



## 2023 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP LOCAL RULES

**Golf Canada Rules of Golf (January 2023 Edition) govern play except as they may be modified by these local rules. 36 Hole Stroke Play Competition.**

**“Summer Rules.”** Play the ball as it lies. **ALL PUTTS MUST BE HOLED as per Rule 3.3 for Stroke Play.**

**“Cracked Turf”** due to drought conditions is an Abnormal Course Condition, and relief may be taken under Rule 16.1. Drop at nearest point of relief, plus 1 club length, no closer to the hole, no penalty. Relief is not offered for yellowed grass or dry turf that is not cracked.

**“Naturalized Areas”** of tall grass are not penalty areas unless specifically marked as such. Balls hit into these areas are difficult to find, and it is recommended that a provisional ball is announced and played to aid pace of play.

**Penalty Areas and Out of Bounds:** to determine if you are in any of these, please use this order of test: 1. Line painted on turf. 2. If line on turf is not visible, **line of mower cut** indicates intended boundary of penalty area.

**White Stakes with Red Tops:** indicates a localized Ground Under Repair condition.

**Doubt as to procedure:** Play two balls. Announce your decision to play a second ball to your scorer, state which ball you would like to score with, and report facts to the Rules Committee before turning in your signed scorecard.

**Rule 18.3 Provisional Ball.** Procedure if a ball may be lost outside a penalty area or may be out of bounds. To save time the player may play another ball provisionally. **The player must announce to his marker or a fellow competitor that he intends to play a provisional ball.**

**Local rule to allow for “Alternative to Stroke and Distance.”** If a provisional ball was not played, and a ball is then determined to be lost or out of bounds, you may follow this procedure to save the time of returning to the spot of the original shot: Determine a spot where a ball went out of bounds, or is likely to be lost outside a penalty area. Find nearest fairway edge, no closer to the hole, and drop ball within 2 club lengths. On par 3s with no fairway, **the ball may be dropped anywhere on that hole, but no closer to the hole.**

**Penalty 2 strokes.** See Diagram on reverse.

**Bunkers:** Rule 12 rules apply as normal. COVID relief local rules have been rescinded.

**Out of bounds** is defined by boundary fences, white lines and white stakes. The paved driveway, driving range, parking lot and all pavements immediately adjacent to the clubhouse are also out of bounds. The right side of holes #6 and #7 are out of bounds. The left side of hole #9 is out of bounds until the penalty area begins at the red stakes. The maintenance road on the right side of hole #10 is out of bounds. The municipal walking path on the right side of #11 is out of bounds. The right side of hole #12 is out of bounds until the penalty area begins at the red stakes. The right side of hole #13 is out of bounds until the red penalty area begins beyond the green.

**French Drains** (continuous slight depressions) that cross many holes are classified as an **“Abnormal Course Condition”** and relief may be taken under rule **16.1**. Relief from the gravel-filled drain on the **left side of hole #7** may be taken specifically toward the fairway. Balls clearly above the French Drain to the left of hole #7 do not qualify for relief.

**Use of Distance-Measuring Devices** For all play at this event, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. Devices that adjust distances to compensate for slope are not allowed. Information from such devices may be shared between competitors.

**The fairway yardage posts are movable obstructions under Rule 15.2.**

**Local immovable obstructions:** Yardage disks, constructed pathways, bridges, and stairways; tee markers, tee signs, sprinkler heads, sprinkler control boxes, flower beds and staked trees. Immovable obstruction **Rule 16.1**. Drop within one club length of the nearest point of relief, but not nearer the hole. No penalty.

**HOLE #13.** If a ball is hit into a penalty area on #13 the competitor has 3 options: **1.** Replay the shot from the original location under “stroke and distance.” **2.** Play a ball from the defined drop area or **3.** proceed under **Rule 17.1**. All 3 options, penalty 1 stroke. A player may proceed under **Rule 17 ONLY** if the ball **CLEARLY** has last entered the penalty area at a point that can be identified by the player and his marker. The green artificial turf mat defines the **drop area**. If a ball is dropped and rolls off the mat, it may be placed on the mat without penalty. Balls hit out of bounds (right) may either proceed under “Stoke and Distance” **Rule 18**, penalty 1 stroke, or **Alternative to Stroke and Distance** as above, penalty 2 strokes.

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# GOLF'S NEW RULES: STROKE AND DISTANCE

A new Local Rule provides an alternative to stroke-and-distance relief for a ball that is lost outside a penalty area or out of bounds, effective January 1, 2019.

## BALL OUT OF BOUNDS



## LOST BALL



If the Local Rule is in effect, you can still take stroke-and-distance relief, but you now have the following additional option that comes with a penalty of two strokes:

**A DETERMINE SPOT** where your ball went out of bounds (left diagram) or is likely to be lost (right diagram).

**B FIND NEAREST FAIRWAY EDGE** no closer to the hole.

**C DROP YOUR BALL IN SHADED AREA** as defined on one side by a line from the hole through point A and on the other side by a line from the hole through point B, and not nearer the hole. The relief area is extended on both sides by two club-lengths.

This Local Rule is not intended for higher levels of play, such as professional or elite amateur level competitions.



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