of position is defined as being more than the starting interval behind the group in front.

From the commencement of timing, if any player exceeds 50 seconds on a ‘first to play approach shot (including Par 3 tee shot), chip or putt’, or 40 seconds if it is a tee shot or ‘second or third to play shot’, he is deemed to have had a ‘bad time’.

A player whose group is timed will have a bad time carried forward in the round even if the group subsequently arrives back in position or within time.

Penalty for Breach of Condition:

One bad time — Verbal warning from Official

Two bad times — One stroke penalty.

Three bad times — Two stroke penalty.

Four bad times — Disqualification

Notes:

1. Players will not be advised that they are being timed.
2. Timings will be taken from the moment it is deemed by the Official that it is the player’s turn to play.

4. SUSPENSION of PLAY due to a DANGEROUS SITUATION (Note to Rule 6-8b) – Pages 144-145.

5. TRANSPORTATION – Page 146

(Exception; When permitted to ride by The Rules Committee).

6. RESULT OF THE COMPETITION – COMPETITION CLOSED

When the final results sheet is placed on the official notice board, the result of the Competition is deemed to have been officially announced and the competition closed.

SECCIÓN B – LOCAL RULES

The following Local Rules, together with any additions or amendments as published by the Committee at each golf course, will apply until further notice to all tournaments under the auspices of the R.F.E.G.

1. OUT OF BOUNDS (Rule 27)

Beyond any wall, fence or white stakes defining the boundary of the course.

Note:

- (a) Where out of bounds is defined by white stakes or fence posts (excluding angled supports) the line joining the nearest inside points at ground level of such stakes or posts defines the boundary. A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies on or over such line.
- (b) Where any continuing or adjoining white line is in existence it defines the boundary. A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies **on or over** such line.

2. WATER HAZARDS (Including Lateral Water Hazards) (Rule 26)

Water Hazards are defined by yellow markers. Where yellow lines are in existence they define the margin.

Lateral Water Hazards are defined by red markers. Where red lines are in existence they define the margin.

Note: Dropping Zones for Water Hazards

Where there are dropping zones for water hazards, a ball may be played under Rule 26, or a ball may be dropped in the dropping zone nearest to where the original ball last crossed the margin of the hazard under penalty of one stroke. When dropping a ball in a dropping zone, the dropped ball must not be re-dropped if it comes to rest within two club-lengths of the spot where it first struck a part of the course even though it may finish outside the boundaries of the dropping zone or nearer the hole.

3. GROUND UNDER REPAIR (Rule 25)

- (a) All areas indicated by T/R or GUR notice.
- (b) All areas bounded by white lines including spectator crossing points where bounded by white lines.
- (c) Grass covered cable trenches.
- (d) French drains (stone-filled drainage ditches).
- (e) Any seam of new turf through the green interfering with the lie of ball or area of intended swing. All seams forming part of the condition are to be treated as the same seam for the purposes of Rule 20-2c (re-dropping).

4. ABNORMAL GROUND CONDITIONS – Rule 25-1 Note

Relief will be denied for interference to stance from a hole, cast or runway made by a burrowing animal, a reptile or a bird.

5. EMBEDDED BALL – Relief extended to “through the green” – Pages 131-132.

6. MOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS

- (a) Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions. – Page 134
- (b) Other examples include but are not limited to, free standing advertising boards **situated away from teeing grounds**, drink dispensers, all cameras and their tripods, TV microphones and crossing point indicators.

7. IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS (Rule 24-2)

White lined areas adjoining any areas defined as immovable obstructions are to be regarded as part of the obstruction and not GUR.

8. PERMANENT ELEVATED CABLES

If a ball strikes an elevated power line or cable, the stroke must be cancelled and replayed without penalty (see Rule 20-5). If the ball is not immediately recoverable, another ball may be substituted.

Exception: Ball striking elevated junction section of cable rising from the ground is not replayed.

9. TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS – Pages 135-140

Examples include but are not limited to, advertising boards and hole number distance indicators **situated around teeing grounds** and advertising boards fixed to other temporary immovable obstructions.

Note: Through the green, when a player ball lies in, on or under a temporary immovable obstruction or so close to that obstruction that it interferes with his stance or area of intended swing and relief is required, if dropping zones have been marked, the player **MUST** drop the ball in the nearest dropping zone.

10. METAL AND WOOD FENCING

Metal and wood fencing (except single units) erected for crowd control will be treated as an immovable obstruction. When the ball lies inside the fencing, the nearest point of relief must be determined without crossing over, through or under the fencing and thereafter Rule 24-2 will apply. When the ball lies outside the fencing “through the green” and within four club-lengths of it, and providing that the fencing intervenes between the player’s ball and the hole, or the ball lies within one club-length of a spot where such intervention would exist, the ball may be lifted and dropped, without penalty, inside the fencing under Rule 24-2b (i), and the nearest point of relief under that Rule is the nearest point inside the fencing that (a) is not nearer the hole than the ball’s original position, (b) avoid the interference as defined by Rule 24-2a, and (c) is not in a hazard and not on a putting green. The ball may be cleaned when so lifted.

Exceptions:

- (i) Single units of metal or wood fencing are movable obstructions; Rule 24-1 applies.
- (ii) The player may not take relief under Clause 10 if it is clearly unreasonable for him to make a stroke because of interference by anything other than the immovable obstruction.

The following Conditions of Competition will apply in professional competitions only.

1. SPECIFICATION OF THE BALL (Note to Rule 5-1)

One-Ball Condition – Pages 142-143

This condition does not apply to Professional or Amateur players in any pre-tournament Pro-Am or Approved One-Day Event or Amateurs partnering professional players in a major Pro-Am tournament

2. PRACTICE

Practice Between Holes (Note 2 to Rule 7) – Page 145

This condition does not apply to pre-tournament Pro-Am or Match-Play tournaments

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULES
Match Play – Loss of Hole; Stroke Play – Two Strokes