

## The Toronto Golf Club – Local Rules Sheet Sept 9, 2020

1. **Dangerous Weather Situation**- The signal for suspending play due to a dangerous situation will be one (1) single blast note of the siren. The signal for resuming play will be a three (3) blast note of the siren. In the event of play being suspended, all players must suspend play or practice and seek shelter immediately.
2. **Removing Loose Impediments (LI) and Movable Obstructions (MO) in Bunkers (Rule 12.2a)**. LI and MO may be removed without penalty. The ball, if accidentally moved, must be replaced. Reasonable touching or movement of the sand in the bunker while doing so is permitted. \*Reminder – Bunker rakes are not available. Bunkers will be raked by maintenance staff in the morning. Please smooth out sand with your foot or club prior to leaving the bunker.\*
3. **Ground Under Repair (Rule 16.1)**. This includes French Drains, seams of cut turf, aeration holes, and areas clearly defined by white lines. The player may take free relief. The player shall drop the ball – or if on the green, place the ball – within one (1) club-length of the Nearest Point of Complete Relief on the required area of the course and not nearer the hole.
  - **BUNKERS**- A ball coming to rest in any bunker, player may take one club-length relief in any direction, not nearer the hole and may place the ball without penalty.
  - **REPAIRED/SANDED TURF**- A ball coming to rest on repaired turf or newly seeded/sanded area through the green, on either Colt or Watson courses, a player may take nearest relief from the condition, not nearer the hole without penalty.
4. **Accidental Movement of a Ball or Ball-Marker on Putting Green (Rule 13.1D)**. When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced on its' original spot (or best estimate).
5. **Fixed Sprinkler Heads** – Are Immovable obstructions and the player may take free relief (Rule 16.1). The player shall drop the ball within one (1) club-length of the Nearest Point of Complete Relief on the required area of the course and not nearer the hole. Local Rule F-5 – Player may take relief under 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is: On the line of play, and is a) within two club-lengths of the putting green and b) within two club-lengths of the ball.
6. **Immovable Obstructions (IO) Close to Green and on the Line of Play (Model Local Rule F-5)** – If a ball lies off the putting green and is not in a penalty area or bunker and such an IO is on the Line of Play (unless it is clearly unreasonable), within two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club-lengths of the ball, the player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b.
7. **Flower Beds** - All flower beds are considered “No Play Zones” (NPZ) and are defined as an Abnormal Ground Condition from which play is prohibited. Penalty for playing from a NPZ is the General Penalty – two (2) strokes. The player can play stroke and distance (Rule 18.1) – or take free relief (Rule 16.1) and drop the ball within one (1) club-length of the Nearest Point of Complete Relief.
8. **GPS/Range Finder Devices** - These devices are used to determine distances -no slope- on the golf course and can be used in any golf event or matches at the Club. In the absence of coloured flags and “pin indicators”, distance measuring devices are encouraged. Sprinkler head yardages are measured to the center of each green.
9. **Artificially surfaced roads or paths to which any man-made material (i.e. Asphalt, gravel, wood chips) is applied.** – This is an IO and the player may take free relief (Rule 16.1) The player shall drop the ball within one (1) club-length of the Nearest Point of Complete Relief.
10. **Bunker Faces**- A “bunker” is a specially prepared area of sand, which is often hollow from which turf or soil was removed. A lip, wall, or face at the edge of the prepared area and consisting of soil, grass, stacked turf, or artificial materials is **NOT** part of a bunker. A player may **NOT** take free relief from an embedded ball in a face of a bunker. Rule 16.3b/C1
11. **Embedded Ball**– A ball is embedded when, as a result of the player's previous stroke, the ball is in its' own pitch-mark and where part of the ball is below the level of the ground. The ball must be in part of the general area (not a penalty area, bunker, putting green, or teeing area) that is cut to fairway height or less (Committee Procedures, Section 8F-2). The player may take free relief. The player shall drop a ball within one (1) club-length of the Reference Point (the spot right behind where the ball is embedded).
12. **Red Penalty Area marking on Hole 9**- The area of the course on the left side on hole 9 is clearly identified by red stakes and red paint lines. The area of the course on the right side of hole 9 from the 150-yard marker to and beyond the putting green is identified by red stakes and by red paint lines on one side of the penalty area only. The red penalty area defined on the right side of hole 9 is deemed to extend to infinity.
13. **Guy Wires – 18<sup>th</sup> Green**- Guy wires supporting the flagpole behind the 18<sup>th</sup> green (immovable obstruction) are considered part of the obstruction and the player is entitled to free relief under rule 16.1 and drop the ball within one (1) club-length of the Nearest Point of Complete Relief and not nearer the hole. If a ball, following a stroke, first strikes an elevated guy wire or cable, the stroke does not count and the player **must** play a ball, without penalty, from where the previous stroke was made.