ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITIONS: Ground Under Repair is any area encircled by a white line, including gallery crosswalks (except dropping zones or out of bounds), newly trenched areas, including grass-covered cables, and french drains, which are trenches filled with rocks or stones.

If a player’s ball lies in or touches a seam of turf or a seam interferes with the player’s area of intended swing in the general area, the player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. But interferes does not exist if the seam only interferes with the player’s stance. All seams within the area of cut turf are treated as the same seam in taking relief. This means that if a player has interfere from any area of cut turf, no further relief is required. When dropping the ball, the player must proceed as required under Rule 14.3c (2) even when the ball is within one club-length of the reference point.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS: Asphalt and artificially surfaced roads and paths. White lined areas of ground under repair lying into such roads or paths are treated as a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1. Railroad ties, curbing or other similar artificial edgings adjoining cart paths are parts of some of the obstruction.

BALL DEFLECTED BY POWER LINE - If it is known or virtually certain that a player’s ball hit a power line (or tower or a wire or pole supporting a power line), the stroke does not count.

RESTRICTIONS ON PRACTICE:

a) the clubhead is detached or loose from the shaft, or the grip is loose.
b) the shaft breaks into pieces, splinters or is bent (but not when the shaft is only dented)

c) a club is “broken or significantly damaged” when:
   • the shaft breaks into pieces, splinters or is bent (but not when the shaft is only dented)
   • the club face impact area is visibly deformed (but not when the club face is only scratched)
   • the clubhead is visibly and significantly deformed
   • the clubhead is detached or loose from the shaft, or the grip is loose.

Exception: A club face or clubhead is not “broken or significantly damaged” solely because it is cracked.

Penalty for Breach of Local Rule – See Rule 4.1b.” (Added 4/2019)

2019-2020 KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION LOCAL RULES AND CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION FOR KHSAA EVENTS

COACHING ADVICE RULE

a) The Committee may in the conditions of a team competition (Model Local Rule H-2), permit each team to appoint a coach, who has met all KHSAA coaching requirements and who is appointed by the school and is listed within the school information on file with the KHSAA, who may give advice (including pointing out a line or putting) to members of that team.

b) The Committee may establish conditions relating to the appointment and permitted conduct of that person, who must be identified to the Committee before giving advice.

c) There are no conditions on conduct of a coach in this regard, other than requiring advice to be given in a private manner and requiring that the advice does not unduly delay play.

d) Coaches are prohibited from being on the putting greens and from entering all penalty areas and bunkers (other than the Out of Bounds). (Free relief not allowed): Artificial retaining walls and/or pilings when located in penalty areas, wires, cables, wrapping, signs and lighting rods closely attached to trees or objects and bunker liners in their intended position. Note: The Committee may treat an exposed liner, not in its intended position, to be ground under repair. Interference does not exist if a liner only interferes with the player’s stance.

OUT OF BOUNDS AND COURSE BOUNDARIES: Out of Bounds is defined by the line between the course-side points at ground level of white stakes and fence posts. When a line is not in use, the stakes or posts define the Out of Bounds.

BACK-ON-THE-LINE RELIEF: When taking Back-On-The-Line relief, there is no additional penalty if a player plays a ball that was dropped in the relief area required by the relevant Rule (Rule 16.1c(2), 17.1d(2), 19.2b or 19.3b) but came to rest outside the relief area, so long as the ball, when played, was within one club-length of where it first touched the ground when dropped.

PROCEDURES FOR BAD WEATHER AND SUSPENSIONS OF PLAY: Methods for Stopping and Resuming Play: A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged note of a siren or horn. All other suspensions will be signaled by three consecutive notes of a siren or horn. In either case, resumption of play will be signaled by two short notes of a siren or horn. Note: All practice areas are closed during an immediate suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open.

RESTRICTIONS ON PRACTICE: Rule 5.6b is modified in this way: A player must not practice on the competition course between the play of two holes during Stroke Play and must not test the surface of the putting green of the hole being played by rolling a ball.

Penalty for breach of Rule: General Penalty applied to the next hole.

A player must not practice on the competition course before or between rounds. Penalty for breach of this Local Rule: General Penalty under Rule 14.7b.

Restrictions on Use of Specific Equipment: List of Conforming Driver Heads: Any driver the player uses to make a stroke must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft, which is on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the USGA. Penalty for Making a Stroke with Club in Breach of this Local Rules: Disqualification. There is no penalty under this Local Rule for carrying, but not making a stroke with a driver that is not on the List of Conforming Driver Heads.

List of Conforming Golf Balls: Any ball used in making a stroke must be on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the USGA. Penalty for Making a Stroke at a Ball Not on Current List in Breach of this Local Rule: Disqualification.

RETURNING SCORECARD: For the purpose of applying Rule 3.3b (2), a player’s scorecard is treated as returned when the player has first left the scoring area with both feet. When the “Scorecard Return” Competition Results: When all scores have been posted on the official scoreboard and approved by the Committee, the competition is closed.

REPLACEMENT OF BROKEN CLUB: If a club’s player is “broken or significantly damaged” during the round by the player or caddie, except in cases of abuse, the player may replace the club with any club under Rule 4.1b(4). When replacing a club, the player must immediately take the broken or significantly damaged club out of play, using the procedure in Rule 4.1c(1). For the purposes of this Local Rule:

A club is “broken or significantly damaged” when:
   • the shaft breaks into pieces, splinters or is bent (but not when the shaft is only dented)
   • the club face impact area is visibly deformed (but not when the club face is only scratched)
   • the clubhead is visibly and significantly deformed
   • the clubhead is detached or loose from the shaft, or the grip is loose.

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FOR MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON THE COACHING ADVICE RULE IN REGARD TO PENALTIES, PLEASE REFER TO THE COMPETITION RULES.