

10. On Course Units Used for Lighting

If a ball strikes an on course unit for lighting, the stroke **MUST** be cancelled and replayed, without penalty (see Rule 20-5). If a ball is not immediately recoverable, another ball may be substituted.

Note: This does not include power supply boxes when not attached to the lighting unit.

11. Metal Fencing

Metal 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 is 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).

The nearest point of relief under that Rule is the nearest point inside the fencing:

- that is not nearer than the hole than the ball's original position,
- where, if the ball were so positioned, no interference by the fencing would exist for the stroke the player would have made from the original position if the condition were not there and
- is not in a hazard and not on a putting green.

The ball may be cleaned when so lifted.

Exceptions:

- Single units of metal fencing are movable obstructions; Rule 24-1 applies.
- The player may not take relief under Clause 11 if it is clearly unreasonable for him to make a stroke because of interference by anything other than the immovable obstruction.

12. Stones in Bunkers – Page 134

Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions.

13. 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.
- Relief is available for lie of ball or area of intended swing from any painted yardage spot situated in any closely mown area through the green.
Note: This does not include painted distances on long driving holes.
- Fire or bull ant mounds, nests or beds.

Note: Relief from fire or bull ant mounds, nests or beds is provided by Decision 1-4/10.

14. Drainage Channels

Drainage channels adjacent to and parallel to golf cart paths should be treated as one obstruction.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULES

Match Play – Loss of Hole

Stroke Play – Two Strokes

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Conditions of Competition & Local Rules

The following Conditions of Competition and Local Rules have been formulated after consultation with the Rules of Golf Committee, R&A Rules Limited.

In the event of a dispute arising as to the meaning of any Rule of Golf, Asian Tour Condition of Competition or Local Rule, the Rule will be interpreted according to the English Edition of the Rules of Golf or Asian Tour Conditions of Competition and Local Rules card.

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

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 Asian Tour:

1. List of Conforming Driver Heads – Pages 141-142

Any driver the player carries must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft, that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the R&A.

Penalty for making stroke with club in breach of condition – Disqualification.

2. Specification of the ball (Note to Rule 5-1)

a) **List of Conforming Golf Balls** – Page 142

b) **One Ball Condition** – Pages 142-143 (**Exception:** 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).

3. Time of Starting (Note to Rule 6-3a) – Page 143

4. 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. From the commencement of timing, if any player exceeds 50 seconds on a 'first to play shot', or 40 seconds if it is a 'second or third to play shot', he is deemed to have had a 'bad time'.

The time allowed will be determined by the 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.

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 and US\$500 fine
Three bad times	–	Two stroke penalty and US\$1000 fine
Four bad times	–	Disqualification and US\$2000 fine

- Note: 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.
 3) In addition, please note Asian Tour General Regulation 1.21 in Member's Handbook.
5. **Suspension of Play Due to a Dangerous Situation (Note to Rule 6-8b)** – Pages 144-145
 Note: All practice areas shall be closed during a suspension for a dangerous situation until the Asian Tour Tournament Director has declared them open. Players who disregard such closing shall be subject to disciplinary action.
6. **Practice Between Holes (Note 2 to Rules 7)** – Page 145 (This condition does not apply to pre-tournament pro-ams or Match Play tournaments)
 N.B: This prohibition includes rolling a ball on the putting green of the hole last played.
7. **Transportation** – Page 146
 (Exception: When permitted to ride by the Rules Committee).
8. **How to Decide Ties**
 In the event of a tie for first place, there will be a hole by hole play off to determine the winner.
9. **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.

Section B – Local Rules

The following Local Rules, together with any additions or amendments as published by the Asian Tour at each golf course, will apply until further notice to all tournaments under the auspices of the Asian Tour:

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 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 bounded by white lines including spectator crossing points where bounded by white lines.
 (b) Seams of cut turf – Page 134
 (c) French drains (stone filled drainage ditches).
 (d) Grass covered cable trenches.
4. **Embedded Ball** – Relief extended to “through the green” – Pages 131-132.
5. **Immovable Obstructions (Rule 24)**
 (a) White lined areas adjoining any areas defined as Immovable Obstructions are to be regarded as part of the Obstruction and not GUR.
 (b) Landscaped garden areas surrounded by an obstruction are part of that obstruction.
 (c) Secured mats and plastic cable ramps covering cables are immovable obstructions.
6. **Turf Plugs on Putting Green**
 On any putting green, turf plugs of any size have the same status as old hole plugs and may be repaired under Rule 16-1c.
7. **Integral Parts of the Course**
 (a) Wires, cables, wrapping or other objects where they are closely attached to trees or other permanent objects.
 (b) Retaining artificial walls and pilings when located within water hazards.
8. **Permanent Elevated Cables**
 If a ball strikes an elevated power line, telephone 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 shall not be replayed.
9. **Temporary Immovable Obstructions** – Pages 135-140
 Note: Through the green, when a player's 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, he may proceed under any of the options available under the Rule, or if dropping zones have been marked, as an additional option, he may drop the ball, without penalty, in the nearest dropping zone.

The following apply in Asian Tour Competitions only

Temporary Immovable Obstructions – Definitions

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

Movable Obstructions – Definitions

Examples include but are not limited to free standing advertising boards **situated away from teeing grounds**, drinks dispensers, all cameras and their tripods, TV microphones and crossing point indicators.