

SECTION B – CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

The following Conditions shall apply under Rule 33-1 until further notice to all tournaments run under the auspices of the Thailand Champions Tour:

1. Specifications of Clubs and the Ball

a. Specifications of Clubs

(i) List of Conforming Driver Heads (Note to Rule 4-1) – Pages 154-155

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.

(ii) Groove and Punch Mark Specification – (Decision 4-1/1) – Pages 174-176

The player's clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf that are effective from 1 January 2010.

Penalty for making stroke with club in breach of condition: Disqualification

b. Specifications of the Ball (Note to Rule 5-1)

(i) List of Conforming Golf Balls – Pages 155-156

(ii) One Ball Condition – Page 156

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.

2. Pace of Play (Note 2 to Rule 6-7) – Page 158

Definition of Out of Position:

The first group and any group after a starter's gap will be considered to be "Out of Position" if, at any time during the round, the group's cumulative time exceeds the time allowed for the number of holes completed. Any following group will be considered "Out of Position" if it is more than the starting interval behind the group in front and has exceeded the time allowed for the number of holes completed.

In the absence of mitigating circumstances, a group is liable to be timed if it is out of position. 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'.

The time allowed will be determined by the Tournament Director 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 Referee
Two bad times	-	One stroke penalty and Baht 1,000 fine
Three bad times	-	Two stroke penalty and Baht 2,000 fine
Four bad times	-	Disqualification and Baht 4,000 fine

Note 1 : Players will be advised that they are being timed.

Note 2 : Timing will be taken from the moment it is deemed by the Referee that it is the player's turn to play.

Note 3 : In addition, please note in the Thailand Champions Tour General Regulations.

Note 4 : In some circumstances, an individual player or two players within a group, may be timed instead of the entire group.

3. Suspension of Play Due to a Dangerous Situation (Note to Rule 6-8b) – Page 158

Note: All practice areas shall be closed during a suspension for a dangerous situation until the Tournament Director has declared them open. Players who disregard such closing shall be subject to disciplinary action.

4. Practice Between Holes (Note 2 to Rule 7) – Page 159

(This condition does not apply to pre-tournament Pro-Ams or Match Play tournaments). This prohibition includes rolling a ball on the putting green of the hole last played.

5. Transportation – Pages 159-160

Exception: When permitted to ride by the Rules Committee.

6. 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.

7. 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.



THAILAND CHAMPIONS TOUR 2017 Local Rules and Conditions of Competition

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

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

For the full text of the Local Rules and Conditions of Competition, please refer to Appendix I of the current edition effective from January 2016 of the Rules of Golf as published by R&A Rules Limited on the pages indicated.

SECTION A – LOCAL RULES

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

1. Out of Bounds (Rule 27) – Pages 116-118

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

Note 1: 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.

Note 2: 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.

Note 3: A ball which crosses a road defined as out of bounds and come to rest beyond that road is out of bounds even though it may lie on another part of the course.

2. Water Hazards (Including Lateral Water Hazards) (Rule 26) – Pages 113-115

Note: Dropping Zones for Water Hazards

If a ball is in or it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found is in the water hazard and dropping zones have been marked, the player may:

(i) Proceed under Rule 26-1; or

(ii) As an additional option, drop a ball, under penalty of one stroke, in the dropping zone.

See the note on pages 152-153

3. Ground Under Repair (Rule 25-1) – Pages 109-113

a. All areas bounded by white lines including spectator crossing points where bounded by white lines.

b. Grass covered cable trenches

c. Seams of Cut Turf – Page 145

d. French drains (stone-filled drainage ditches)

4. Embedded Ball - Relief extended to "Through the green" – Pages 142-143

Additional Exception: A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if the ball is embedded in the face of a bunker that consists of stacked turf.

5. Immovable Obstructions (Rule 24-2)

- a. White lined areas adjoining any areas defined as immovable obstructions are to be regarded as part of the obstruction and not Ground Under Repair.
- b. Decorative landscaped areas (flowerbeds/shrubberies and the like) surrounded by an obstruction are part of that obstruction.
- c. Mats that are secured and plastic cable ramps covering cables are immovable obstructions.
- d. Non-permanent bridges erected for players or spectators 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. Accidental Movement of Ball on Putting Green

Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows:

When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, or any of their caddies or equipment.

The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1.

This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

Note: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new position. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.

8. 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.

9. Permanent Elevated Cables

If a ball strikes an elevated power line, telephone line or cable, the stroke is cancelled and the player must play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was played in accordance with Rule 20-5 (Making Next Stroke from Where Previous Stroke Made). If the ball is not immediately recoverable, another ball may be substituted.

Exception: A stroke that results in a ball striking an elevated junction section of cable rising from the ground must not be replayed.

10. Temporary Immovable Obstructions – Pages 147-150

Note 1: 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.

Note 2: When a temporary immovable obstruction is tied into another temporary immovable obstruction or an immovable obstruction by a white line, it is considered to be one temporary immovable obstruction.

11. Temporary Power Lines or Cables – Pages 150-151

The specimen Local Rule in the Rules of Golf is in effect.

THE FOLLOWING APPLY IN THAILAND CHAMPIONS TOUR ONLY

Temporary Immovable Obstructions – Definitions

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

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, free standing radio scoring masts and crossing point indicators.

12. Stones in Bunkers – Pages 145-146

Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions (Rule 24-1 applies).

13. Abnormal Ground Conditions – Rule 25-1 Note

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

14. Drainage Channels

Drainage channels constructed with artificial materials and which run adjacent and parallel to golf cart paths are deemed to be part of the cart path.

15. Distance-Measuring Devices

Must not be used. Exception: May be used in pre-tournament pro-ams only.

Scoring Area, Scorecard Returned

The scoring area may include but is not limited to; temporary buildings, tents or permanent rooms. Others may be defined on the official notice board. A scorecard will be deemed returned when a player has completely left the scoring area.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULES

Match Play – Loss of Hole

Stroke Play – Two Strokes