

# Ladies 9 Hole League - Rules We Play By

## **CURRENT COURSE CONDITIONS:**

While we are on winter rules, you may lift, clean and place your ball within 6" of where it lies, no closer to the hole if you are on the fairway.

## **TEE SHOTS:**

Our league will play that a "whiffed" tee shot (within the teeing area) will not count as a stroke. (this is a league rule, not a Golf Canada Rule)

As soon as the ball is hit, it is in play. We do not recognize mulligans – unless they are used as part of a game on a specific day.

## **NO PENALTY FOR:**

A ball that falls off the tee while preparing to tee off, may be re-teed.

A ball can be moved with no penalty from man-made objects such as sprinkler heads, drainage ditches, areas under repair (drop within 1 club length of nearest point of relief no nearer the hole).

Casual water or mud within bounds. Drop in a drier spot no nearer the hole with no penalty.

## **CART PATH:**

Normal rules apply. No penalty for relief. Establish the nearest point of relief for your stance and swing. If relief is taken, you must take full relief (ie if your relief drop still has you standing on the path, you must drop again).

**All drops are from knee height.**

## **PENALTY STROKES during play:**

WHIFF (other than within the teeing area) one stroke counted for each whiff.

If you putt your ball and hit another ball that is lying on the green, you incur a 2 stroke penalty. It is up to the player that is putting to ensure that others mark their ball on the green before putting.

Hitting the **wrong ball** incurs a **2 stroke penalty**. Replace the wrong ball to its original position and play your own ball.

## **PENALTY AREAS**

Sand bunkers, red staked and yellow staked areas (including water) are called penalty areas. You may not ground your club in sand but you may remove loose impediments without a penalty stroke. You may take relief from, or within, sand as well. A **1 stroke penalty** allows 1 club length relief within the sand no closer the hole. As well, full relief from sand may be taken, as far back as preferred, in line with the flagstick for a **2 stroke penalty**. **COVID RULE:** free relief from footprint or divot in a bunker with no rake.

You may ground your club in red and yellow staked areas if you chose to play as the ball lies. However, you may not move any living material (ie bend over a tuft of grass or a twig sticking up).

## Relief Options for Penalty Areas

### **RED Stakes: You have 3 options each incurs a 1 stroke penalty**

- hit from the same spot as the previous shot before entering the penalty area (stroke and distance)
- take relief within 2 club lengths laterally, no nearer the hole, at the point of entry
- take relief any distance back on the \*line-of-relief and within one club length of that line

### **YELLOW stakes: you have 2 options each incurs 1 stroke penalty**

- hit from the same spot as the previous shot before entering the penalty area (stroke and distance)
- take relief any distance back on the \*line-of-relief and within one club length of that line

### **\*LINE-OF-RELIEF**

An imaginary line extending, any chosen distance, **BACK FROM THE FLAGSTICK THROUGH THE POINT OF ENTRY TO THE PENALTY AREA**

### **WHITE STAKED AREA, OUT OF BOUNDS AND LOST BALL**

Blue Ocean has adopted the local rule to allow for a second option for a ball that goes out of bounds.

- **STROKE AND DISTANCE:** replay the ball from the original spot the ball was before it was hit out of bounds and add one penalty stroke.
- **ALTERNATIVE TO STROKE AND DISTANCE:** determine where the ball crosses the out of bounds stakes (or fence). You may drop the ball anywhere from 2 club lengths within the nearest fairway to the white staked area. A lost ball may have the same relief but it is taken from where the ball is to be considered lost (not where it crossed into the scrub). However, because this choice has no lost yardage, there is a **2 stroke penalty** (if your tee shot goes out of bounds and you use this method you will be lying 3, your next shot is your 4th).

### **HOLE 13**

To be clear, for our group, if you go out of bounds to the right of #13 from the teeing area, you may use the drop zone with a **2 stroke penalty as the alternative to stroke and distance**. The drop zone can also be used for balls in the water or in the bushes beyond the green.

### **HOLES 2 & 6**

The alternative to stroke and distance may be used but within reason as there is no cut portion of fairway to measure 2 club lengths, so please don't bring the ball to the middle of the grass. Be reasonable but do eliminate having obstructions in front of you. It is a **2 stroke penalty**, so it's the least we can do for you!

**If ever in doubt, hit a provisional ball and declare it as such!** It's good practice plus it speeds up play. However, if you do find your original ball, it must be played and the provisional ball is no longer in play.

**HAPPY GOLFING AND REMEMBER WE'RE HERE FOR FUN  
AND NOT TO GET BOGGED DOWN BY RULES!!**