



2022 Toronto Players Tour Local Rules and Terms of the Competition

The Golf Canada Rules of Golf effective January 1, 2019 govern play. See the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf Model Local Rule references. See the applicable weekly "Notice to Players" for additional Local Rules.

1. **Out of Bounds** - Rule 18.2.
A ball that comes to rest beyond a road defining out of bounds, is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course.
2. **Penalty Areas** - Rule 17.
 - a. Dropping Zones, labeled "DZ" are listed on the applicable "Notice to Players" and are relief areas under Model Local Rule E-1.1.
 - b. Opposite side relief is available for red penalty areas listed on the applicable "Notice to Players". Model Local Rule B-2.1 is in effect.
 - c. Opposite side relief is available when a ball last crossed the edge of a red penalty area that coincides with out of bounds under Model Local Rule B-2.2.
3. **Back-On-the-Line Relief**
Model Local Rule E-12 is in effect. A ball may be played from outside the relief area, so long as the ball is within one club-length of where it first touched the ground when dropped in the relief area.
4. **Abnormal Course Conditions** - Rule 16.1.
 - a. Ground Under Repair includes:
 - i. Areas completely encircled with white lines, or otherwise specified.
 - ii. Drainage ditches filled with stones, i.e. French drains.
 - iii. Sod seams (but no relief for stance), under Model Local Rule F-7.
 - iv. Grass-covered cable trenches, under Model Local Rule F-22.
 - b. Immovable Obstructions include:
 - i. White-lined areas tying into an obstruction.
 - ii. Landscaped or garden areas completely encircled by an obstruction.
 - iii. Mats fastened in position and bumpers covering cables.
 - iv. Roads or paths artificially surfaced with wood chips, mulch or the like.
 - v. Where the outside edge of a road or path defines out of bounds, the road or path is an obstruction.
 - vi. Non-permanent bridges unless otherwise defined on the applicable "Notice to Players".
 - vii. Other promotional items that the committee deems to be obstructions.

- c. Removal of Temporary Water—Model Local Rule J-2 is in effect.
If a ball lies on the putting green and there is interference by temporary water on the putting green, the Committee may:
 - i. Provide relief for line of play on the putting green.
 - ii. Squeeze the line of play.
 - iii. Squeeze the putting green until the players are near the green.
 - iv. Only if directed by the Committee, any combination of i,ii, & iii.
5. **Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Greens.**
Model Local Rule F-5 is in effect and is modified as follows: For a ball in the general area, relief is allowed when both the ball and obstruction lie in an area cut to fairway height or less. The obstruction must be, i) within two club-lengths of the putting green, ii) on the player's line of play, and iii) the ball must be within two club-lengths of the obstruction.
6. **Limiting When Stroke Made from Putting Green Must be Replayed.**
Model Local Rule D-7 is in effect and modifies Exception 2 to Rule 11.1b
7. **Integral Objects.**
 - a. Bunker Liners. Note: An exposed liner may be treated as ground under repair by the Committee (but no relief for stance).
 - b. The portion of cables, wires, wrappings, poles or antennas where closely attached to trees objects defining out of bounds.
 - c. Artificial retaining walls and/or pilings located within penalty areas.
 - d. Sponsor displays located within penalty areas. Line or cables anchoring them are temporary cables.
 - e. Gates attached to objects defining out of bounds.
8. **Permanent Elevated Power Lines**
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 power line in bounds, the stroke does not count and must be replayed under Rule 14.6.
9. **Clubs and the Ball.**
 - a. Replacing Club that is Broken or Significantly Damaged - Model Local Rule G-9 is in effect.
 - b. List of Conforming Driver Heads - Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect. Penalty for making a stroke with club in breach of this Local Rule - Disqualification.
 - c. Groove and Punch Mark Specifications - Model Local Rule G-2 is in effect but is modified as the exception to G-2 does NOT apply.
 - d. List of Conforming Golf Balls - Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect.
 - e. One Ball Rule - Model Local Rule G-4 is in effect except for an amateur playing in a Pro-Am portion only of the official competition.

10. **Pace of Play** - Rule 5.6b (3).
The 2022 Toronto Players Tour Pace of Play Policy is in effect. All pace of play policy implementation is at the discretion of the committee.
11. **Stopping Play; Resuming Play** - Rule 5.7.
Model Local Rule J-1 is in effect as follows:
 - a. One long blast of horn: Immediate suspension for dangerous situation.
 - b. Three short blasts of horn: Suspension for non-dangerous situation.
 - c. Two short blasts of horn: Resume play.
Note: During an immediate suspension for a dangerous situation, all practice areas are closed until the Committee has declared them open
 - d. Verbally discuss, text, or phone players about the procedure done to restart play
12. **Practice** - Rule 5.
 - a. Before or between rounds in stroke play - Model Local Rule I-1.1 is in effect and Rule 5.2b is modified as follows: A player must not practice on the competition course, but may practice on the designated practice areas.
 - b. Between holes in stroke play - Model Local Rule I-2 is in effect and Rule 5.5b is modified as follows: A player must not take any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole just played or test the surface of that putting green by rubbing the green or rolling a ball

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13. **Deciding Ties.**
In the event of a tie for first place, unless otherwise specified, a hole-by-hole stroke-play play-off will determine the winner immediately following the last round. If a playoff is unable to be hosted due to weather, course availability or time, ties will be upheld at the committees discretion.
14. **Scorecard Returned.**
A player's scorecard has been returned to the Committee when the player has exited the defined scoring area with both feet. Prior to returning the scorecard, a player that leaves the scoring area must inform the scoring official of his intention to immediately return.
15. **When Result of Competition is Final.**
The competition is final when all scores have been validated in the scoring system by the scoring official and approved by the Committee. In the event of a play-off, the competition is final when the play-off scores have been approved by the Committee.

**THE FOLLOWING LOCAL RULES AND TERMS OF
THE COMPETITION APPLY IN
TORONTO PLAYERS TOUR EVENTS**

Movable Obstructions – include but not limited to :

- i. Gallery ropes gallery stakes, hole indicator signs, spectator crossing signs, mobile concession carts, cameras not fastened in position, tripods not fastened in position, microphones, portable generators, non-display vehicles, tables, chairs and trash containers.
- ii. Single units (sections) of bicycle (barricade) or picket fencing that are not fastened in position.

Abnormal Course Conditions.

a. Immovable Obstructions – include but not limited to :

- i. Railroad ties, curbing or the like adjoining artificially surfaced roads or paths are part of the road or path.
 - ii. Stakes, ropes, wires, or other objects supporting trees or tree limbs, provided they are not closely attached. The tree or tree limb is not part of the obstruction.
 - iii. The portion of a temporary obstruction closely attached to an immovable obstruction is part of the immovable obstruction. The portion not closely attached is either a movable obstruction or a TIO.
- b. Embedded Ball - Model Local Rule F-2.2 is in effect. Rule 16.3 is

modified as follows: Free relief is not allowed when a ball is embedded in a stacked turf face above a bunker.

Integral Objects.

Where artificial retaining walls and/or pilings define the edge of bunkers, the artificial retaining walls or pilings are integral objects and are in the general area.

Amateur Prizing

Amateurs are able to collect Golf Town Cup points that correspond with their finish position. Amateurs are able to earn up to \$1,200 in prizing. The prizing corresponds with their finish position. If they were to earn more, the differential will be reallocated to the purse and re distributed based on the percentage of purse. This is at the discretion of the Toronto Players Tour and their committee.

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Scorecard - Pro-Am Competition played as the Official Competition.

The professional player is the marker and scoring is in according to Rule 23.2. (Scoring in Four-Ball)

In the Pro-Am competition, the gross scores to count must be individually identifiable; otherwise the side is disqualified.

Only one partner needs to certify the hole scores on the side's scorecard under Rule 3.3b(2) and Rule 23.2b(1)

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