

## 2021 Tor Hill Golf Course Terms of the Competition & Local Rules

Play is governed by the Golf Canada Rules of Golf (effective January 2019)), and, where applicable, by the following Local Rules and Terms of the Competition, subject to changes, additions or deletions for particular tournaments or events.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for a breach of a Local Rules is the General Penalty.

**Match play – Loss of hole; Stroke play – Two strokes**

### TEMPORARY LOCAL RULES

#### 1. Preferred lies in Bunkers (updated).

- Play ball as it lies
- Lift, rake and **place the ball within one club length** - ability to lift your ball, smooth the position to be played from and then place the ball. You may use your foot, rake or personal rake to smooth the area of intended play.

#### 2. The new drainage lines on W2 and W6 are to be considered Ground Under Repair.

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#### 3. Out of Bounds (Rule 18.2) – Defined by the course-side points at ground level of white dots, lines, stakes and posts of fences defining out of bounds. It is also defined by the **course-side edge** of railway ties beside the gravel portion of the parking lot (the railway ties are out of bounds) and the fence surround the water reservoir. A ball is out of bounds when it is beyond any wall defining the boundary of the course.

#### 4. Penalty Areas (Rule 17) - Model Local Rule E-1.1 is in effect. If a ball is in the penalty area on **Hole #4 (North)**, including when it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found came to rest in the penalty area, the player has these relief options, each for **one penalty stroke**.

- Take relief under Rule 17.1, or
- As an extra option, drop the original ball or another ball in the dropping zone located on the north side of the water (left side of fairway). The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3

#### 5. Abnormal Course Conditions (Including Immovable Obstructions) (Rule 16)

Ground Under Repair - Rule 16.1 includes:

- Areas defined by white lines;
- Paved cart paths – also includes gravel area surrounding the pavement and crushed asphalt sections. **Railway ties are deemed part of the cart path. (NEW)**
- French drains filled with stones;
- Seams of Cut Turf – Model Local Rule F-7 is in effect.
  - (a) Ball in the General Area: If a player's ball lies in or touches a seam of cut turf or a seam interferes with the player's area of intended swing. The interference does not exist if the seam only interferes with the player's stance. The player may take relief under Rule **16.1b**.
  - (b) Ball on Putting Green (**New** Hexagon shaped repairs): The player may take relief under Rule **16.1d**.

All seams within the area of cut turf are treated as the same seam in taking relief. That means that if a player has interference from any seam after dropping the ball, the player must proceed as required under Rule **14.3c (2)** even when the ball is still within one club-length of the reference point.

**Note:** “*Ground under repair may* include areas of unusual damage caused by wet conditions or vehicle traffic to alter the ground surface materially. Play two balls under **Rule 20.1c** (take a picture if possible)

#### 6. Relief from Tree Roots in Fairway – Model Local Rule F-9.1 is in effect. If a player's ball is at rest in a portion of the *general area* cut to **fairway height or less** and there is interference from exposed tree roots that are in a part of the *general area* cut to fairway height or less, the tree roots are treated as *ground under repair*. The player may take free relief under Rule **16.1b**. [But interference does not exist if the tree roots only interfere with the player's *stance*.]

#### 7. Relief from Protective Fence - During play of **hole #4 (North)**, the protective fence on hole #5 teeing area is to be considered an immovable obstruction. Players are entitled to free relief under Rule 16.1b if interference exists when any one of the below is true.

- a. The player's ball touches or is in the fence
- b. The fence physically interferes with the player's area of intended stance or area of intended swing
- c. Additional relief provided for a player when the fence is located on the straight line between their ball and the hole (known as “line of sight relief”) by moving sideways, keeping the same distance from the hole, so that the fence is no longer between the player's ball and the hole (also known as moving along the “equidistant arc”). No relief when clearly unreasonable to play your ball (ie: in bushes or trees south and west of the fence).

#### 8. Permanent Elevated Power Lines or Cables – Model Local Rule E-11 is in effect and is modified as follows: If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a permanent elevated power line or cable in bounds the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made in accordance with Rule **14.6**).

#### 9. Pace of Play - Groups are allotted a **maximum** of 15 minutes per hole (4 and ½ hour round). The Committee, and/or the Pro-Shop staff will have the ability to warn and penalize slow play. Once given a warning, the group has two holes to get in position or the entire group receives a penalty of two strokes. A group, no matter of time, will be considered in position if they are within one shot of the group in front of them.

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**12. Alternative to Stroke and Distance for Lost Ball or Ball Out of Bounds (Not applicable for Club Championship or match play)**

Model Local Rule E-5 is in effect. When a player's ball has not been found or is *known or virtually certain* to be *out of bounds*, the player may proceed as follows rather than proceeding under *stroke and distance*.

For **two penalty strokes**, the player may take relief by *dropping* the original ball or another ball in this *relief area* (see Rule 14.3):

Two Estimated Reference Points:

- a. **Ball Reference Point:** The point where the original ball is estimated to have:
  - i. Come to rest on the *course*, or
  - ii. Last crossed the edge of the *course* boundary to go *out of bounds*.
- b. **Fairway Reference Point:** The point of fairway of the *hole* being played that is nearest to the ball reference point, **but** is not nearer the *hole* than the ball reference point.

For purposes of this Local Rule, "fairway" means any area of grass in the *general area* that is cut to fairway height or less.

If a ball is estimated to be lost on the course or last crossed the edge of the course boundary short of the fairway, the fairway reference point may be a grass path or a teeing ground for the hole being played cut to fairway height or less.

Size of Relief Area Based on Reference Points: Anywhere between:

- A line from the *hole* through the ball reference point (and within two *club-lengths* to the outside of that line), and
- A line from the *hole* through the fairway reference point (and within two *club-lengths* to the fairway side of that line).

**But** with these limits:

Limits on Location of Relief Area:

- Must be in the *general area*, and
- Must not be nearer the *hole* than the ball reference point.

Once the player puts a ball *in play* under this Local Rule:

- The original ball that was *lost* or *out of bounds* is no longer *in play* and must not be played.
- This is true even if the ball is found on the *course* before the end of the three-minute search time (see Rule 6.3b).

**But**, the player may not use this option to take relief for the original ball when:

- That ball is *known or virtually certain* to have come to rest in a *penalty area*, or
- The player has played another ball provisionally under penalty of *stroke and distance* (see Rule 18.3).

A player may use this option to take relief for a provisional ball that has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds.

TOR HILL RULES COMMITTEE (in consultation with Golf Canada & Golf Saskatchewan)