



## 2023 Girls Junior Americas Cup Hard Card

The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and R&A Rules Limited govern play in addition to the 2023 GJAC Hard Card and Local Rules and conditions contained herein. The Tournament Committee: Head Rules Official, one-predetermined member of host organization, Girls Junior Americas Cup Rules Board Representative.

**Unless otherwise note the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the General Penalty**

**Code of Conduct:** GJAC Code of Conduct requirements and expectations are in effect from the raising of the GJAC flag until the GJAC flag is lowered. See separate memorandum to players for standards of player, spectator/parents, Team captain conduct. See Rule 1.2a, 1.2b.  
<https://gjac.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/GJAC-Code-of-Conduct-Revised-2023.pdf>

**Pace of Play** — See separate memorandum to players and team captains for GJAC pace of play policy, See complete text at <https://gjac.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/2023-Girls-Junior-Americas-Cup-POP.pdf>

**Out of Bounds** — Defined by the line between the course-side points, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts at ground level.

**Penalty Areas** — When a penalty area is defined on only one side, it extends to infinity. When a penalty area is connected to the out-of-bounds edge, the penalty area extends to and coincides with out of bounds

**Ground Under Repair** - Defined by white lines. French drains are ground under repair. For grass-covered trenching, See Temporary Power Lines and Cables.

Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage, including areas where spectators or other traffic has combined with wet conditions to affect materially the ground surface, only when so declared by an authorized member of the Committee. When immediately adjacent to an immovable obstruction such an area is part of that obstruction.

**Relief from Seams of Cut Turf** — Model Local Rule F-7 as prescribed in Section 8 of Committee Procedures is in effect.

**Immovable Obstructions** — Include plastic bumpers on roads and paths, and mats secured to the ground with spikes when the bumpers or mats cover cables.

**White-Lined Areas Tying Into Artificially Surfaced Roads and Paths** — White-lined areas of ground under repair and the artificially surfaced roads, paths or other identified obstructions that they are connected to are a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.

**Wood Chips and Mulch** — Are loose impediments.

**Integral Objects** — Include objects when closely attached to trees and boundary objects, and artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas or in or adjacent to bunkers, and bunker liners.

An exposed bunker liner may be treated as ground under repair, but interference does not exist if the liner interferes only with the player's stance.

**Temporary Power Lines and Cables** — Model Local Rule F-22 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

**Temporary Immovable Obstructions** — Model Local Rule F-23 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

**List of Conforming Driver Heads** — Model Local Rule G-1 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

**Broken or Significantly Damaged Clubs** — Model Local Rule G-9 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

**Exception:** A club face or club head is not "broken or significantly damaged" solely because it is cracked.

**Missing Player or Marker Certification** — Model Local Rule L-1 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

**Footwear** — Model Local Rule G-7 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. During a round, a player must not wear shoes with: ceramic or metal spikes. .

**Groove and Punch Mark Specifications** — Model Local Rule G-2 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect, except as modified by the applicable championship entry application.

**List of Conforming Golf Balls** — Model Local Rule G-3 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Any ball used in making a stroke must be on the current list of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the USGA

**Stopping and Resuming Play** — Model Local Rule J-1 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

All practice areas are closed during a suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to stop practicing; failure to stop practicing might result in disqualification.

An Immediate suspension will be signaled by one prolonged air horn note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive air horn notes. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short air horn notes.

**Practice** — Prior to and after a round in stroke play, a player may practice on the designated practice areas. Rule 5.2b covering practice in stroke play is modified in this way: A player may not practice on the competition course before or between rounds. During their round between the play of two holes a player must not: 1. Make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole just completed, 2. Test the surface of the putting green by rubbing the putting green or rolling a ball. Rule 5.5b. Penalty – 1st breach of Local Rule two strokes, 2<sup>nd</sup> breach DQ.

**Electronic Devices and Cell Phones:** Team captains may carry cell phones (on silent mode) for emergency use or to call for a Rules Official. See GJAC Code of Conduct.

**Prohibiting Use of Motorized Transportation:** — Model Local Rule G-6 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. During a round, a player or caddy must not ride on any form of motorized transportation **EXCEPT** as authorized or later approved by the Committee.

**Caddies** — Model Local Rule H-1 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. The use of caddies is prohibited for the competition.

**Advice Givers** — Model Local Rule H-1, H-2, H-3 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Team captains are authorized advice givers to members of a team. Team Captains are prohibited on putting greens during the competition rounds. There are two team captains permitted for each team for the entire tournament and the only ones permitted to communicate with players. A team assistant captain may be appointed by the team captain to assist with errands and general tournament support but they are not authorized advice givers. Captains and assistant captains must be identified to the Committee prior to the start of competition.

**Ties:** In the event of a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup> place ties will not be broken and duplicate medals will be awarded (duplicates will be mailed). Additionally, if there is a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place, the second-place medal will not be awarded. If there is a tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> place the third-place medal will not be awarded. Ties for 4<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup> place will be broken by counting all four scores of the final round to determine a team finish.

**When Competition is Final** — The competition is closed when scores are approved and the awards have been presented.