

# AZRC

Arizona Rules Committee

## 2024 LOCAL RULES AND TERMS OF COMPETITION

The Rules of Golf as approved by the **USGA** and **R&A Rules Ltd.** govern play. These Local Rules, Terms of Competition, and Clarifications are in effect and supplement the competitions' Notice to Players and the Entry Application. The complete text of the Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf and are available at [USGA.org/rules](https://www.usga.org/rules). References to MLRs are Model Local Rules in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf Committee Procedures Section 8. All terms are in effect unless otherwise stated in the Notice to Players.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for a breach of a Local Rule or Condition is the General Penalty (**Match Play – Loss of Hole; Stroke Play – Two Strokes**)

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**OUT OF BOUNDS** – OB is defined by the course-side edges at ground level of boundary walls, perimeter fence posts, public roads, and white stakes and lines connecting other boundary markings. A ball that comes to rest beyond the boundary of the hole being played is OB even though it may lie on another part of the course.

**PENALTY AREAS** – When a penalty area is defined on only one side, it extends to infinity. When a penalty area is connected to the OB edge, the penalty area extends to and coincides with OB. **Note:** Desert areas and washes are not penalty areas unless so marked/defined.

**OPPOSITE EDGE RELIEF WHEN CROSSING RED PENALTY AREA FROM OUT OF BOUNDS** – MLR B-2.2 is in effect.

#### **ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS AND INTEGRAL OBJECTS:**

**ANIMAL HOLES** – MLR F-6 is in effect for animal holes in non-turfed areas. Relief is not allowed if an animal hole in a non-turfed area only interferes with the player's stance. Note also that areas of flattened or worn-down dirt that no longer contain loose material are deemed NOT to be animal holes and no relief is available under Rule 16.

**IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREENS** – MLR F-5.1 is in effect.

**GROUND UNDER REPAIR** – GUR includes areas enclosed by white lines, not including Drop Zones or Out of Bounds.

**WHITE LINED AREAS TIED INTO OBSTRUCTIONS** – Share the same status as the obstruction.

**SEAMS OF CUT TURF** – MLR F-7 is in effect for a ball in the General Area. Relief is not allowed for the seams if the only interference is for stance.

**PREPARED ROCK** – An area of rock closely arranged for a functional purpose (e.g. drainage or erosion control) is an obstruction. In all cases, obstructions adjacent to another obstruction are treated as the same obstruction.

**TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS** – MLR F-23 is in effect.

**BUNKER LINERS** – Exposed bunker liners are deemed to be GUR with MLR F-6 prohibiting relief when interference only exists for stance.

**EROSION AREAS** – Erosion areas in the desert are common occurrences in Arizona and are not deemed to be an abnormal course condition.

**INTEGRAL OBJECTS** – These include the portions of cables, wires, rods, wrappings, poles or antennas when closely attached to trees, artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas, and bunker liners when in their intended position.

**TURF AERATION HOLES** – MLR E-4 is in effect for a ball in the General Area.

**REPLACING CLUB THAT IS BROKEN OR SIGNIFICANTLY DAMAGED** – MLR G-9 is in effect.

**STOPPING PLAY; RESUMING PLAY** – MLR J-1 is in effect.

A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged airhorn note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive airhorn notes. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short airhorn notes.

All practice areas are closed during a suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Players who practice in closed practice areas will be asked to stop practicing; failure to immediately stop practicing may result in disqualification.

**PACE OF PLAY** – The AZRC Pace of Play Policy outlined on [Azgolf.org](https://www.azgolf.org) is in effect.

**CODE OF CONDUCT** – The Code of Conduct outlined on [Azgolf.org](https://www.azgolf.org) is in effect.

**SCORECARD RETURNED** – A scorecard is deemed to be returned when the player leaves the Scoring Area after providing the scorecard in a manner specified by the Committee. The area may be physically defined.

**MODIFICATION OF PENALTY - MISSING PLAYER OR MARKER CERTIFICATION** – MLR L-1 is in effect.

**CLOSE OF COMPETITION** – The competition is final when all scores have been posted, when the trophy has been awarded, and/or when the Committee has approved all scores. The result of a match is final when it has been reported and approved by the Committee.