



TAIWAN LADIES AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
April 21st - 23rd, 2026



Local Rules

Competition Dates: 21–23 April 2026

Venue: Linkou Golf Club

If rules assistance is required during play, please ask your caddie to contact the starting station. A player may also proceed under **Rule 20.1c(3)** by playing a second ball and report the facts to the Committee after the round.

Ready Golf – Pace of Play Policy

Players are requested to play Ready Golf where appropriate.

- Ready Golf should be played in a reasonable and safe manner.
 - Play when ready – players do not need to wait for the player farthest from the hole to play first.
 - Examples include:
 - When the farthest player is assessing options for a difficult shot.
 - When a long hitter must wait for the green or fairway to clear (including at the first tee).
 - When the player with the honor is delayed on the teeing area.
 - When you can play first and then help search for a ball.
 - When a player must rake a bunker after playing, a player on the green may play first.
 - Short putts near the hole may be played first.
- Record scores on the scorecard before going to the next tee.



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1. Out of Bounds (Rule 18)

- a) Defined by white lines, white dots and adjoining walls. If the ball goes over the wall, it is out of bounds. All white stakes not defining out of bounds have no boundary meaning and are treated as obstructions.
 - b) Clubhouse, parking areas, and practice range are out of bounds.
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2. Penalty Areas (Rule 17) – Red Penalty Areas

- a) Defined by red lines. A ball is in the penalty area when it lies in or touches the red line.
 - b) Red stakes serve only to identify the penalty area and are treated as obstructions.
 - c) Yellow stakes have no special meaning and are treated as obstructions.
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3. Abnormal Course Conditions (Rule 16)

- a) Interference caused by tree supports (all supports for a single tree are treated as one obstruction) may be relieved without penalty under the Rules. Interference caused solely by the tree itself does not qualify for relief under this Rule.
 - b) Newly laid sod in the general area is treated as ground under repair. Relief may be taken without penalty when there is interference.
 - c) Plastic ground protection mats and drainage channels adjacent to cart paths are considered part of the immovable obstruction.
 - d) Fixed artificial objects such as sand containers (including any spilled sand) and drain covers within one club-length of the cart path are treated as part of the cart path.
 - e) Bare soil in tree basins: If it interferes with play, free relief is allowed under the Rules.
 - f) Sandy areas around the green that have been trimmed into small square patches are defined as ground under repair. If they interfere with play, free relief is allowed under the Rules.
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4. Integral Objects

The following are integral objects (no free relief):

- a) Wires, cables, wrappings, or similar objects closely attached to trees or permanent objects.
 - b) Artificial retaining walls or piled materials inside penalty areas
 - c) All flower beds and landscaped garden areas.
 - d) Plastic bottles hanging in trees.
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5. Transportation

Players may use carts for the entire round.

6. No Play Zones

If a ball comes to rest in an area marked by a white line and designated as **NPZ**, or if a player's stance or swing is affected by such an area, the player must take free relief.

7. Dropping Zone

- a) Drop zones are established on both the left and right penalty areas of Hole 2. If a ball enters a penalty area, in addition to taking relief under Rule 17, a player may also **choose to use any dropping zone** as an additional option for relief with a penalty.
 - b) If a ball enters the penalty area on Hole 5, the player may, as an additional penalty relief option under Rule 17, use the dropping zone.
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8. Designated Practice Areas

Practice greens beside the clubhouse and behind the driving range.



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9. Clubs and Balls

- a) Any driver used must have a clubhead listed on the current R&A Conforming Driver Head List.
 - b) Exception — Drivers manufactured before 1999 are exempt.
Penalty for making a stroke with a non-conforming driver: **Disqualification.**
Carrying but not using a non-conforming driver: No penalty.
 - c) Clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications effective January 1, 2010.
Penalty for making a stroke with a non-conforming club: **Disqualification.**
Carrying but not using such a club: No penalty.
 - d) Any ball used must appear on the current R&A List of Conforming Golf Balls.
Penalty for making a stroke with a non-conforming ball: **Disqualification.**
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10. Starting Time (Rule 5.3a)

For the purpose of complying with Rule 5.3a, a player is considered to have arrived at the teeing area if, at the starting time, they are already on the nearby cart path holding a club and a ball, and have stepped onto the teeing ground.

11. Distance-Measuring Devices (Rule 4.3a)

Distance-measuring devices are allowed if approved. Devices with slope features may be carried but the slope function must not be used.

Penalty for breach: First breach – two strokes; subsequent breach – disqualification.

12. Practice (Rule 5)

- No practice on the competition course before the round.
First breach: General penalty (two strokes).
Second breach: Disqualification.



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- During the round, between holes, players must not practice on or near the putting green of the hole just completed, or test the surface by rolling a ball.

Penalty: General penalty.

13. Suspension and Resumption of Play (Rule 5.7)

When play is suspended for a dangerous situation: - Players between holes must not start the next hole. - Players in the middle of a hole must stop play immediately.

Failure to stop immediately results in disqualification unless exempt under Rule 5.7b.

Signals - Immediate suspension : One prolonged siren.

Normal suspension : Three consecutive sirens. –

Resumption : Two short sirens repeated

14. Movable Animals Not Loose Impediments

Model Local Rule E-13 applies — certain movable animals near or touching the ball that are not loose impediments may be removed.

15. Code of Conduct

Serious Misconduct — Prohibited

- Intentionally causing serious damage to a putting green.
- Moving tee markers or boundary markers without authorization.
- Throwing a club toward another player or spectator.
- Intentionally distracting another player during a stroke.
- Removing loose impediments or movable obstructions after being asked to leave them in place.
- In stroke play, repeatedly refusing to lift a ball that interferes with another player.
- Deliberately not playing according to the Rules to gain advantage.



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- Repeated use of abusive or offensive language.

Penalty: Committee may issue a warning or disqualify depending on severity.

Minor Misconduct — Not Allowed

- Striking the ground with a club causing minor turf damage.
- Carelessly throwing a club into a bag and hitting someone.
- Carelessly distracting another player.
- Consumption of alcohol during the round.
- Wearing inappropriate or offensive clothing.

Penalty: First breach — warning

Second — one stroke

Third — two stroke

Further breaches — disqualification

16. Modified Rule 3.3b(2) — Missing Signatures on Scorecard

(Model Local Rule L-1)

If a returned scorecard is missing the player's or marker's signature, the player receives the general penalty (two strokes) applied to the last hole of the player's round.

17. Temporary Immovable Obstructions (TIOs).

Advertising boards and tents situated near the teeing areas of Hole 1 and Hole 10 are defined as Temporary Immovable Obstructions (TIOs).

When a player is interfered with by these TIOs, in addition to relief for physical interference under Rule 16, relief for line-of-sight interference is also available. In such cases, the player may take relief on either side of the obstruction.

Model Local Rule F-23 applies.



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18. Protection of Young Trees

If a player's ball or area of intended swing is interfered with by newly planted young trees on the course, the player **must take free relief** in accordance with the Rules.

19. Scoring Area

The scorecard return area for this competition is located on the first floor within the area enclosed by red stanchions. A player is considered to have officially returned their scorecard once both feet have completely left the scorecard return area.

20. End of Competition

The competition is considered closed when the Committee announces any placing at the prize ceremony.

21. Rules of Play

Governed by the R&A Rules of Golf effective January 1, 2023, including all subsequent updates, together with these Local Rules. The Committee's decision is final in any dispute.

22. Incomplete Competition

If the competition cannot be completed due to weather or unforeseen circumstances, the Committee reserves final authority.

Penalty for Breach of Local Rules

Stroke Play — Two Strokes