

FALDO SERIES 2022 HARD CARD

In the event of an emergency, other than thunder/lightning (see Section D Safety Advice) or requesting a Referee, the FALDO SERIES Tournament telephone number is: +44 (0) 7764 576833

All Faldo Series Tournaments shall be played in accordance with the current **Official Guide to the Rules of Golf** approved by the R & A and United States Golf Association.

A. LOCAL RULES

The following Local Rules, together with any additions or amendments published by the FALDO SERIES at the golf course, will apply to all Series Events run by the FALDO SERIES.

Note: These Local Rules replace any Local Rules published by a host club (e.g., on a club's score card or displayed on a notice board or on their website).

1. Out of Bounds (Rule 18–2)

- a) Beyond any wall, fence, hedge, or line of white stakes defining the boundary of the course.
- b) On or beyond any white line defining the boundary of the course. (A ball is out of bounds when **all** of it lies on or beyond such a line).

Note: Where out of bounds is defined by a fence or line of white stakes, the boundary edge is defined by the line between the course-side points of the stakes or fence posts at ground level (excluding angled supports) and those stakes or fence posts are out of bounds. A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies beyond such a line.

2. Penalty Areas (Rule 17)

- a) Penalty Areas are defined by either yellow or red stakes or lines.
- b) When both stakes and lines are used, the edge of the penalty area is defined by the outside edge of the line and the stakes show where the penalty area is. The line itself is in the penalty area.
- c) When a penalty area adjoins a boundary, the penalty area edge extends to and coincides with the boundary
- d) When a player's ball is found in or it is virtually certain to have come to rest in any penalty area where the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area at a point that coincides with the boundary of the course, opposite side relief is available under Model Local Rule B-2.1.

Note: The part of a bridge that crosses a penalty area is in the penalty area.

3. Abnormal Course Conditions, including Immovable Obstructions (Rule 16)

3.1 Ground Under Repair

- i) Any area encircled by a white line. (The Player has the choice of playing the ball as it lies or taking free relief under Rule 16.1.)
- ii) Any area of damaged ground that is considered by a referee to be abnormal.
- iii) Seams of cut turf; for **lie of ball** or area of Intended swing - Modal Local Rule F-7 is in effect but interference does not exist if the seam only interferes with the player's stance.
- iv) French Drains (Stone-filled drainage ditches or channels).

3.2 Immovable Obstructions

- i) All artificially surfaced roads and paths on the course, including those covered with wood chips. Individual pieces of woodchip are loose impediments.
- ii) White lined areas and the immovable obstruction they tie into are treated as a single abnormal course condition.

3.3 Limiting When Stroke Made from Putting Green Must Be Replayed Under Exception 2 to Rule 11.1b

Model Local Rule D-7 is in effect.

3.4 Embedded Ball

Rule 16.3 is modified in this way: Free relief is not allowed when a ball is embedded in a stacked turf face or the soil face above a bunker.

4. Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Greens (e.g., Sprinkler Heads)

Model Local Rule F-5 is in effect. In addition to the types of interference described in Rule 16.1a, when a ball lies in the general area, interference also exists if an immovable obstruction is: on the player's line of play, is within two club-lengths of the putting green and is within two club-lengths of the ball. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. (Exception – There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable).

5. Ball Played from Outside Relief Area When Taking Back-On-The-Line Relief

Model Local Rule E-12 is in effect.

6. Integral Objects

The following are integral objects, from which free relief is not allowed:

- a) Artificial bunker faces
- b) Bunker liners in their intended position.
- c) Gates on the course boundary when locked in the shut position, otherwise they are obstructions.
- d) Penalty Area stakes physically attached to boundary objects

7. Temporary Immovable Obstructions and "Pop Up" Advertising Banners

'TIOs' include on-course advertising boards & scoreboards plus any other TIOs highlighted in the additional Local Rules at the golf course. Model Local Rule F-23 is in effect.

"Pop Up" Advertising banners, usually placed around putting greens, are "Moveable Obstructions" under Rule 15.2. Without penalty a player may remove a moveable obstruction anywhere on or off the course under Rules 15.2a or 15.2b.

8. Ball Deflected by Power Line

Model Local Rule E-11 is in effect for a ball that hits an overhead power line or cable (the stroke must be cancelled and replayed, see Rule 14.6).

9. Protection of Young Trees

Young trees identified by wrapping, stakes or otherwise protected are **No Play Zones**:

- a) If a player's ball lies anywhere on the course other than in a penalty area and it lies on or touches such a tree or such a tree interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing, the player must take relief under Rule 16.1f.
- b) If the ball lies in a penalty area, and interference to the player's stance or area of intended swing exists from such a tree, the player must take relief either with penalty under Rule 17.1e or with free relief under Rule 17.1e(2).

10. Practice (Rule 5.2)

- a) In Stroke Play, Rule 5.2b is modified in this way: A player must not practice on the competition course before or between rounds.

Exception:

All recognised practice areas within the bounds of the course may be used by players for practice on any day of a competition.

11. Use of Equipment (Rule 4.3)

Rule 4.3a(4) is modified in this way. During a round, a player must not listen to music on a personal audio or video device.

Penalty for breach of Local Rule: see Rule 4.3

12. Caddies

Caddies are **NOT** allowed in Faldo Series events including the Grand Final.

Penalty for breach of Local Rule: See Model Local Rule H-1.1

13. Transportation

During a round, a player must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorised or later approved by the Committee. Penalty for Breach of Local Rule: The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which there is a breach of this Local Rule.

If the breach occurs between the play of two holes, it applies to the next hole.

14. Clubs & Ball

a) List of Conforming Driver Heads; Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect.

b) Groove and Punch Mark Specifications; Model Local Rule G-2 is in effect.

c) List of Conforming Balls: Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect.

Penalty for breach of Local Rule: Disqualification.

Note 1: An updated List of Conforming Clubs and Balls is available on www.randa.org

15 Replacement of Club that is broken or Significantly Damaged

Model Local Rule G-9 is in effect.

16. Pace of Play (Rule 5.6)

1 Time Allowed for Round

Each hole is given a maximum completion time, primarily based upon its length and difficulty. The maximum time allotted for the competition of 18 holes will be available prior to play from the Championship Office. Please ensure you read the Pace of Play Policy carefully before playing. The Pace of Play Policy will be strictly enforced.

2 "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.

3 Procedure when Group is Out of Position

- a) Account will be taken of difficulties encountered by a group e.g. ball searches, rulings, inclement weather.
- b) A group "Out of Position" shall be asked by the referee to get back into position within a specified time. Failure to do so may lead to players being individually timed.
- c) If a decision is taken to time a group, each player in the group will be informed the group is out of position. At the referee's discretion, each player will be subject to individual timings.

4 Time Allowed for a Stroke

i The maximum time allocated per shot is 40 seconds. 10 extra seconds are allowed for the first player to play:

- on a par three hole;
- an approach shot; and
- a chip or putt

- ii. The time will start when the player has had sufficient time to reach their ball, it is their turn to play, and they are able to play without interference or distraction.
- iii. The time allowed includes any yardage assessment, any walking forwards or backwards and any pre-shot routine, including practice swings.
- iv. On the putting green, timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace their ball, repair pitch marks and move loose impediments on their line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball is included in the time allowed for the shot.

5 Timing Ceases

Timing Ceases when a group is back in position. The players will be advised accordingly.

6 PENALTY FOR BREACH OF POLICY:

Stroke Play

- 1 Bad Times One Stroke Penalty
- 2 Bad Times Additional Two Penalty Strokes
- 3 Bad Times Disqualification

7 Procedure When Again Out of Position During Same Round

If a group is subsequently out of position during a round, the above procedure will apply on each occasion. Previous bad times and penalties will be carried forward until the round is completed.

8 Individual Timings Without Warning

In addition to the above a player without notice may be individually timed (whether "In Position" or not). If his or her time exceeds 60 seconds the player will incur a warning. Any future bad times will result in penalties being imposed as highlighted in Clause 6 above.

17. Suspension of Play (Rule 5.7)

The following signals will be used to suspend and resume play:

- a) Immediate stop for **imminent danger: one prolonged note of a siren** (Play must be discontinued immediately)
- b) Stop a non-dangerous situation: three consecutive notes of a siren
- c) Resumption of play: two consecutive notes of a siren (Players must then, but not before then, resume play)

Penalty for breach of Local Rule: Disqualification.

Note:

- i) Players will be informed by Faldo series Officials when play will resume.
- ii) Players will be given sufficient time to reach the place where they were on the course before play was suspended.
- iii) When play is stopped for imminent danger, all practice areas will be immediately closed.

18. Returning Score Card

A player's score/score card is deemed officially returned to the Committee when he/she has left the recording office/area. Note: On completion of the round players within their playing group must promptly report to the designated tournament office/area to report their scores and return their score cards. Any player not doing so within a reasonable time will be regarded as a returning a "Nil Return".

19. Standards of Player Conduct (Rule 1.2)

Players are required to comply with the Faldo Series Code of Conduct in the Championships they are competing in. The policy is available to view in the Tournament Office or via the Faldo Series Website.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF POLICY:

- First breach of Code of Conduct Warning or Committee Sanction
- Second breach General Penalty
- Subsequent breach or any serious misconduct Disqualification

General Penalty

Unless otherwise specified above or the breach is covered by a Rule of Golf,

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF A LOCAL RULE IS THE GENERAL PENALTY - TWO STROKES

B. TERMS OF COMPETITION

The following Terms of Competition, together with any additions or amendments published by the Faldo Series on the relevant entry form or at the golf course, will apply to all FALDO SERIES events.

1. Eligibility. Entries. Withdrawals.

Refer to FALDO SERIES "General Terms & Conditions" of Competition for the FALDO SERIES events and at www.nickfaldo.com/faldoseries/

2. Tees

Unless otherwise directed

Male competitors play from **WHITE** tee-markers and Female competitors from **RED** tee- markers.

3. Time of Starting (Rule 5–3)

All players in a group must be present and ready to play at the time established by the Committee and should report to the starter **at least ten minutes before their start time**. A-competitor who is not present at their allocated tee more than five minutes after his/her appointed starting time shall be disqualified. A competitor who arrives, ready to play, within five minutes after his/her appointed starting time shall receive a penalty of two strokes at the first hole instead of disqualification.

4. Live Scoring

When live scoring is in operation during any round of the competition, the player's mobile telephone may be used to enter individual scores into their device. Scores should be entered into this device after each hole has been completed. Individual scores will be checked and confirmed with the marker(s) on completion of the round when reporting to the tournament office/area. Any entry error made on the mobile device will be corrected when the player's card/score is returned to the tournament office/area.

5. Deciding Ties

Unless otherwise prescribed Ties for 1st place in each age category and for the overall title will be decided, if possible, by a sudden death play-off. The play-off holes will be decided by the committee. If more than one age-category is involved in a play-off and a tie for the overall championship title, a sudden-death play-off will first decide the overall winner, and then, if necessary, continue until an age-category winner is decided. **All other positions will be decided by card count back.**

6. Results of Event: Competition Closed

Stroke play: The results of the competition are deemed officially announced and the competition is closed when the Winner(s) Trophy is presented to the winner.

If it becomes impossible to complete the Tournament in accordance with the conditions thereof because of adverse weather conditions, or other circumstances which in the opinion of the Committee make it impossible or impractical to do so, the Committee shall be empowered to vary such conditions to the extent necessary to achieve a result within the time available.

7. Avoidance of Accusation of Advice & Taking Rulings

All spectators or persons on the course should always maintain a minimum 20 meters from players and must not encroach on tees or the putting green. This condition is relaxed for ball searches and while dispensing refreshments or anything similar.

All spectators should comply with the published **Parental/Spectator Guidance Note** to avoid any accusation of players requesting or being giving advice.

If a breach of the above occurs the player(s) will be subject to the following penalty structure

First Breach – warning

Second Breach – one-stroke penalty

Third Breach – general penalty – two stroke penalty

Fourth Breach - disqualification

On NO ACCOUNT should competitors take any Rulings from spectators or parents.

Rulings **must only** be taken from appointed referees usually identifiable wearing a yellow armband.

8. Rules Issues - Playing Two balls When Uncertain What to Do (Rule 20.1c)

a) If a referee is not available a player may invoke Rule 20.1c(3) but should choose which ball will count if the Rules allow the procedure and **MUST** report the incident to the Committee before signing and returning their card even if the score with both balls is the same.

Penalty for breach of this condition is **DISQUALIFICATION**.

b) Should a player need to summon a referee for a ruling, and one is not immediately available the group may make a mobile call to the Tournament Control Centre on **Tel +44 7764 576833** and request assistance giving their location or press the Assistance Button on their electronic score device, if one has been issued to the group. Following games should be allowed to play through while they await a ruling.

9. Disputes

Any disputes will be settled by a committee, formed by the Tournament Chairman, FALDO SERIES representative plus one other (three to form a quorum). That Committee's decision shall be final.

C. REGULATIONS

The following regulations, together with any additions or amendments published at the course, will apply to all FALDO SERIES Events, **including practice days**.

1. Dress Code

Players must comply with the dress code of the club hosting the event and any instructions given by the Faldo Series in the player pack.

2. General Behaviour & Player Conduct (Rule 1.2)

Throughout the course of an event (including practice days) players should uphold the traditions of the Faldo Series and not misbehave by, for example, swearing, spitting, abusing others, throwing clubs or purposely damaging the golf course, clubhouse or other club property, or act in a manner which otherwise might bring the game and the Faldo Series into disrepute.

3. Trolleys must not be taken onto tees or between a green side bunker and the green or onto fringes of greens.

4. Practice Rounds

One ball only may be played during practice rounds, with the following exceptions:

a) If a player misses the green with his shot to the green, he may play one additional shot.

b) Where the Rules of Golf apply (e.g. provisional ball).

c) A player may practice putting (but **not** chipping or bunker play) provided play is not unduly delayed.

5. Mobile Phones

May **not** be used on the course (including on practice days) by players for making/sending or receiving calls or texts except in cases of emergency or requesting a Referee AND in consideration to other players, the use of iPods, or any other electronic equipment is not permitted (other than as the Live Scoring device where the mobile telephone is being used for scoring). If a serious breach of the above Regulations occurs, or where there are repetitive breaches, a player may be disqualified under Rule 1.2 for a serious breach of etiquette and/or may be barred from entering or playing in future FALDO SERIES events for such period as the Committee may decide.

D. SAFETY ADVICE IN THE EVENT OF A DANGEROUS SITUATION

Faldo Series Officials will signal a suspension of play for a dangerous situation with one long note of klaxons. That is the signal for **everyone** to evacuate the course and return to the clubhouse.

If it is not possible to give sufficient warning to clear the course before an electrical storm, anyone affected should comply with the following advice. This advice is designed to assist. It is not an instruction or a Condition of Competition. The Faldo Series is not liable for any injury or damage caused by following this advice.

When the warning klaxon is sounded to suspend play for a dangerous situation:

DO NOT stand under overhead power lines.

DO NOT shelter under trees or on high ground.

DO NOT take cover in wooden or metallic shelters, unless the shelter is fully enclosed and properly earthed.

DO NOT exit the course by walking under trees if at all possible.

Keep as low as possible and, if necessary, crouch in the nearest bunker or other low point on the golf course.

Switch off and most certainly DO NOT use a mobile phone.

DO NOT put up your umbrella under any circumstances.

DO NOT stand near or carry your golf clubs, they act as a magnet to lightning

DO remove any headgear which may have metal in or on it.

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